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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH — DECEMBER 8, 2020 — DECEMBER 8, 2021

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and
guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage, and defend us
from every evil. Amen.

On the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic letter, *PATRIS CORDE* (“*WITH A FATHER’S HEART*”), for the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

April 2021

May the peace of our Risen Lord be with you always!

I have been thinking of you as I do very often. The past year has been a true challenge for all of us. But, as I recounted in "Coping with COVID" (see page 4 in this issue), you all have handled the situation well with the help of the Holy Spirit.

As you know, we will be having regional elections in September of 2021. After nine years as vice minister and nearly seven years as minister, I will be leaving the council.

When I became minister, I told you that I would be praying for you and for the region and asked you to pray for me and for the council. We have felt your prayers, and you have been in my prayers every day.

HERE
NOW,
IS A
SPECIAL
PRAYER

*Giving Thanks to God
for His gift of you.*

Thank you, Lord, for the
Commitment
shown by every member
of Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity.

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LETTER FROM THE REGIONAL MINISTER

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Thank you for their *Efforts*
to live the Rule each day.

Thank you for their
Genuine Concern for
their own fraternity, for the regional
fraternity, and for the entire order.

Thank you for the *Kindness*
and hospitality
shown to me and to the members of
the council when we have visited.

Thank you for the
Friendship offered by
the local ministers.

Thank you for those who have had
the *Courage* to offer
constructive criticism.

Thank you for those who have *Offered*
ideas that have
inspired us.

Thank you for those who
Participate in our regional
gatherings, workshops,
and retreats.

Thank you for those who *Trust*
us in their joys and sorrows.

Thank you for those who have willingly
Shared their fraternity's
good news and challenges.

Thank you for those who have allowed
us to be their sounding board and
I have
Trusted us to help them.

Thank you, Lord, for allowing us
to see
Your Face
in the eyes and smiles of
our brothers and sisters.

Thank you, Lord, for allowing
me to get to *Know* and to serve
these wonderful Franciscans. It has been
a highlight of my Franciscan life.

Lord God, please keep my brothers
and sisters close to You as they strive
to *Imitate* Jesus,
Your Son.

May they be filled with the *Inspiration*
and love of the Holy Spirit
as they reach out to serve others
and help our region move forward.

Amen.

May the Lord bless you always and
keep you strong in your vocation,



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Coping with COVID:

Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity

Diane Menditto, OFS, Regional Minister

We have just passed the one-year anniversary of the Corona Virus having a serious, if not tragic, effect on our lives.

Some of us have lost friends, family members, and Franciscan brothers and sisters to Sister Death. Others have lost their jobs and now live with very tight finances.

Suddenly, we, as people of fraternity, cannot meet face-to-face with our brothers and sisters. Our lives have been disrupted in such a way that we have come to know what it is to be “pilgrims and strangers” in this life. Blessedly, this Easter, unlike last year, many of us will be able to attend Holy Week and Easter services.

Franciscans face adversity—“perfect joy”—knowing that God is with us and that he is supporting us whether we realize it or not.

During the last year, we have made every effort to keep our fraternities going. Regional Ministers were asked to include in our Annual Reports to the National Executive Council how our local and regional fraternities are managing. What follows are the *questions* that were asked and the answers that we submitted. (We reached out to local ministers back in November to help us provide answers to the National and Int'l fraternities. We thank them!)

HOW HAVE YOUR LOCAL FRATERNITIES HANDLED RESTRICTIONS REGARDING MEETING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THEIR AREA?

HOW MANY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER IN PERSON? HOW MANY HAVE BEEN MEETING ELECTRONICALLY?

HOW MANY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MEET? HOW ARE THEY KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THEIR SHUT-IN MEMBERS?

For the most part, our fraternities have been handling the COVID situation quite well.

Of 30 fraternities, only nine are not meeting at all. Three fraternities have been meeting in person because their meeting place is large enough to allow for social distancing, and it was permitted in the parish where they meet. Most have been meeting electronically. (Zoom or conf. call.)

All fraternities are keeping in touch with their shut-in members via phone calls, cards, and fraternity newsletters. One or two fraternities report making socially distanced visits to drop off “care packages” and formation materials.

Some members of fraternities that are not meeting are joining the Zoom calls of other local fraternities. We love that idea!

If members cannot attend virtual meetings, many pray the Liturgy of the Hours at home while the fraternity is praying on Zoom.

One fraternity has instituted prayer partners. They call each other every morning or evening to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

Many fraternities have continued with their apostolates with items being collected by drop-off or pick-up.

Although the food pantry that one fraternity operates was closed, the fraternity continued to provide food for those in need.

Another fraternity has purchased extra shares in the Organic Farm Share Program to donate to Fr. English Center.

A special Christmas ornament was delivered to each member of yet another fraternity during Thanksgiving time.

You all have been very busy!

HAVE YOUR LOCAL FRATERNITIES BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH INITIAL FORMATION FOR INQUIRERS AND CANDIDATES?

Twenty-two fraternities have continued with Initial Formation.

Two formation teams were able to meet in person with candidates in a responsible fashion.

The other groups met using Zoom, FaceTime, Google Classroom, or conference calls.

Eight fraternities do not have anyone in formation right now.

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Coping with COVID

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Twenty-three fraternities are offering **ongoing formation** either at their virtual gatherings or by offering reading selections through e-mail or U.S. mail for those without Internet access.

Since most of the fraternities have been unable to meet physically due to COVID restrictions, those who have Inquirers/Candidates have continued Initial Formation programs using ZOOM or group conference calls. Also, they have used physical mail to those who do not have e-mail access.

Some of the fraternities have been able to hold the Rite of Admission and the Rite of Profession in church with the permission of the Pastor.

This has been a difficult time for all of our fraternities, but with prayer and a little assistance to help overcome the technical challenges of distance learning, they have been able to continue to offer quality initial and ongoing formation.

HOW HAS THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONDUCTED ITS BUSINESS?

HAS THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EACH LOCAL FRATERNITY?

HAS THE REGIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL MET IN CHAPTER, OR HELD ANNUAL REGIONAL EVENTS?

The Regional Executive Council has maintained our monthly meeting schedule by using Zoom. This is working out very well for us. Once the restrictions are lifted, we will be going back to in-person Council meetings, but we are considering mixing in virtual council meetings in certain months when travel is more difficult.

We have been in touch extensively with local fraternities. The Regional Formation Director and JPIC chairs, the Treasurer, and I have contacted our ministers numerous times this year.

We held two Zoom meetings for the local ministers (in addition to Chapter.)

In October of 2020, we held a regional Transitus Service via Zoom. We had excellent attendance including guests from around the country.

Our Annual Retreat was held on Zoom and was a tremendous success. The virtual retreat included a touching Rite of Remembrance for those who had encountered Sister Death during the year since our last retreat.

We met in Chapter virtually in November. However, we had to postpone our regional elections until September of 2021.

We hope that by September we will be able to have a quorum of local ministers willing to gather in person for our elections.

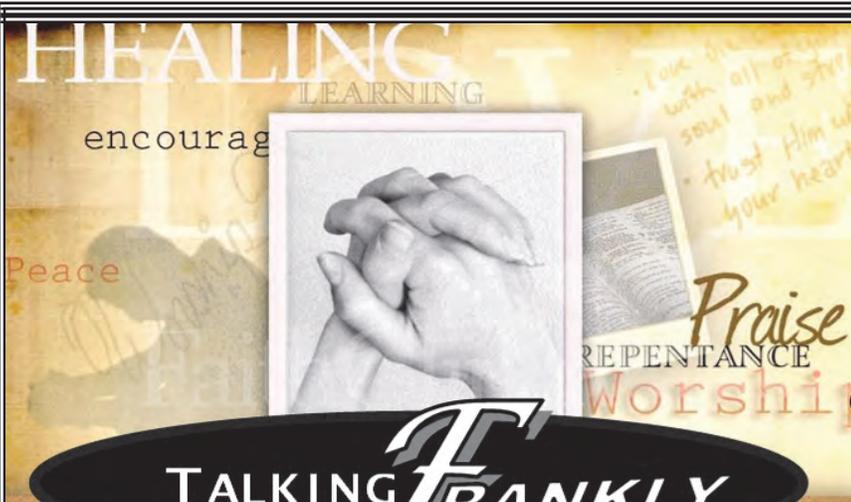
Congratulations to all fraternities that have continued to make the effort to gather during this difficult time.

To those who have not had gatherings, Spring is here!

Perhaps you can get together for a picnic, or, maybe our meeting places will soon be open to us.

One thing is for sure, our Lord and Savior has been and will be with us every step of the way.





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What is
 Your New

My Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis,

I am writing this reflection just a few days before the First Anniversary of Governor Murphy's Declaration of the Pandemic Shutdown for the State of New Jersey. At that time, little did we know how long this shutdown would last?

For some of us, perhaps for many of us, this has been a very difficult year, and even though we hope the end is near, the "experts" warn us not to let our guard down. We have been told, over and over again, that we are dealing with a "New Normal."

Because of the Pandemic, we have had to learn how we must protect ourselves by wearing masks, keeping our social distance from others, and washing our hands frequently.

So, the "New Normal" has affected our physical lives, but what about our spiritual lives?

I ask this question because right before Lent began, my twin brother, Joe, who was professed as a Secular Franciscan two and a half years ago, shared with me an article his fraternity was using as a reflection paper for Lent.

David Torkington is the author of "*How to Pray: A Practical Guide to the Spiritual Life*". In this article, he encourages us to examine where we are in our spiritual lives. Allow me to quote parts of the article. He starts out by quoting St. Angela of Foligno, a great Franciscan Saint, who said,

"Prayer is the 'School of Divine Love,' the place where we learn how to love God. It is here that our loving God – or at least our best attempts at loving God – enables God to love us in return.

Love cannot be forced on anyone against their will. This is true of both human and divine love, so unless we try to love God as best we can, his love cannot force its way into us. Forced love is simply a contradiction in terms."

The author went on to share a unique experience he had sometime before writing this article. He wrote:

"While staying for a brief time at a Cistercian monastery, I met the holiest man I had ever known. He had been in spiritual darkness for many years. Then, one day he became ill and was admitted to the monastery infirmary where he received Holy Communion each day.

Spiritual Normal?

On three distinct occasions, just as he was about to receive Communion, he heard these words, 'Only you have been keeping me out.'

My sisters and brothers, has our "New Spiritual Normal" caused us to lose sight of our spiritual anchor, our prayer life.

When I was young, the good sisters I had in school taught us the importance of making a "Morning Offering" as a way to start our day and to focus our attention on how God is the source of our strength and our life. I thought of an old expression that said, "What's old is new again."

As people of prayer,
let us renew our dedication
to our prayer life and rejoice
in receiving God's love
in this Easter Season.



I stand

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I stand.
I stand, arms folded broken and afraid.
Looking up seeking your attention.
I stand in a crowd alone seeking to be heard.
Tired, I sit.
I sit in quiet seeking you in my heart.
I sit.
Sitting in the silence hearing you whisper.
I kneel.
I kneel arms wide open.
You heal my brokenness,
You hear my cry.
I kneel in awe of you.
For I am never alone.
You are always with me.
In the crowd,
In my despair, you are with me.
Here am I lord.
I give it all to you.
I stand.
I stand and I walk with you
for you are always by my side.

Five Favorite Books for the Journey

Over the years, many people have asked me a simple question, “What spiritual books and writings would you recommend to a Secular Franciscan?”

To help answer this question, I recall a talk that I attended several years ago given by Fr. David Pivonka, T.O.R., the President of Steubenville University. In his talk, Fr. David said that every Secular Franciscan should own a Bible and a copy of the OFS Rule. His reason for selecting the Bible and the OFS Rule is that they are the foundation documents for us as Franciscans in prayer, contemplation, and outreach. After giving it some thought, I’ve expanded Fr. David’s list a bit and have included some additional books that I would recommend for Secular Franciscans to read and have in their personal library. They are:

THE BIBLE

Secular Franciscans must “devote themselves to a careful reading of the gospel” (*OFS Rule, Art. 4*). As such, the Bible holds a predominant place in our lives. To help us get more familiar with scripture, I suggest starting with a good Catholic Study Bible. There are many Catholic Study Bibles available including the Little Rock Catholic Study Bible (*available on Amazon*), The Great Adventure Catholic Bible (*from Ascension Press*), and The Didache Bible (*by Ignatius Press*), just to mention a few.

When selecting a Bible, make sure it is a Catholic Bible and it contains the entire 73 book canon recognized by the Catholic Church. Protestant Bibles, on the other hand, exclude seven books of the Old Testament and only contain 66 books. After you have chosen a Bible, make it a habit to read it and pray with it every day! In this way, we can make Sacred Scripture an integral part of our Franciscan life.

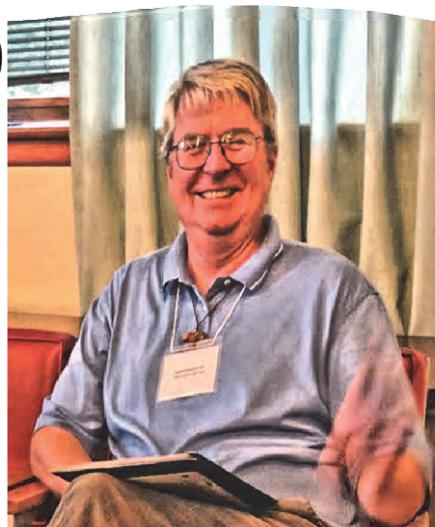


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THE ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The Essential Documents of the Secular Franciscan Order contain many important documents of the OFS including the OFS Rule, General Constitution, and the Statutes of the OFS in the United States of America. Pope St. John Paul II encouraged Secular Franciscans to “study, love, live the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order,” and to “bear personal witness before all in the environment in which you live.”

The Essential Documents gather together in one place the Rule, Constitution, and Statutes so that we can study them and make them part of our daily conversion and formation.

The Essential Documents of the Secular Franciscan Order is available through Smokey Valley Printing, 785-227-2364.

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THE CATECHISM

By our profession to the OFS Rule, Secular Franciscans are “united more intimately with the Church” (*OFS Rule, Article 6*). What better way to unite ourselves with the Church and proclaim Christ than through an understanding of Church teachings? That’s why the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) should be on every Secular Franciscan’s bookshelf! The CCC is “a statement of the Church’s faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition, and the Church’s Magisterium.” (*Apostolic Constitution, Fidei Depositum*).

In addition to the CCC, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has published the “United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.” The Adult Catechism is an adaptation of the CCC and “serves as an invitation for all the faithful to continue growing in the understanding of Jesus Christ and his saving love for all people” (US Catholic Catechism for Adults, pg xxiv).

The CCC and the Catholic Catechism for Adults are excellent resources for Secular Franciscans to understand the Faith and are useful for formation in the fraternity and for individual study. The CCC and Adult Catechism are available from Amazon and other online retailers.

THE DIVINE OFFICE

Each and every day, Secular Franciscans join in the liturgical prayer of the Church through attending Mass or praying the Divine Office. That’s why Christian Prayer is an essential part of our prayer life. In addition to Morning and Evening Prayer, it includes Daytime Prayer, Night Prayer, and the Office of Readings. The Franciscan Supplement contains the Offices for Franciscan Saints and Blesseds, and as such, it is a good way for us to learn more about our Franciscan tradition and charism.

Christian Prayer is available online from Amazon. The Franciscan supplement can be difficult to find, so if you come across a copy, buy it!

THE WRITINGS OF ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE

Finally, we should be familiar with the writings of St. Francis and St. Clare. Although there are several good books on this subject, I recommend “Francis and Clare, The Complete Works” as it contains all of the writings of St. Francis and St. Clare including the Letter to the Faithful, the Office of the Passion, the Letters of St. Clare and the Blessing attributed to St. Clare. This book is a treasure trove of Franciscan spirituality that can provide a lifetime worth of reading and reflection!

This list is certainly not exhaustive and there are many other excellent Franciscan authors including St. Bonaventure, Blessed John Duns Scotus, St. Thomas More, Fr. Dan Horan, Fr. Murray Bodo, Fr. Andre Cirino, and Sr. Ilia Delio just to name a few.

Each of these authors have a different perspective on Franciscan spirituality and are worthwhile for our education and inspiration as Franciscans.

Since we all have our own unique experiences as Franciscans, you may have compiled your own list of favorite books and it most likely differs from mine!

In the end, what’s most important is not what books we have read, but rather how we live our lives as Franciscans in love, peace, and unity.



God Bless,

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EQUALITY? REALLY?

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According to the legislators who authored the Equality Act, the legislation would clarify that federal civil rights laws prohibit the discrimination of people based on sexual orientation and gender identity. If passed, it would explicitly ban discrimination in a wide range of areas including employment, housing, public accommodations, jury service, access to credit, and federal funding.

They claim that no American should be discriminated against because of who they are or who they love. Even though the Supreme Court established in *Obergefell v. Hodges* in 2015 that LGBTQ couples have the right to marry, 27 states have not yet made it clear that discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation is illegal. So, the federal government feels they need to right this wrong. That is the spin from the authors of the Equality Act.

HOW DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH VIEW THE EQUALITY ACT?

According to the USCCB, human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person's right to be free of unjust discrimination.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination.

Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of "gender" in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct.

THE EQUALITY ACT:

- exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America's founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith
- forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities
- requires women and girls to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys

- forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down
- jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives
- hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with "gender transition."

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God's design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good.

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By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill that call.

Supporters assert that the Equality Act is needed to protect people who identify as "LGBTQ" from discrimination in a range of public and professional settings, including employment and the provision of consumer, government, or charitable services. They claim that this is necessary to prevent economic, legal, and emotionally experienced "dignitary" harms.

Catholics oppose unjust discrimination or harassment that baselessly deprive any person of basic needs, goods, or dignity. Every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and, as such, bears inviolable dignity.

LGBTQ people are not subject to systemic discrimination on the scale that has historically warranted the creation of a new federal policy, such as was necessary when the Civil Rights Act was passed.

Widespread patterns of segregation or denial of basic goods, services, or opportunities to people who identify as LGBTQ are not evident.

Some proponents of the Equality Act allege that the bill has a religious exemption. This is only marginally true. The bill leaves in place the exemption (*present in the Civil Rights Act*) allowing religious employers to prefer hiring members of the same religion.

This is unlikely to provide a defense against discrimination claims based on the Equality Act. Currently, Catholic institutions can hire people with diverse backgrounds - including people of different religions - yet require adherence to religiously-informed employee conduct standards and the religious mission of the organization. This bill would change that.

The Equality Act would gravely undermine the freedom of individuals and of religious organizations, impeding or preventing their good work, to the detriment of those organizations and the people whom they serve.

The Equality Act seeks to eliminate discrimination of one class of people by discriminating against another class.

That is not equality; that is discrimination.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Saint Francis,

As my term as Councilor for Central New Jersey and Staten Island and Animator for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation draws to a close, I say with all sincerity that serving on the Regional Executive Council has been a great joy!

The fraternity collaboration, cooperation, and mutual respect were inspiring and I looked forward to our meetings. I look forward to serving the region in the future if given the opportunity.

**Peace,
Chris**



Sacred Solitude

FR. FRANK M. MCHUGH, OFM

To modern ears, the word solitude doesn't sound very positive or inviting. In fact, to many of us, it can connote loneliness which certainly isn't desired or wanted.

As Franciscans, we desire to be with people; we want to reach out with love and help others in any way we can. So, the challenge for us today is to struggle with this directive to shelter in place. To stay home. I'm sure many of us said, "YUCK!"

Before this Pandemic struck us so fiercely, didn't our culture tell us that we must be out and about? To be busy with our "to do" list. Aren't we supposed to be productive? To use it or lose it. It just doesn't seem normal to be "locked inside our homes" unable to circulate and be with others.

Now, as a friar and a parish priest, I can testify that this has been a challenge for me too. We are creatures of habit and to change our routine seems unnatural, right?

Nevertheless, this is the world we live in right now so how can we make it a positive experience for ourselves? Well, for Secular Franciscans, our starting point has to be the Rule.

In article 4, it says,

"The rule and life of the Secular Franciscan is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people."

Later, it states:

"Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel."

Should be the Scriptures.

To be able to sit quietly and read the Word of God seeking a sense of direction for our lives. Now, I admit this is not easy for most of us. However, having the holy season of Lent and then Easter as our backdrop, it became the perfect opportunity for us to reflect on the meaning of the

passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In other words, we are to be people of prayer, and one of the forms of prayer we are encouraged to use is the *Liturgy of the Hours* or the *Breviary*.

In the Old Testament, there are the beautiful words of the psalms. As you pray the psalms, you may notice that in Psalm 46, it clearly says, "Be still and know that I am God!" Then, it continues by saying, "I am exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth."

As a young friar, I didn't really understand the importance of these words; as happens to so many of us, I wouldn't allow them to sink into my psyche. It was almost like "in one ear and out the other." But then, while on retreat several years back, the retreat director led several of us in a prayer experience called meditation and he used these words as our focus for our prayer in what he called a mantra.

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We had to close our eyes and slowly and softly repeat the phrase: Be still and know that I am God. As we did so, we were told to break it into segments so we prayed: “Be still and know that I am God.” Then, a long pause before we said: “Be still and know that I am.” Again a long pause before we continued by praying: “Be still and know.” Then, “Be still.” And finally, “Be.” Now, here is the challenge: be still means be silent; be focused. “Be” is an action word! The retreat director then reminded us to reflect on the lives of the Franciscan Saints that we had read.

Some of us reading this reflection have read a life of Francis and perhaps a life of Clare. However, not many have knowledge of the lives of Sts. Anthony, Bonaventure, Blessed John Duns Scotus, or of the early Brothers and Sisters of Penance.

All of these Franciscans valued the importance of private meditative prayer or what is called contemplation. This is especially true of our holy father, St. Francis. He needed private times to pray in order to strengthen him to preach as “the herald of the Great King.” For all of these early Franciscans, time spent in quiet prayer was thought of as “Sacred Solitude.” Perhaps you have had the experience of being on retreat and having quiet time to yourself.

My point today is that private meditative prayer isn’t just for when we are on retreat. It can and possibly should be a daily occurrence just like the early Franciscans.

In our Holy Name Province, there is a young friar by the name of Dan Horan, who wrote a book over 13 years ago entitled “Dating God.” That same year, he synthesized this material for an article in “*America*” magazine (*June 18, 2007 issue*). Let me quote from part of that article.

“Being a Millennial is an important factor for a person in religious life. We Millennials have grown up bombarded by stimuli too varied to count. With satellite television, satellite radio, MP3 players, the Internet, and cellular phones, silence is a rarity; and with communication technology always a reach or click away, loneliness can easily be masked.

None of these devices or activities are inherently bad; on the contrary, when appropriately used, they are all good and useful. But because of them and our predisposition to fear solitude, the embracing of solitude can be difficult for a Millennial. So when my novice master informed me that I would spend several days in the woods of eastern Pennsylvania on a hermitage experience, apprehension and anxiety soon followed.

If you never spent time with another person, you can hardly describe yourself as being in a relationship with the other. To foster a healthy and meaningful relationship with someone, you must set aside time during which the other person is your focus and presence to each other takes priority. Understandably, such effort can be challenging. With all the distractions of life and the pressures of work and society, it seems sometimes nearly impossible and often improbable that time can be made just to be with another.”

By the time this article is published, some or many of the restrictions imposed on us during this Pandemic may have been lifted. Nevertheless, it might be valuable for many of us to rethink what is “normal” for our average day and how we spend our time.

Can “Sacred Solitude” become part of our new normal? I hope so!





FRANCISCAN CONNECTIONS SECULAR FRANCISCAN VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



LIVING FRANCISCAN VALUES IN OUR CONTEMPORARY WORLD

June 28 – July 1, 2021

7:30 – 9 p.m.

Presented by Benjamin Johnson, O.F.M. Cap.

This seminar will offer a chance to reflect on Franciscan virtues within the context of contemporary life. We will begin with an overview of poverty and humility in the life of Francis of Assisi, and how this was subsequently theologized in the thought of Bonaventure of Bagnoregio.

With this foundation, we will then reflect on embodying these virtues within our own lives, especially in consideration of our faith, families, and the care of creation. We will particularly focus on how we can manifest Franciscan virtues in the concrete and material reality in which we find ourselves.

Zoom instructions will be sent to registrants. Registration fee: \$50 (Includes required text)
Registration cut-off date: June 1, 2021 [REGISTER NOW!](#)



MASTER CLASS

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF ST. FRANCIS IN THE THEOLOGY OF ST. BONAVENTURE

June 21 – 25, 2021

10 – 11:30 a.m. EST

Presented by Dr. Luke Togni

This course will explore the ways in which St. Bonaventure understood the importance of St. Francis of Assisi as a model for Gospel perfection and the imitation of Christ, and even more, shaped his theology.

By introducing students to key texts representing Bonaventure's theological use of Francis and his sources for understanding the Povorello, they will become familiar with the riches of Franciscan tradition and learn about the theological underpinnings of its commitment to poverty, humility, and charity.

Zoom instructions will be sent to registrants. Registration fee: \$300 [REGISTER NOW!](#)

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FRANCISCAN CONNECTIONS SECULAR FRANCISCAN VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



MASTER CLASS • FROM LEPROSY TO COVID-19:

THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING IN THE FRANCISCAN THEOLOGICAL TRADITION

Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 6 – 15, 2021 4 – 5 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Katherine Wrisley Shelby

In his Testament, St. Francis recounts the story of his conversion by recalling how he “[began] doing penance in this way: for when I was in sin, it seemed too bitter for me to see lepers. And the Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was turned into sweetness of soul and body. And afterwards, I delayed a little and left the world.”

Beginning with the Poverello’s ministry to lepers, the Franciscan Tradition has historically responded to what systematic theologians today would call “the Problem of Suffering” in rather unique ways. With an eye toward COVID-19, this course will consider the Franciscan Theological Tradition as a focus of resource meant for thinking about this problem in light of the current global health crisis: How does one follow the path of Francis when considering how to best minister to COVID-19 patients? How might the Franciscan Tradition offer meaningful ways forward for thinking about the Problem of Suffering, both theologically and spiritually? This course will turn to certain key figures and texts from the Medieval Franciscan Tradition – including St. Francis himself, *The Tree of Life* by St. Bonaventure, and a selection of texts pertaining to or written by medieval Franciscan women – in consideration of these questions. Zoom instructions will be sent to registrants. Registration fee: \$300 **REGISTER NOW!**



POOR CLARE PROGRAM

CARE AS CONTEMPLATION/CONTEMPLATION AS CARE IN THE FRANCISCAN TRADITION

July 19 – 23, 2021 2:30 – 4 p.m. (ET)

Presented by Dr. Krijn Pansters

For Francis of Assisi, communal and personal prayer were indispensable elements of mendicancy, which can therefore be called truly active-contemplative. In quite another way, Clare and her enclosed sisters also combined care with contemplation. It was not by alternating preaching and praying like the brothers, whose main activity was the provision of *cura animarum* to people in the world. It would be by living contemplative lives as a form of caring and by experiencing care as a central tenet of a contemplative practice.

Withdrawn behind walls and with limited caring activities, they strove to share the ideals of *minoritas* in the same spirit of “fraternal” love, service, and dedication. Like male Franciscan spirituality and mendicant living, female Franciscan spirituality and communal living would be free from “care and anxiety [*cura et sollicitudine*] about this world,” yet far from uncaring. Their care would be toward the Father in heaven, toward the founding mother, toward the self, toward each other, and toward others. These categories of Clarissan contemplative care are the subject of this course. Zoom instructions will be sent to registrants. These sessions are for Poor Clare Sisters. Registration will be completed through respective federations.

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Registration

After registration, participants will receive a link to the Zoom Virtual Conference.

Registration is free

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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

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SEPTEMBER 13, 1970**

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are held EVERY SECOND
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
1:30 P.M.

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BY

GRETCHEN HOGAN, OFS

We are a diverse group of people who are involved in many ministries, devotions and activities at St. John Vianney and other parishes in the Archdioceses of Metuchen and Newark, NJ.

Our members serve as Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA instructors, and Catholic catechists as well as parish council members and volunteers at local community food banks or other charitable ministries that support people in need.

We individually pray for those on the monthly Apostles of Prayer list, and we enthusiastically support groups which provide outreach to the homeless, the homebound, and people in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.

One of our members participates in annual outreach activities in the Philippines, living alongside and serving the corporal and spiritual needs of the indigent population.

Although we are an English-speaking fraternity, many of our members speak other languages as well, including French, Spanish, Tagalog, Polish, and Italian. We believe that our diversity is a source of strength to our group and provides a good foundation for our many outreach activities.

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FRATERNITY SPOTLIGHT

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We are blessed to have fraternity member, Br. Paul Miller, OFS, who founded and leads the Healing Ministry of Divine Mercy and Franciscan Charities, Inc., which supports St. Ann's Soup Kitchen in Newark, NJ.

Several of our members have volunteered in this soup kitchen, which serves more than 75,000 meals annually to people in need.

He also started the New Jersey Center of Divine Mercy, which sponsors Feast day celebrations and healing services as well as the Veneration of the First Class Relic of St. Faustina.

As we celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2020, members of our fraternity have visited and provided financial assistance and other support over the years to the residents of many organizations such as St. Joseph's Assisted Living and Nursing Home in Woodbridge, NJ and Tent City in Lakewood, NJ.

Members also have volunteered or worked with local and national organizations involved in caring for the needy or elderly and the formation of children like the Girl Scouts of America.

Our fraternity currently is searching for a new apostolate where our members can continue to spread the "Good News" to our brothers and sisters in the spirit of St. Francis and our Risen Lord.



We celebrated our Fraternity's 50th anniversary with a joyful outdoor picnic.

We shared a beautiful, fun-filled, and pleasant day.

After almost 6 months everyone was happy to see and talk with one another. A joyful and happy day.

Paul Di Lena, OFS, photographer



SISTER DEATH

2019 2020



† HELEN THORNTON, OFS

Called home to the Lord – November 3, 2019.

Helen was a member of St. Benedict the Moor Fraternity in New York City. Her Profession was celebrated December 6, 2004.

† SHARON LISCIO, OFS

Called home to the Lord – June 25, 2019.

Sharon was a member of St. Benedict the Moor Fraternity in New York City. Her Profession was celebrated Feb. 26, 1994.

† MARGIE PAVIN, OFS — Called home to the Lord – April 6, 2020.

Margie was a member of St. Benedict the Moor Fraternity in N.Y.C., who died of Covid-19. Her Profession was celebrated February 17, 1996. In 2012, she campaigned for the canonization of Blessed Kateri, who became Saint Kateri, the “Lily of the Mohawks,” In that same year, Margie also edited our cookbook, “Pleasures of the Good Earth.” Margie’s tireless efforts paid off. The income generated from the cookbook sales was donated to Catholic Relief Services to help pay for the construction of a water well in an Ethiopian village.

† FR. JOHN SALVAS, OFM CAP



Called home to the Lord – April 21, 2020.

Fr. John, 59, passed away peacefully on the morning of April 21. Born in Beacon, N.Y. on August 26, 1960, Fr. John made his first profession of vows on August 19, 1984, final profession of vows on September 19, 1987, and was ordained on March 12, 1988. Fr. John served as St. Francis’ fraternity spiritual assistant for many years and was always very supportive of the secular Franciscans. “He was a gentle, very Franciscan man. We will miss him.”

† VIRGINIA FRANCO, OFS

Called home to the Lord – April 14, 2020.

Virginia, 83, was a member of St. Francis Fraternity in Hackensack, N.J. Her Profession was celebrated February 1, 1966.

† JOAN HEALY, OFS

Called home to the Lord – January 8, 2019.

Joan was a member of St. John Vianney and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity in Paterson, N.J. Her Profession was celebrated June 17, 1951.

† TONI LOSQUADRO, OFS

Called home to the Lord – May 16, 2020.

Toni was a member of St. Francis Fraternity in Hackensack, N.J. Her Profession was celebrated November 1, 1970.

† EDWIN TUBENS, OFS

Called home to the Lord – April 30, 2020. Edwin was a

former member of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Thomas More fraternities in Manhattan. His Profession was celebrated November 24, 1996.



LORD, WE PRAY
FOR
OUR FAMILY
OF
FRANCISCAN
BROTHERS
AND SISTERS
WHO HAVE
ENTERED INTO
ETERNAL LIFE.

**WITH THE ARRIVAL
OF SISTER DEATH,
THE LIFE WE KNOW
IS CHANGED,
NOT ENDED.**

**SADNESS GIVES WAY
TO THE
BRIGHT PROMISE
OF IMMORTALITY.**

**OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS
AND SISTERS REMAIN A
PART
OF THE
COMMUNION OF SAINTS
AS WELL AS OUR
FRATERNITIES.**

**PLEASE KEEP THEM
LOVINGLY IN
YOUR PRAYERS.
AMEN.**

SISTER DEATH

2020 2021



† ROSALIE CAUCEGLIA, OFS



Called home to the Lord – February 14, 2021.

Rosalie, 92, was a founding member of Assumption Fraternity in Wood Ridge, NJ. Her Profession was celebrated May 27, 1962. Rosalie was devoutly religious and dedicated her life to the service of others and the glory of God.

† NORMA LONG, OFS

Called home to the Lord – January 14, 2021.

Norma, 84, was a member of Assumption Fraternity in Wood Ridge, NJ. Her Profession was celebrated February 6, 2004.

† JULIA McCANTS, OFS



Called home to the Lord – March 19, 2021.

Julia was an active member of St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity in N.Y.C. Her profession date was celebrated May 20, 1995.

† FR. PIUS CACCAVALLE, OFM CAP



Called home to the Lord – October 30, 2020.

Fr. Caccavalle, 97, passed away peacefully at the St. Lawrence Friary where he had been stationed. Born in Ozone Park, N.Y. on January 31, 1923, Fr. Pius entered the St. Bonaventure Minor Seminary in the Bronx in 1935, made his first profession of vows in 1940, and was ordained a priest in 1947. He faithfully served as Provincial Spiritual Assistant for the Secular Franciscan Order from 1978 to 1985. He was always very supportive of the Secular Franciscans.

† CLARE TAEAK LEE, OFS

Called home to the Lord – April 13, 2020.

Clare was a member of the Korean Martyrs Fraternity in New York City, who died of Covid-19. Her Profession was celebrated November 6, 2005.

† MIMI SIMON, OFS

Called home to the Lord – July 15, 2020.

Mimi was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity in New York City, N.Y. Her Profession was celebrated May 20, 1995. Mimi told her husband she was “Going Home to God.”

† ROBERT ROMERO, OFS

Called home to the Lord – April 4, 2020.

Bobby was a member of St. Francis Fraternity in Hoboken, N.J., who died of Covid-19. His Profession was celebrated February 27, 1997.

† KAREN PETERSON, OFS

Called home to the Lord – July 6, 2020.

Karen was an active member of the St. Anne Fraternity in Fair Lawn, NJ. Her Profession was celebrated June 28, 2015.

BY LINDA BALTZER, OFS

St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

I just learned that Julia McCants passed away. Julia was one of the reasons I was able to feel welcome in the Secular Franciscans when I joined in 2005.

I wondered if I belonged, but my friend, Sister Josie, talked me into going to the welcoming meeting of the Seculars. I went for Josie, but I stayed for myself.

Julia just was Julia; she was herself and I loved that. She, and Madge Cooke, would take me to breakfast at the Spanish restaurant, they would take me here and there with them— to retreats and Franciscan gatherings, and they just made me feel wonderful.

Every morning at the 7 AM Mass at Holy Name Church, Julia would be there with Albert and Charles sitting in the back pews, where we would be together hugging in the Sign of Peace. I wonder if she ever really realized how much of an influence her presence had- I'm sure not only with me, but with many others.

My condolences especially go out to Madge as they were great buddies. May Julia look down on us and pray for us. From all the stories that I've heard, she was preparing herself for this long journey, or maybe it turned out to be a short journey.

I will miss her very much, but I have my memories and I know she is close by. To me, Julia equaled kindness. We all love you, Julia. Enjoy the Eternal Presence!

Amen.

PROFESSIONS

Article by Paul Beelitz, OFS, Minister



S T. BENEDICT
THE MOOR
FRATERNITY

of New York City, had a joyous Rite of Profession for ALEX ANGELES, MARY HAVEY, AND CHERYLANN VESCIO during Mass on March 13th, 2021, held in St. Francis of Assisi Church, NYC.

Father Joseph Cavoto, OFM Spiritual Assistant, and Deacon Luke Conroy, OFS, concelebrated the Mass while Paul Beelitz, Minister, and Nancy Conroy, Director of Formation, administered the Rite. Following the Mass, the Fraternity had a Rite of

Admission for new candidates PAUL FREDIANI, ANTONIA FUSCO, AND JOEY LAPPONESE.

The day was especially wonderful because it was the first time the Fraternity was together, in person, since their monthly meeting on March 2nd, 2020!



Photos credit: TONY JALANDONI, OFS

PROFESSION GROUP L – R: Francesca Ciolino-Volano, Formation Team; ALEX ANGELES, PROFESSED; MARY HAVEY, PROFESSED; Fr. Joseph Cavoto, OFM, Spiritual Assistant; Paul Beelitz, Minister; CHERYLANN VESCIO, PROFESSED; Nancy Conroy, Director of Formation; Joseph Wolfe, Vice Minister.



LEFT: Father Joseph Cavoto, Spiritual Assistant.

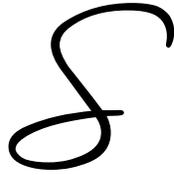


RIGHT: Concelebrants L-R: Deacon Luke Conroy; Father Joseph Cavoto, Spiritual Assistant.



ADMISSION GROUP L – R: Francesca Ciolino-Volano, Formation Team; PAUL FREDIANI, CANDIDATE; ANTONIA FUSCO, CANDIDATE; Father Joseph Cavoto, Spiritual Assistant; Paul Beelitz, Minister; JOEY LAPPONESE, CANDIDATE; Nancy Conroy, Director of Formation; Joseph Wolfe, Vice Minister.

PROFESSIONS



ACRED HEART FRATERNITY
YONKERS, N.Y.



Mark Miller June Treacy Carolyn Heledak

Congratulations to our new Candidates! November 22, 2020



Agnes Onwuanunkepe Jerry Echavarria John Evans Florence Nicasta

Congratulations to our New Professed members. Dec 19, 2020

PROFESSIONS

by: Marie Palazzone, OFS, Minister

On Sunday, October 18, 2020, ST. JOHN VIANNEY/ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY FRATERNITY, Paterson, N.J. was blessed to receive seven Inquirers (Rite of Admission) welcoming them to Candidacy.



Photo credit: Diane Palazzone, OFS, Treasurer

Pictured above : L-R

Front Row: MARY HANNIGAN, FR. LUIS MORENO, GIOVANNA RUIZ.

Back Row: Marie Palazzone, Minister; ROSE HASAN, JENNIFER RUIZ, Fr. Frank McHugh, OFM, PAULETTE SANTOS, MARK MULE, Magdi Nacheff, Formation Director.

Thanks to Fr. Frank McHugh, OFM, Spiritual Assistant to the Fraternity, by following the guidelines for Covid-19, the ceremony became an awesome spiritual delight to the candidates, as they received their Tau crosses, the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, and an inspiring homily given by Fr. Frank McHugh, OFM. The Fraternity is honored to have received them and is looking forward to helping them on their journey to profession.

PROFESSIONS



Congratulations to the newly professed members of Most Holy Name fraternity of Little Falls, NJ upon their permanent profession in the Secular Franciscan Order on October 4, 2020.

• MATTHEW GARAMONE, OFS • FR. JOHN GORDON, OFS

They were received into the MOST HOLY NAME FRATERNITY by Joseph Wickham, OFS, Minister; Fr. Sam Monaco, OFS, Formation Director; and Sr. Janice Jolin, SMIC, Spiritual Director.

PROFESSIONS

On Saturday, June 20, 2020, Chris Leone, minister, PORZIUNCOLA FRATERNITY in East Hanover, N.J., received the profession of **HYACINTH LAWRENCE** (left) and **THERESE STEINEL** (right). Mass was celebrated by Fr. Matthew Kranc, Pastor & former Spiritual Assistant, at St. Rose of Lima parish in East Hanover, NJ.



Photo credit: CHRIS LEONE, OFS

ELECTIONS

ELECTION RESULTS of September 8, 2020
ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY FRATERNITY, STATEN ISLAND, NY



NEWLY ELECTED/ UPDATED COUNCIL

DENISE ENRIGHT, OFS, Minister

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GERALDINE MACKEY, OFS, Secretary

JESUSA (SUSIE) MICU, OFS, Treasurer

JOANNE MALICK, OFS, Formation Director

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EFLECTION

by FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

GOOD DAY, GOOD PEOPLE !

HOW ARE YOU DOING?
GOOD DAYS, NOT-SO-GOOD DAYS,
FRUSTRATING DAYS, HOPE FILLED
DAYS, GOOD FOR NOTHING DAYS?
REMEMBER THOSE TIMES THAT YOU SAID,
“IF I HAD THE TIME, I’D...”

I have been plowing through a 500-page biography of Leonardo da Vinci. I thought, when I bought it over a year ago, that I would read it a few chapters at a time. Well, good intentions, but it never happened.

Now I have had the chance to read it for hours at a time and even though there is much in it that is technical, I am fascinated by this man who was a genius and who was ahead of his time in his scientific thought. Many things that he wrote about were picked up by scientists in future years and became inventions that we enjoy today.

Of course, he was a great painter, but with his paintings as well as with many other of his interests, he never completed them. I have learned much about techniques that he used in his paintings and so I can appreciate his paintings in a new way.

Have you read anything interesting?

Have you been able to complete a task that you had been putting off doing?

Look at the reading from the *Acts of the Apostles, chapter 4, 32-37.*

Perhaps at this time in our lives, we can be even more “*of one heart and mind*” because of what we are going through. Staying in touch with each other is so important, so keep doing what you are doing through our electronic world or however you stay in touch. We don’t want to pass up opportunities while we have the time.

HERE IS *PSALM 46* TO PRAY:

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in distress.
Therefore, we fear not, though the
earth be shaken and mountains plunge
into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam and
the mountains quake at its surging.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.
There is a stream whose runlets
gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.
God is in its midst;
it shall not be disturbed;
God will help it at the break of dawn.
Though nations are in turmoil,
kingdoms totter, his voice resounds,
the earth melts away.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

May the Lord bless and
keep you from all harm!



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—EDITOR

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