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		Last pastoral visit: 11/20/2022

Calendar

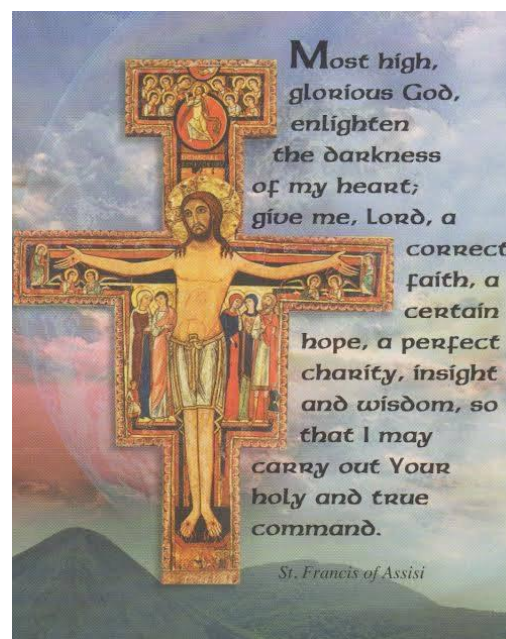
11/13 6:00pm Council meeting Zoom
 11/16 1:30pm SC fraternity gathering St. Mary's teachers lounge
Pastoral Visitation w/ Sr. Agnes Marie Regan, OSF
 10/18 6:00pm Initial formation for Barbara Zoom Chapter 27
 12/11 6:00pm Council meeting Zoom
 12/14 1:30pm SC fraternity gathering St. Mary's teachers lounge



Prayer Requests

Within the fraternity: Jackie Didier; Sandy Kiraly; Marcyle Voigt; Mary Lou Sohn; Rich (post op infection after knee replacement) & Barb Cain; Doris Bermes - hospice; Karen - leg pain; and Joann's knee - healing.

Beyond the fraternity: Sr. Anita - surgery; Barbara's great-niece Taylor - brain cancer surgery; RA at Hillsdale - ulcerated cornea; June's husband (& family) - Parkinson's & psychotic episode; St. John the Baptist, New Haven - renovation project; end to violence in the US, especially in schools, churches, and all peoples; Pope Leo; and peace in families and in the world; all priests.

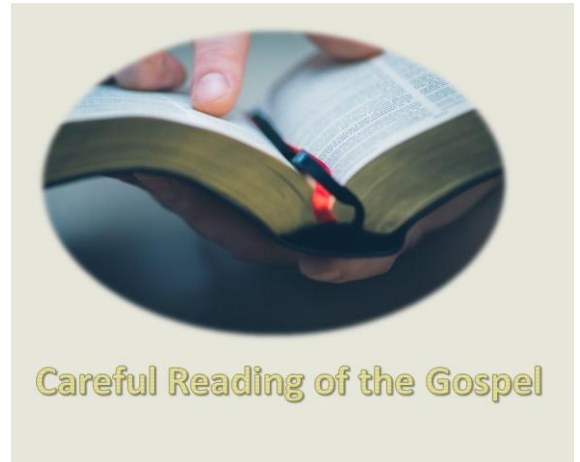


GOD IS LOVE Articles 9-11
SUPPLEMENTAL READINGS
AND QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

For article 9 of God Is Love

John 1:1-5

- ¹ In the beginning^[b] was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
- ² He was in the beginning with God.
- ³ ^[c]All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be ⁴ through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
- ⁵ ^[d]the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.



Haecceitas: Derived from the Latin word “haec,” meaning “this,” haecceitas refers to the discrete qualities, characteristics, or aspects that make a thing unique—essentially, its “**thisness**.” — John Duns Scotus, *Ordinatio* II, d. 3, p. 1. q. 2, n. 48

For article 10 of God Is Love

Prologue to the OFS Rule

Concerning those who do Penance

¹All those who love the Lord with their whole heart, with their whole mind, with their whole strength (Mk 12:30) and love their neighbour as themselves, ²who hate their bodies with their vices and sins (Mt 22:39), ³who receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴and who produce worthy fruits of Penance.

⁵O how happy and blessed are these men and women while they do such things and persevere in doing them, ⁶because the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon them (Is 11:2) and make its home and dwelling place (Jn 14:23) among them, ⁷and they are children of the heavenly Father whose (Mt 5:45) works they do, and they are spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mt 12:50).

⁸We are spouses when the faithful soul is joined by the Holy Spirit to our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹We are brothers to Him when we do the will of the Father who is in heaven (Mt 12:50). ¹⁰We are mothers when we carry Him in our heart and body through a divine love (1Cor 6:20) and a pure and sincere conscience and give birth to him through a holy activity which must shine as an example before others (Mt 5:16).

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November Gathering

Date: November 16, 2025

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: St. Mary's school teachers lounge 232 N. Main St., Avilla

Pastoral Visitation with Sr. Agnes Marie

Formation: *God Is Love* – Articles 9-11

Snacks: Everyone

Evening Prayer for the Liturgy of the Hours: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christian Prayer: pages 639-640 & 712 Hymn: #33 on page 1519

Vol IV: pages 537 & 661 Hymn: page 661

O Christ, You Are the Light and Day

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

11/16 Joyce Wesner

11/20 Joy Olry

11/26 Joann Arendt

PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

11/11/2007 Katie Herendeen

Vicki Marcellus-Smith

11/16/1997 Marcyle Voigt

11/21/1976 Laura Hoffman

For article 11 of *God Is Love*

And after the Lord gave me some brothers... (from *The Testament*, FA:ED, page 125)

At the time of his office [as bishop of Ostia] he [Pope Gregory] established and brought to completion the new orders of the Brothers [and Sisters] of Penance and of the Cloistered Ladies. He also gave form to the yet unorganized Order of Minors, which in its early stages was wandering about without definite bounds, by providing them with a new Rule and by designating Francis as the rector and minister. Under his leadership those limits were increased, so that by God's power there is hardly a hamlet throughout the whole world that now may be found without their venerable brotherhood. (from *The Life of Pope Gregory IX*, FA:ED, page 603)

Basic 4 questions for each reading. These are based on St. Clare's admonitions to Agnes of Prague to "gaze," "consider," "contemplate" and "imitate." They also borrow the "layers of formation" from Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap, which are information (what we need to know), formation (how we make sense of what we know and make it our own), and transformation (how this changes us so that we begin to live it out).

These 4 questions will be applied to each section of our formation each month. This will help us on that continuous formation as Secular Franciscan Catholic Christians.

1. What ideas struck you or stood out to you as you read? What did you learn?
2. What connections did you make between the encyclical and the supplemental readings?
3. How does what you read deepen your understanding of your Franciscan vocation?
4. What new ideas and desires do you have to change or integrate into your life as a Franciscan and a Catholic?