

The Franciscan Joy

St. Peter Fraternity 168 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Somerset NJ 08873

From the Ministers Deskpage 3

Profiles of Joy

"...you are also an 'Order,' as the Pope said (Pius XII): **A Lay Order, but a Real Order;**" and after all, Benedict XV had already spoken of "Ordo veri nominis". This ancient term – we can say medieval – "Order" means nothing more than your intimate belonging to the large Franciscan family. The word "Order" means the participation in the discipline and actual austerity of that spirituality, while remaining in the **autonomy typical of your lay and secular condition**, which, moreover, often entails sacrifices which are not lesser than those experienced in the religious and priestly life." (John Paul II, June 14, 1988, General Chapter, SFO)



I asked Darryl to share some thoughts about this journey to profession. Each of us has unique stories about becoming a Secular Franciscan and yet we are akin in many ways. Darryl will be professed to our fraternity on Sept 27, 2014 at a Noon Mass.

Here is Darryl's journey.



Upcoming Events

September 27

Profession of Darryl Dubose

12 Noon Mass

October 3

Transitus 7 PM

October 18

Fraternity Meeting

9-10 am Formation

10-11:30 am Regular Meeting

Profiles of Joy

Darryl Dubose

Mary- Frances Reavy

Thanks Everyone!

Penny Editor

“Early in my faith journey I felt a very strong calling to find the truth of Jesus Christ in the Holy Mass and the Eucharist. My desire was so strong that I broke family tradition and became the only one to become a baptized Roman Catholic. I have always loved Christ and the Holy Catholic Church. My wife and I were married in St. Antoninus R.C. Church in Newark, and have attended Holy Mass together ever since. Christ continues to be our motivation and the light of our life.

I cannot remember a time when I did not feel the need to become more involved in as many aspects of the church as possible. I have been an Alter Server and volunteered with St. Vincent De Paul Society to feed shut ins of my home Parish as well as food server with the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Personally, on a daily basis, I pray the Holy Rosary. Read Holy Scripture, watch the Holy Mass on EWTN, and recite prayers of adoration to our LORD JESUS CHRIST and special intentions. Although I am involved, I felt a desire to join a Roman Catholic Lay Order. It wasn't easy finding the Secular Franciscans, but I

searched the internet, and found our group. Immediately after that first meeting, I knew I was exactly where our LORD intended me to be! I felt fulfilled!

Like most, I was familiar with St. Francis's life and ministry. In these days of evangelism, I was impressed with the fact that his ministry was such an incredible witness for CHRIST. But what I admired most about him was his courage to break family tradition, step out on faith, and begin a journey that was far from the easy life he previously knew. The St. Francis story I enjoy the most is the retelling of his pilgrimage to Rome where he joined the poor in begging at St. Peter's Basilica, and how this personal experience impacted his religious journey. It is very inspiring and a good example of how GOD uses people and unusual situations to bring us to HIM!

I thank GOD for all of the wonderful, spiritual Associates I have been fortunate to meet in our group, especially, Frank Cryan who is my friend and brother in the LORD. I have learned a lot and I look forward to my upcoming Profession in September.”



From the Minister's Desk.

Join us as we pray for the Intentions of our newly professed on Sept 27 and join in the various celebrations of the Transitus on Oct.3 . To help us along our prayer path is my book review of "Franciscan Prayer" by Ilia Delio, O.S.F.

I have trouble praying. Really praying – concentrating – meditating - deep enough that nothing will distract me. Ilia Delio's 'Franciscan Prayer' is an approach to prayer that will bring one into a deeper relationship with God. She states that Franciscan prayer is based on friendship. Delio leads us to an understanding that 'the key to friendship is relationship, not as a point of meditation but as a way of life'. This book is a wonderful journey through Franciscan prayer lead by St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare of Assisi and St. Bonaventure, each giving an individual approach to prayer and a relationship with God.

Each of our three guides has a slightly different approach to the journey but all agree it is based on poverty. In today's world, poverty is a scary word – one to be avoided. But our guides have wonderful definitions of poverty that have nothing to do with relinquishing all our worldly possessions or emptying our bank accounts. It is a poverty of spirit, a poverty of emotion and poverty of ego. Bonaventure's approach to poverty and then to prayer is theological. Francis' poverty has to do with relationships and Clare is somewhere in between. This wonderful book leads us through each path so we may find our own way to prayer.

Each chapter ends with a meditation prayer and reflection questions. I found this to be one of the best parts of the book as they were moving, intellectual and lead the reader to deeper soul-searching. How would you apply the reading from John 15:13 about laying down one's life for a friend to your relationship with Christ? Would you give your life for Christ? Would you empty your soul for Christ? Would you embrace poverty for Christ? Let Ilia Delio lead you on a new and wonderful journey into a side of prayer you may have never thought about. It kept the distractions away!

Faithfully,

Mary-Frances Reavey ofs

Bytes of Joy



Praying for others

The Pope's Intentions

<http://www.ewtn.com/faith/papalprayer.htm>

September

- **Mentally disabled.** That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.
- **Service to the poor.** That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

October

- **Peace.** That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.
- **World Mission Day.** That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.

November

- **Lonely people.** That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.
- **Mentors of seminarians and religious.** That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

- 'Eager to Love': Author Q&A with Father Richard Rohr, O.F.M. | America Magazine ow.ly/Aa3HX
- Video: Transforming Parish Communications – NEW Book with forward by Cardinal Sean O'Malley (Scot Landry) youtu.be/3Um5N803fcM
- Dorm Room College Care Package – (Busted Halo) ow.ly/AfKEM
- Pope Francis Tells NBC News He'll Pay Philadelphia a Visit – NBC News.com ow.ly/AkGY0
- Evangelization Café – Trinity House Cafe in Leesburg, Virginia – Aletea ow.ly/Acn1k
- Terra Patris – A New Pilgrimage Site in Virginia | Call To Holiness ow.ly/AbIyN
- God's Eye View for the Public: First High-Res Public Imaging Satellite Set to Launch in August (PetaPixel) ow.ly/AaNsI
- Music from God's Creation: Cloud Piano, A Robotic Installation That Plays a Piano Based on the Movement of Clouds ow.ly/AaNjy
- Actor Gary Sinise: Catholic Convert and Surprise Speaker at K of C's Annual Convention – Aletea ow.ly/AmyaH
- Philadelphia unveils official icon and prayer for 2015 World Meeting of Families (Deacon Greg Kandra – Patheos) ow.ly/BfDmS
- The Way of Serenity by Father Jonathan Morris – YouTube ow.ly/BoSDG

REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/reflection/monthly.html>



BREAD FOR ONE ANOTHER

Envision oneself

Being bread

In completeness

Broken, communicated

Scaling one's intellect

Of emotions, passions

Releasing, eradicating

Weakness and division

Allowing Eucharistic Love

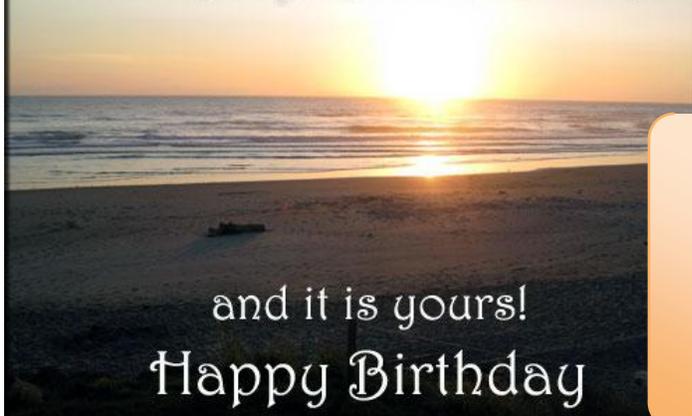
To be saturated

By one and all...

Sister Mary Valenta Akalski CSSF

Spiritual Assistant St. Peter
Fraternity

This is the day the Lord had made...



and it is yours!
Happy Birthday

Marty Gleeson ---Sept. 1

Mary- Frances Reavey --- Sept 11

Kay Frances --- Sept. 14