



# *Pace e Bene* Peace and Good

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## 2016: Celebrating the "Pardon of Assisi"

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One night during the month of July, 1216 while Francis was deep in prayer in the church of the Portiuncula, Mary appeared with a host of angels. We know that this beautiful little chapel which Francis and his early brothers restored was his favorite place on earth. Suddenly a bright light shone and in its midst was Jesus seated with his Virgin Mother at his side. Mary told Francis to ask for whatever he wanted for the salvation of souls and to help poor sinners. Francis replied, "That the Lord grant a full pardon to all who come to visit the church of the Portiuncula and make a good confession." Mary nodded to St. Francis indicating that his request was pleasing to Jesus, but he would have to go to the pope, the Vicar of Christ, to confirm the indulgence.

Pope Innocent III had just died on July 16 in Perugia and his successor Honorius had been elected as his successor in the papal court in Perugia— about ten miles away from Assisi. Taking Masseo with Him, Francis, after receiving an audience said: "Holy Father, some years ago I rebuilt a church dedicated to the Virgin Mary near Assisi. I ask that you grant an indulgence to it and announce it on the day of its dedication. I ask

that all those who, repentant and absolved, visit this church, shall obtain remission of their sins in heaven and on earth. I do not ask for years, but for souls: a plenary indulgence."

Honorius was dumbfounded at Francis' request as at that time, a plenary indulgence was only granted to those who made a pilgrimage to the tombs of the apostles in Rome, the tomb of St. James in Compostela, the basilicas in the Holy Land, or to the crusaders fighting to liberate Jerusalem. It was unheard of to attach a plenary indulgence to a tiny insignificant chapel in the fields near a small city. Yet, Pope Honorius was of a gentle nature and he allowed Francis's request. Yet, he left it to the cardinals to establish the application of the new indulgence. The cardinals, however, felt that if a plenary indulgence were allowed freely on any day of the year, it would take away from the other pilgrimage sites. Therefore, they decided to limit the plenary indulgence to just one day. The date set was from vespers of August 1 until sundown on the following day, as August 2 was the anniversary of the consecration of the Portiuncula chapel. And as Francis and Masseo returned to Assisi, Francis heard a voice say to him, "Francis, know that, just as this indulgence has been given on earth, so it also has been ratified in heaven."

Today, the privilege of the "Pardon of Assisi" extends beyond the Portiuncula to other churches throughout the world, especially held by Franciscans. A

plenary indulgence is a mighty too for works of mercy and a weapon in our ongoing spiritual warfare. A plenary indulgence is the remission, through the merits of Christ and the saints, through the Church, for all temporal punishment due to sin already forgiven.

To obtain the Portiuncula plenary indulgence, a person must visit the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels at Assisi, or a Franciscan sanctuary, or one's parish church, with the intention of honoring Our Lady of the Angels. Then perform the work of reciting the Creed and Our Father and pray for the Pope's designated intentions. You should be free, at least intentionally, of attachment to venial and mortal sin, and truly repentant. Make your sacramental confession 8 days before or after. Participate at assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion 8 days before or after.

In the year 2016, the Franciscan family will celebrate the 800th anniversary of Francis being given this Indulgence which can be gained by visit the Portiuncula in Assisi or any Franciscan sanctuary or chapel throughout the world. That is also true of our chapel here at St. Francis Convent. Making a visit here to our lovely chapel and fulfilling the requirements as given in the preceding paragraph are necessary.

—Sr. Agnes Marie OSF



## Calendar of Events for August, September, October 2015

- August 2, 2015: **Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula:** A Plenary Indulgence may be gained by visiting a Franciscan Chapel (St. Francis Convent), praying for the Holy Father, and the other regular conditions, Confession and reception of Holy Communion.
- August 6, 2015: **Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula**
- August 8, 2015:** **Unity Day for Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity Kokomo**
- August 11, 2015: **Feast of St. Clare, Virgin**
- August 15, 2015: Monthly Fraternity Meeting in the Auditorium
- August 23, 2015: Serve Breakfast at Catholic Worker House: 7:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
- September 3, 2015: Meeting of the Council at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Louis Parlor
- September 6, 2015: **Franciscan Enrichment: Auditorium: 1:30—3:00 p.m. Topic: TBA**
- September 12, 2015: Meeting for Formation Team Members in Kokomo, St. Joan of Arc:
- September 17, 2015: **Feast of the Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis**
- September 19, 2015: Monthly Gathering in the Auditorium: see schedule above
- September 27, 2015: Serve Breakfast at Catholic Worker House: 7:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
- October 1, 2015: Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Louis Parlor
- October 3, 2015: **Celebration of the Transitus of St. Francis: 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Chapel**  
*This is a very important celebration for the entire Franciscan family. Please put it on your calendar and plan to join the sisters, friars, and all Franciscans of the northern part of Indiana for this celebration. Refreshments and fraternal sharing follow in the Auditorium. This is a Saturday night so there are very, very few excuses.*
- October 4, 2015: **Feast of Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi, Deacon, Founder of the Three Franciscan Orders :** For all Franciscans this is a Solemnity and it replaces the Sunday Cycle in all Franciscans chapels, churches, and oratories.
- October 10, 2015: Regional Executive Council Meeting at St. John of Arc. Kokomo
- October 13, 2015: **Franciscan Enrichment: Auditorium: 1:30—3:00 p.m. Topic: TBA**
- October 17, 2015: Monthly Gathering of the Fraternity
- October 24, 2015: Regional Study Day IV at St. John of Arc in Kokomo for all in the Spiritual Assistants Formation program and those joining us for Enrichment
- October 25, 2015: Serve Breakfast at Catholic Worker House: 7:15am—10:30am



## The Nature of Profession in the Secular Franciscan Order

Many men and women, married and single, and many members of the diocesan clergy are called by God to follow the way of perfection of the gospel life after the example and manner of Francis of Assisi, to share his charism, and to make it present in the world. They promise to follow Jesus Christ and to live the gospel in fraternity by entering the Secular Franciscan Order. In this way they manifest the priceless gift of baptism and realize it in a fuller and more fruitful way. The Church has always esteemed highly this form of life prompted by the Holy Spirit "for the good of the Church and the human community" By means of the rules approved by the Supreme Pontiffs Nicholas IV, Leo XIII and Paul VI, the Church has made sure that this form of life is suitably adapted to her needs and expectations in the conditions of changing times. The Secular Franciscans, gathered together in fraternity and in oneness of spirit with all the People of God, celebrate the mystery of salvation, revealed and communicated to us in Christ, with prayers and thanksgiving, and by renewing their commitment to a new life.



**Congratulations and blessings on-Peg Salkay, Julie Scalse, and Amy Porter!**

**August 8. 2015  
UNITY DAY**

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
Kokomo, IN

Mass / Formation / Fraternity /  
Regional Resources



## Our Lady of the Road Outreach

The next serving date is **Sunday August 23rd**. All are invited. Please note that cooks should arrive at **7:15am** and everyone else at 8:30am. Cooks should be ready to leave at 9:30am. We want to finish up by 10:30am so people can make it to 11:00am Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

At all Fraternity meetings we will be accepting monetary donations in the Red Box that will be going around the room when the Brown Bag is circulating. If you are unable to participate please feel free to make a donation toward the food. See you Sunday August 23rd at Our Lady of the Road at Bronson and Main Street!

Thank-you, Dan K **Dan Kreager- 574-231-8823 or 574-265-4857 dnkreager@gmail.com**



## Regional Study Day IV

October 2015 St. Joan of Arc- Kokomo

**These days are for those studying to become a Spiritual Assistant and for those just yearning for Franciscan Enrichment. Contact Sr. Agnes Marie for more info.**



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Dragoon Trail,  
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Indiana  
(across from  
Marian High  
School)

For more  
information please  
contact any  
council member.

**Our Regional Prayer  
a Gift from St. Francis**

*Holy Virgin Mary, among all women born into the world, there is none like you. Daughter and Handmaid of the Most High, sovereign King, the heavenly Father, Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, Spouse of the Holy Spirit. Pray for us with St. Michael the archangel and with all the powers of the heavens and with all the saints together with your most holy beloved Son, Lord and teacher.*



**July Birthdays, Profession Anniversaries, Death Anniversaries**

- 01 - Dennis Foote
- 02 - Chris Reilly, OFS
- 03 - Linda O'Neil, OFS
- 09 - Tom Pilot, OFS
- 16 - Dan Kreager
- 21 - Sharon Brockman, OFS
- 22 - Rev. Mr. Jim Fuchs, OFS
- 24 - Maureen Maichen
- 26 - Sandy Maichen, OFS

**Professions**

- 7/13/2008 Dick McCloskey, OFS (RIP); Cyndi Pilot, OFS; Tom Pilot, OFS
- 7/15/2006 Henry Joseph, OFS; Irena Kozakiewicz, OFS; John Kuehn, OFS; Michelle Kuehn, OFS
- 7/22/2001 Flossie Banning, OFS; Emily Nowak, OFS (RIP)

**Remember in Prayer:** Continued prayers for all those who are sick and suffering. Let us remember our elderly fraternity members that aren't able to participate in person but are with us in spirit. Let us pray for all the fraternity members that couldn't be with us this month and for those members that have asked for our prayers.

**Communications Committee Update**

Randy Thomas will head up the Hospitality Area. If you are interested in greeting folks please contact him to get on the schedule.

Anita Harker will head up the Kitchen Area. Please see her about helping set up and clean up and bringing food to the fraternity meetings.

Neal Wozniak OFS will head up the Liturgical Area. See him to get on the list to participate in Liturgy of the Hours and Mass.

I am looking for someone to head up the Media Area. If interested please see me.. Thanks for your generous response.  
Mary Andrews OFS

