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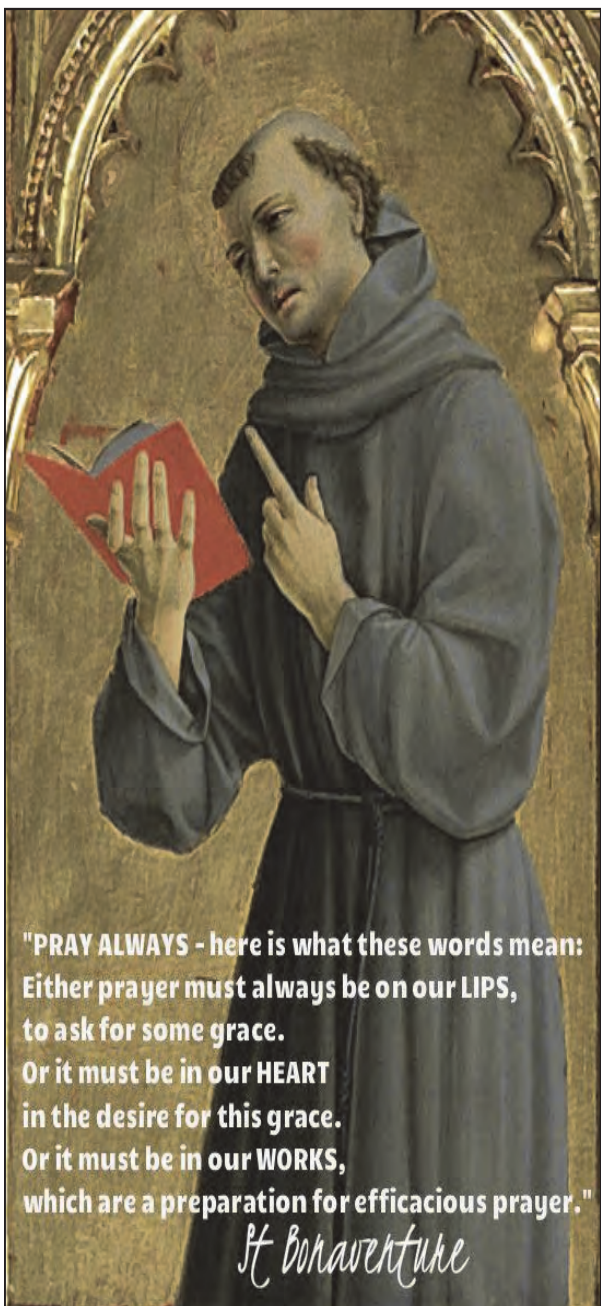


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"PRAY ALWAYS - here is what these words mean:
Either prayer must always be on our LIPS,
to ask for some grace.
Or it must be in our HEART
in the desire for this grace.
Or it must be in our WORKS,
which are a preparation for efficacious prayer."

St. Bonaventure

Come and gather with other Franciscans to observe, participate and celebrate together.

If your fraternity or church has planned a gathering or special event, please send me your information for e-publication by the 25th of the preceding month.

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**800TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF ST. BONAVENTURE'S BIRTH
2017 – 2018**

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2017 REGION CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS

REGION RETREAT

AUGUST 4 – 6, 2017

MT. ALVERNIA RETREAT CENTER
WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK

SOLD-OUT

Our Annual OLTAR Retreat is now **"sold out."** If you still wish to attend, our regional treasurer, Richard Spana, OFS, has started a waiting list in case of any cancellations.

Contact him directly at: Rickspanasfo@aol.com



CHAPTER OF MINISTERS - ELECTIVE CHAPTER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
50 LODI STREET, HACKENSACK, NJ



PRAYER FOR OFS LEADERSHIP

Give us, O God,
leaders whose hearts are large
enough to match the breadth of
our own souls and give us souls
strong enough to follow leaders
of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek
more than our own enhancement;
though enhancement we hope
for more than security for our
own plans and vision; though
security we need; more than
satisfaction for our own selfish
wants; though many things we
desire.

Give us the hearts to choose
and follow the leader who will
work with other leaders to bring
Your will to the agenda and
help us to fulfill it.

Give us leaders who lead us to
virtue without seeking to impose
their own version of virtue on
others.

Give us leaders who will provide
for the advancement of our Order
without dictating to others to
achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves
to choose as leaders those who
can tell strength from power,
growth from greed, leadership
from dominance, and real
greatness from the trappings
of grandiosity.

We trust You, Great God,
to open our hearts to learn from
those to whom You speak in
different tongues and to respect

the life and words of those
to whom You entrusted the
good of other parts of this
globe.

We beg You, Great God,
give us the vision as Secular
Franciscans to know where
holy leadership truly lies,
to pursue it diligently,
to ask it to respect the integrity
of every person
in the entire Order.

We ask these things,
Great God, with minds open
to Your word and hearts that
trust in Your eternal care.

Amen.

Written by
FR. KEVIN QUEALLY, TOR



- DATE:** SEPTEMBER 2, 2017 (1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)
- PLACE:** OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH
230 East 90th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenues), New York, NY 10128
- WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- CONTACT:** catholicunderground@gmail.com 
- COST:** Free admission all are welcome.
- PARKING:** Discounted Parking at GGMC Parking garage located at **245 East 90th Street**, (directly across the street from the church, for \$10 with Catholic Underground parking validation sticker. (Valid from 5:00 p.m. — 1:00 a.m.) Additional charge for SUVs.



Catholic Underground is an apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It is a direct response to a call that began with Pope John Paul II. He said that because the Gospel lives in conversation with culture, we must be fearless in crossing the cultural threshold of the communication and information revolution now taking place. **THE FIRST PART OF THE EVENING** is Eucharistic Adoration and begins with Vespers (Evening Prayer). This is the universal prayer of the Church — prayed by the Catholics throughout the world in every time zone and in every language.

AFTER VESPERS, there is a time of simple praise. This provides a window for each person to personally encounter Jesus Christ. The beauty of the darkened Church illumined by candles helps us enter the mystery of our Lord's presence in the Eucharist. Holy Hour ends with solemn Benediction.

THE SECOND PART OF THE EVENING showcases Catholic artists. Here we experience the “new evangelization”. This includes music, poetry, visual art, dancers, film, drama, etc. **WE END OUR EVENING** as we began, with the prayer of the Church. **COMPLINE** (Night Prayer) is simple and beautiful. It concludes with a hymn to Our Lady.

“ One of the most successful gatherings we have in the Archdiocese happens on Saturday evenings in a midtown parish and attracts a thousand or more young adults who come for prayer before the Eucharist. Confession, song and especially good company with those who share deep Catholic values in a culture and city that can indeed be at times antagonistic. The name of their gathering is revealing — Catholic Underground! That's the new minority who give their bishop so much hope! May their tribe increase! ”

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN
(Catholic New York)




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STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY OF FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL ON BEING GRANTED PONTIFICAL RECOGNITION

With gratitude to the Most High God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Francis, and with heartfelt appreciation to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Franciscans of the Renewal rejoice on this day, December 8, 2016, for having received notice from Rome in being granted recognition as a religious institute of pontifical right. The decree was signed by his Eminence, João Cardinal Bráz de Aviz, Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, and his Archbishop Secretary, José Rodríguez Carballo, OFM, on 13 June 2016, Feast of St. Anthony of Padua.

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal were founded in 1987, in the Archdiocese of New York, when eight American Capuchins desired a form of Franciscan life dedicated specifically to service of the poor and evangelization. The group was established as an institute of diocesan right by Cardinal John O'Connor in 1999. Currently, there are about 100 perpetually professed members of the institute serving in 10 dioceses and archdioceses, in six countries, committed to the mission of serving the poor and most vulnerable, and passionately preaching the Gospel in the New Evangelization.

The Holy See describes the Institute's charism: "After the manner of St. Francis of Assisi, the friars seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, as a prophetic witness that life is a pilgrimage to the Father, of faith, hope, and love of God and neighbor, made possible by the Holy Spirit. They participate in Christ's renewal of all things through their prayer, fraternal life, service of the poor, and evangelization, as a complement to the work of those whose mission is to serve parochially."

Fr. John Paul Ouellette, the General Servant (superior), expressed his thoughts: "After having been nurtured so faithfully by the Archdiocese of New York throughout these years, most recently in the person of His Eminence, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, and now receiving this confirmation of our charism of renewal from our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we now commit ourselves ever more urgently and zealously to the living out of our consecrated life, in faithful prayer, devoted fraternity, and service to the most poor and needy among us. Please pray with us in praise and gratitude to God, on this special occasion, for his continued blessings on our Community and His Church."



SAINT PADRE PIO COMES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL

5th Ave, New York, NY 10022

For information about the public veneration, please call (646) 537-7830 ext. 828, or send an email to SylviaRivas@saintpatrickscathedral.org.

For additional information about the tour, please call (203) 416-1471, or send an email to info@saintpiofoundation.org.

Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, in this first US tour to celebrate the 130th anniversary of Saint Padre Pio's birth, and the 15th anniversary of his canonization.

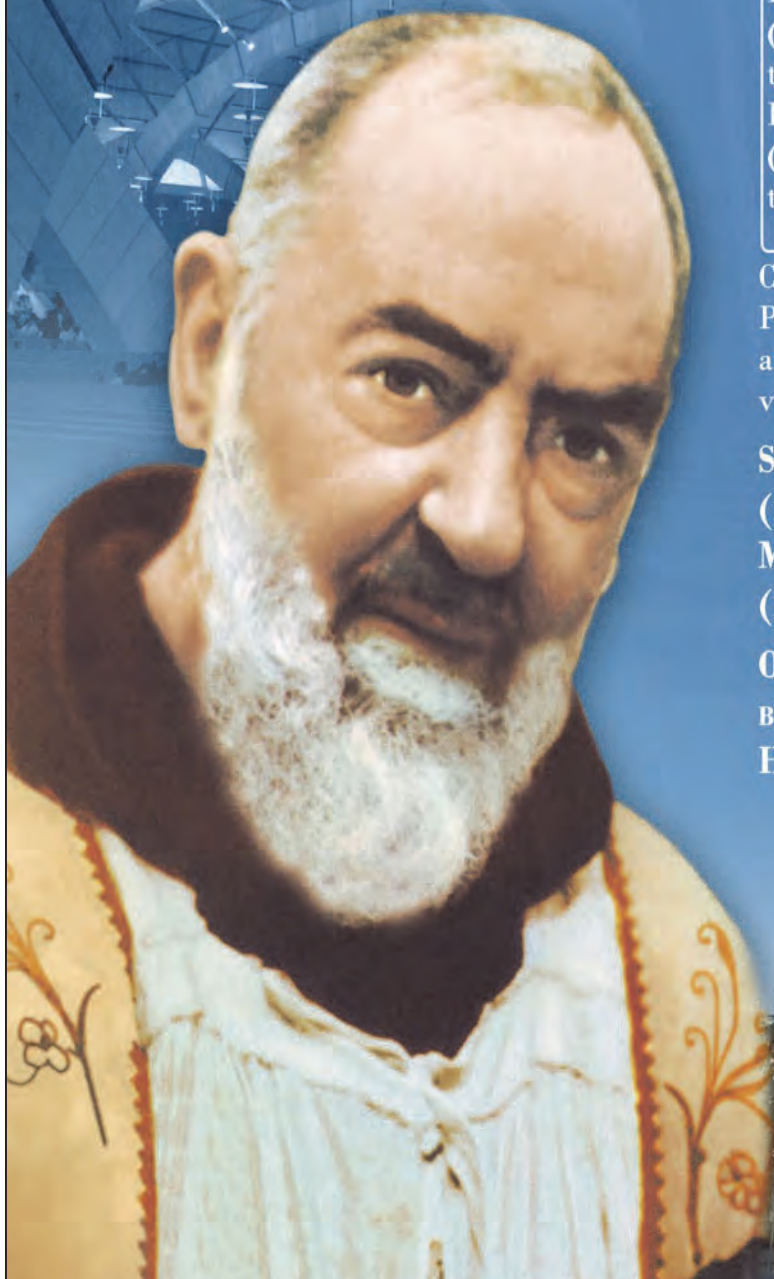
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

(FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

(FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.)

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017, AT 10:15 A.M., WILL BE CELEBRATED A MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT PADRE PIO BY H.E. TIMOTHY DOLAN, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK.





The SPRING 2017 issue of **VOX FRANCISCANA** is now available.

The new International newsletter is available 2x per year – online only.

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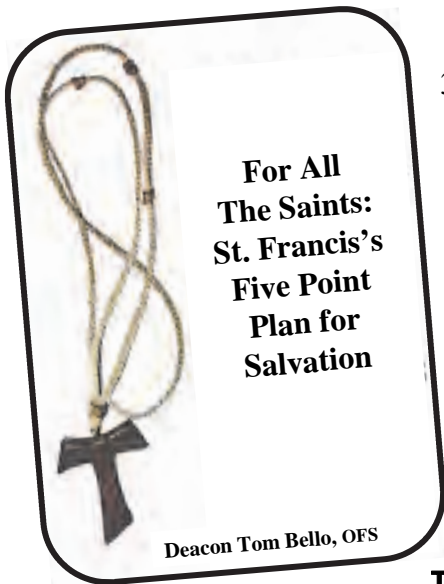
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NEW PUBLICATION

**For All The Saints:
St. Francis's Five Point Plan for Salvation**

by **Deacon Tom Bello, OFS**



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NAFRA — JPIC

JPIC AWARD NOMINATIONS 2017

CAROLYN TOWNES, NATIONAL JPIC ANIMATOR

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THE OLTAR REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE CURRENT "CALL FOR NOMINATIONS" FOR THE 2017 NATIONAL JPIC AWARD—THE JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION AWARD.

"We want to give our membership the chance to suggest nominees for this important award.

If you know someone who might make a good nominee, please either nominate him/her directly by submitting the form on page 8 or submit all the nominating form information to Diane Menditto and the Region will file the nomination.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation".

DIANE MENDITTO, OFS

It is that time again when we as a Franciscan community nominate those individuals who are doing exemplary work in the areas of peace, social justice and the care of God's Creation.

Only nomination forms will be accepted. See page 8.

Please prayerfully consider nominating that Franciscan who steps out into the extraordinary. Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Nominations are only open to members of the worldwide Franciscans Family:

- 1st Order Friar or Brother
- 2nd Order Poor Clare
- 3rd Order Regular Sister
- 3rd Order Secular
- Any of our Ecumenical Franciscan Family— clergy or lay

Please e-mail the form back to me at: ctownes26@hotmail.com

Please put "JPIC AWARD" in the Subject line as some e-mails mysteriously take a walk on the spam side.



I will send you an acknowledgement once I receive your form. If you do not hear from me, then I did not receive anything, but y'all know how I like to roam around the country animating and chatting folks up, so be patient!

DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017.

Wishing you blessings of peace and all good,

CAROLYN D. TOWNES, OFS

**NAFRA 2017 NOMINATION FORM FOR THE (JPIC)
JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION AWARD**

The United States Secular Franciscan Order established the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Award to recognize those Franciscans who are dedicated to promoting peace, social justice and care for creation by the testimony of their human lives. Through their courageous initiatives, they work to animate compassion and non-violence in the world.

If you know someone from the Franciscan Family in your community or in the world who promotes peace in a significant way, please think about nominating him or her for the JPIC Award.

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE IS WHICH BRANCH OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY?

____ Friar / Province: _____

____ Poor Clare / Congregation: _____

____ Religious Sister / Congregation: _____

____ Secular / Region: _____

____ Ecumenical Clergy: _____

____ Ecumenical Lay: _____

WHY ARE YOU NOMINATING THIS PERSON FOR THE JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION AWARD? (250 words)

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WORKS, PROJECTS, AND/OR NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT THIS PERSON THAT EXEMPLIFIES HIS/HER PEACE EFFORTS? (250 words)

HOW MAY WE CONTACT THE NOMINEE?

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____



Summer 2017 Courses

The following courses are being offered by the School of Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure University over the summer of 2017.

St. Bonaventure University

3261 West State Road

St. Bonaventure, NY 14778

716-375-2000 | 800-462-5050

Registration Information and Program Schedules are listed (linked) under each event.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Frater, Magister, Minister et Episcopus The Works and Worlds of Saint Bonaventure

July 12 -15, 2017

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

J.A. Wayne Hellmann, O.F.M. Conv.: *"Sacraments: Healing unto Glory"* Hellmann is professor of historical theology at Saint Louis University, where he has served as director of the Ph.D. program in historical theology and chair of the Department of Theological Studies.

Emmanuel Falque: *"The Entrance of God into Theology or into Philosophy: The Sense of the Debate Between Bonaventure and Thomas Aquinas"* Falque is professor and dean of philosophy at the Institut Catholique de Paris.

2017 marks the beginning of the 800th anniversary celebration of Saint Bonaventure's birth. The Franciscan Institute intends to celebrate this festive occasion with a symposium dedicated to the cultural and religious dynamics that shaped the Seraphic Doctor's theology and spirituality as teacher, bishop and leader.

Raised in the ancient Etruscan city of Bagnoregio, Bonaventure set out for Paris in his youth, found a home in this intellectual center of Christianity in the West, yet traveled throughout Europe like no other previous Franciscan leader.

The subsequent workshop intends to promote an understanding of how culture and religion form individuals and communities and what elements of Bonaventure's own experience and written work may be retrieved in the contemporary world.

The Development of the Franciscan Person

July 21- 23, 2017

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PRESENTER

Fr. David B. Couturier, O.F.M., Cap. Dean of the School of Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure and executive director of the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure.

One of the stories about St. Francis of Assisi relates how a brother watched the saint in prayer, and heard him pray the words, "Who are you, Lord, and who am I?" These two questions are fundamental to the Christian life and the Franciscan vocation.

This course will explore how we come to our Franciscan identity and how we develop as a Franciscan person. Using Franciscan sources, the Secular-Franciscan rule, and contemporary psychology, we will discuss the stages of spiritual transformation and the fundamentals of Franciscan spirituality.

We will focus our attention on two books, Jacques Dalarun's "The Canticle of the Creatures: Francis of Assisi Reconciled" (2016), and David B. Couturier's "The Four Conversions: A Spirituality of Transformation" (2017), both from [Franciscan Institute Publications](#).



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

IGNATIUS BRADY LECTURE

Bonaventure and the Centrality of Love

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2017

***THIS LECTURE IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL;
NO PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED.***

PRESENTER

Sr. Ilia Delio, O.S.F., Ph.D. Senior fellow at Georgetown University's Woodstock Theological Center.

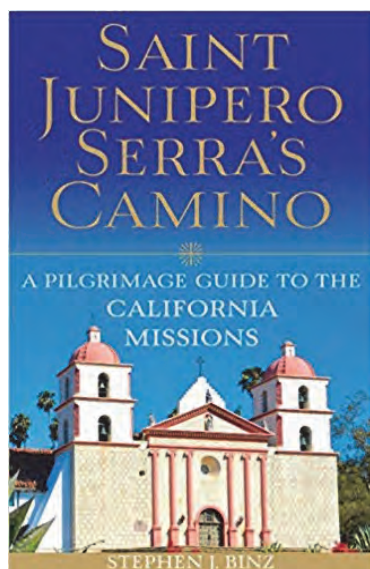
Ilia Delio, O.S.F., is a Franciscan Sister of Washington, D.C., and an American theologian specializing in the area of science and religion, with interests in evolution, physics and neuroscience and the import of these for theology. Delio holds the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Theology at Villanova University, and is the author of 17 books including "Care for Creation" (coauthored with Keith Warner and Pamela Woods), which won two Catholic Press Book Awards in 2009: first place for social concerns and second place in spirituality. Her book "The Emergent Christ" won a third-place Catholic Press Book Award in 2011 for the area of Science and Religion.

Her recent books include "The Unbearable Wholeness of Being: God, Evolution and the Power of Love" (Orbis, 2013), which received the 2014 Silver Nautilus Book Award and a third-place Catholic Press Association Award for Faith and Science.

Delio's work is promoted and supported by [The Omega Center](#), an online forum striving to facilitate a deepening of consciousness, conversation, and connection as we seek God in our scientific age. The website is dedicated to education, formation, and inspiration in the converging fields of science and theology.



NEW PUBLICATION



Travel Saint Junipero Serra's Camino Real in California with a pilgrim's heart and prepare to continue the forward journey that he began in the 1700's. You'll make your way to 21 missions, stretching from San Diego to Sonoma North of San Francisco Bay.

Each of the missions is a unique jewel and a spiritual oasis. Some are found wedged into cities; others are surrounded by mountains and valleys. They range from simple to ornate. The grounds are filled with bells, statues, fountains, and gardens, all symbols of life and feasts of color. Old Spanish mission art can be found next to Indian wall paintings. Symbols of piety from two centuries form a wonderful holy mix.

Author Stephen J. Binz does not gloss over the sometimes-painful historical aspects of the missions. The mission histories are difficult reading, documenting mistreatment and uprisings. For each of the 21 missions, this guide offers you the street address for your GPS, the mission's website, a brief history of the place, the story of the mission's patron or namesake and information about the mission bells. You'll be given a tour of the mission church, as well as a prayer service for your visit. But this book is much more than a simple travel guide. You'll learn more about the life of Saint Junipero Serra, whose vision is responsible for this holy Camino. You'll be enriched by two interwoven traditions: the Spanish Franciscan and the American Indian.

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CIOFS MONTHLY OFS—YOUFRA PRAYER INTENTIONS

TO EMPHASIZE COMMUNION WITH THE POPE, WE OFFER THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTION AND AN OFS INTENTION, BASED ON THE LIFE AND MAJOR EVENTS OF THE ORDER.
THE LOCAL FRATERNITIES WILL PRAY FOR BOTH.

2017

April	<p>Universal: For young people, that they may know how to respond generously to their vocation, seriously considering the possibility of consecrating themselves to God in the priesthood or in consecrated life.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternity of Venezuela, the Philippines and for the fifth Asia-Oceania Congress.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
May	<p>For evangelization: For Christians in Africa that they may give a prophetic witness of reconciliation, justice and peace in imitation of the merciful Jesus.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Romania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
June	<p>Universal: For the leaders of nations to commit themselves to put an end to the arms trade, which leads to so many innocent victims.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Italy, Malaysia-Singapore and the Netherlands, and for the Project Africa Formation Workshop in Abidjan-Ivory Coast.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
July	<p>For evangelization: For our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, that through our prayers and witness of the Gospel, they can rediscover the closeness of the merciful Lord, and the beauty of Christian life.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Capo Verde, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Bolivia and Pakistan.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
August	<p>Universal: For the artists of our time, may they, through the works of their genius, help everyone discover the beauty of creation.</p> <p>OFS: For the Project Africa Formation Workshop in Yaoundé-Cameroon, the National Fraternities of Egypt, Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guatemala, Denmark, Chile and Ireland.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
September	<p>For evangelization: For our parishes, let them be animated by a missionary spirit, and become places where faith is shared and where they are witnesses of charity.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Peru, Lithuania and Spain.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
October	<p>Universal: For those in the labor market, may they all be assured of respect and protection of their rights and may the unemployed be given the opportunity to contribute to the building of the common good.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Belarus and Thailand.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
November	<p>For evangelization: For Christians in Asia, as they bear witness to the Gospel in word and deed, let it be conducive to dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those who belong to other religions.</p> <p>OFS: For the CIOFS Presidency, the General Intermediate Chapter, our departed brothers and sisters, and the Malawi National Fraternity.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
December	<p>Universal: For the elderly, may they be sustained by families and Christian communities, and may they work together in wisdom and experience to transmit the faith and to educate the new generations.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>