



# Fraternity Reflections

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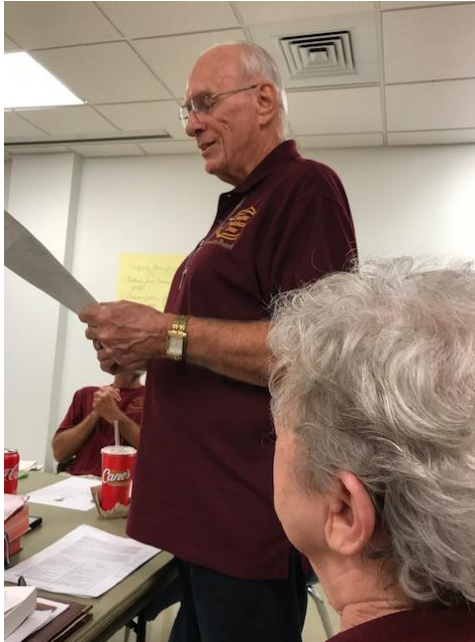


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# FRATERNITY NEWS

*At our October Meeting...*



**Warren & Ann Falgout**

The Fraternity was treated to a wonderful talk on the “Golden Rule” and the “Greatest Commandment” lead by our own “Diamond & Silk,” Warren and Ann Falgout. They led us on a cerebral journey of deep reflection as they shared the roots of the Ten Commandments and moral virtues. They revealed how through history these special teachings of what not to do were weaved into our laws and system of justice. Then, before breaking us up into small groups we were instructed how Jesus revealed the greatest commandment. Referencing scriptures and the catechism, we were asked the question, “Why did God make you?” In small groups we discussed the Beatitudes and how through them, Jesus gave us the “Thou shall dos.”

What were Saint Francis’ thoughts on the Beatitudes?

Would you like to learn more about St. Francis?

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***Come and see!***

## *Secular Franciscan The way of Life*



Immaculata Fraternity meets the [First Sunday](#) of every month at 2:00pm in the Saint Francis/Saint Clare room at Good Shepherd in Colleyville. We welcome you to come and join us for prayer, formation and fellowship!

### **Immaculata Fraternity**

*Come and see!*

Every first Sunday, 2:00PM

***Nov. 3 (Saturday) Portion Retreat***

***Dec. 16 (Fraternity meets to  
celebrate Christmas)***

***Jan. 5***

Good Shepherd Catholic Community  
1000 Tinker Rd.



## “BLESSINGS”

**2626** *Blessing* expresses the basic movement of Christian prayer: it is an encounter between God and man. In blessing, God's gift and man's acceptance of it are united in dialogue with each other. The prayer of blessing is man's response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing.

# A Prayer of Thanksgiving

by  
*Saint Francis of Assisi*

God, all powerful, most holy,  
most high and supreme;  
FATHER: holy and righteous;  
LORD: king of heaven and earth;  
we thank you for yourself,  
because by your holy will  
and through your only Son  
and the Holy Spirit  
you created all things,  
spiritual and material.

You made us in your  
image and likeness  
and placed us in paradise,  
and we, through our transgression  
fell away.

We give you thanks because,  
as you created us through your Son,  
so by the holy love  
with which you loved us  
you willed your Son to be born  
true God and true man  
of the glorious and holy Virgin Mary,  
and through his cross and blood and death  
it was your will to set us free  
from our captivity.

Also, we thank you  
because that same Son of yours  
will come again in the glory of his majesty  
to condemn those who refused to repent  
and acknowledge you;  
and to say  
to all who did acknowledge,  
worship and serve you in repentance:  
Come, you whom my Father has blessed,  
receive the kingdom  
prepared for you  
since the world began.

And because we are all wretched sinners,  
unworthy to speak your name,  
therefore let Jesus Christ himself,  
our Lord and your beloved Son  
in whom you are well pleased,  
give thanks to you for everything,  
give thanks to you for everything,  
together with the Holy Spirit the Paraclete,  
as it pleases you and pleases him.  
He always satisfies you in everything,  
and through him, you have done so much for us.

Alleluia.



# Immaculata Fraternity: Minister's letter for November

By: Carol Lieser

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence  
with singing. Know you that Lord is God; it is He  
who has made us and not we ourselves! We are his  
people and the sheep of his pasture. Bless His name.  
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his  
courts with praise. For the Lord is good; his mercy is  
everlasting and his truth endures for all generations!"*  
~ Psalm 100

November is a time for being thankful! As this month begins, all Saints and all souls are remembered and celebrated. These are our true models of how to follow Christ. They provide great hope, joy and a sense of happiness to us. In our 21<sup>st</sup> century world, we especially need those models and those feelings to remind us that all will be well for all is in God's hands. We can be thankful for this eternal truth!

In our family, at Thanksgiving dinner, we have a tradition of asking each person what they are especially thankful for in this year. Sometimes, as our children were growing up, their responses were funny; other times they were wistful and imaginative, but the usual standard comment was "I am thankful for my family and my friends."

To that comment, I say AMEN. To have been gifted with a loving family and good friends is a great blessing. How much is learned from our caring family members. How much joy is gained from our good friendships. Those people who first loved us and taught us about relationships, who guided us in our spiritual journeys and who have cried with us and laughed with us are true treasures that can never be matched. The opportunities to receive from those individuals and to give back to them form those good relationships, which are invaluable to us. In these ways, we are blessed and have much for which to be thankful.

I reflect that even those who are without earthly parents or good, steady friendships have a Heavenly Family that values their worth and provides for their good. How reassuring it is to know that none of us are ever alone but always have the protection of our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. We always have the love of our Heavenly Mother, Mary. With them, we also have the Great Listener, the Holy Spirit to speak to us, helping us to stay on the path planned for us from Creation's beginning. We always have resource to the capital "S" Saints and the small letter

"s" saints. They are ever present to us. They hear our prayers and intercede for our good. We can rely on all of this, each and every day.

For all of these we have much to be thankful. Let us use these treasures for God's work.

St Francis prayed in this way as he offered praise and thanks to God. Let us do likewise:

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,  
All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor and all blessings.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong,  
Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,  
Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,  
Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth

Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon.  
Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death,  
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,  
And serve Him with great humility.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for us!  
Most Holy, Mary, our Mother, pray for us!  
All you Holy Saints pray for us!

Peace and All Good!

Blessed All Saints' Day; Holy All Souls' day and Happy Thanksgiving! I give thanks to God for each of you!

Carol Lieser, OFS  
Minister, Immaculata





# Pope Francis'

## MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

### NOVEMBER

#### Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

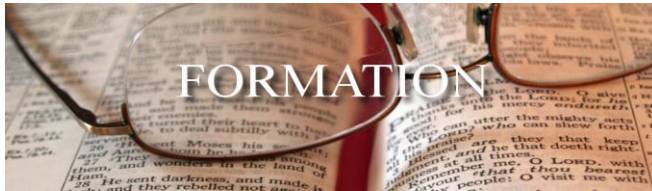
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*We also pray for*

Fr. Joe Janiszkeski, T.O.R., Catherine Khaled, OFS, Mary Jo McCoy, OFS, Joe McGookin, OFS, Ping Liu, Joseph, the new Council of NAFRA, and for all of our special intentions.

*O Mother of Sorrows, accept this consecration. Strengthen our hopeful hearts, that as partakers of Christ's sufferings, we may also share in his comfort now and for evermore.*

*Amen*



***DON'T FORGET TO VOTE Tuesday, Nov. 6***

#### **Pope Benedict XIV**

The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society, on the other hand, is proper to the lay faithful. **As citizens of the State, they are called to take part in public life in a personal capacity.** So they cannot relinquish their participation “in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are intended to promote organically and institutionally the common good.” **The mission of the lay faithful is therefore to configure social life correctly,** respecting its legitimate autonomy and cooperating with other citizens according to their respective competences and fulfilling their own responsibility. Even if the specific expressions of ecclesial charity can never be confused with the activity of the State, it still remains true that charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as “social charity.” *Deus Caritas Est (God is Love), #29*

## Fraternity Happenings

### Down the Road!

**Nov. 3 San Angelo Portion Retreat**  
*(No Nov. Fraternity Meeting)*

**Dec. 16 Fraternity Christmas celebration**

**Jan. 5 Fraternity Meeting**



### November Feast Days

1. All Saints, *Solemnity*
2. All Souls, *Feast*
3. Martin de Porres, *Opt. Mem.*
9. Lateran Basilica, *Feast*
10. Leo the Great, *Memorial*
12. Josaphat, *Memorial*
13. Frances Xavier Cabrini, *Memorial*
15. Albert the Great, *Opt. Mem.*
16. Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, *Opt. Mem.*
17. Elizabeth of Hungary, *Memorial*
21. Presentation of Mary, *Memorial*
22. Cecilia, *Memorial*
23. Clement I; Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro (USA); Thanksgiving Day, *Opt. Mem.*
24. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, *Memorial*
25. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, *Solemnity*
30. Andrew, *Feast*



For those of you reading this addition of *Fraternity Reflections* on our webpage or through Facebook, and feel called to the Franciscan way, please contact us at: [secularfranciscans@gsc.net](mailto:secularfranciscans@gsc.net) and we'll be glad to direct you in the best possible way, rather it be in the Order of Secular Franciscans or in a Franciscan Religious Vocation. We'd also invite you to come to the Immaculata Fraternity meetings *Please Note: In discerning a life with us, you must be a member of the Catholic Church in good standing and in a spirit of unity.*

*We look forward to meeting you!*

# **Angelo Portion Annual Retreat, Los Tres Companeros Region**

Saturday, November 3, 2018

## **Good Shepherd Catholic Church**

1000 Tinker Road, Colleyville Texas 76034

### AGENDA

8:00 am – Gathering/ Morning Prayer/Refreshments/Introduction

9:00 am - Talk and Discussions

12:00 noon – Lunch/Fellowships

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Talk and Discussions

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Raffles

5:00 pm – Mass

**Retreat Master: FR. LESTER BACH, OFM, Cap**



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Registration Fee ( Lunch Included ) \$30.00

*Bring a friend!*