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## Minister's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good! For this month's message, I'd like to share a story.

Recently, I reconnected with an old friend while he was visiting New York City, and we had lunch together. We first met years ago when we worked together in McLean, Virginia. He was the person who introduced me to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon. A few of us on the team would get together to play poker, and it became a way for a group of new colleagues to build friendships.

He left the company in 2013, while I stayed until 2019. Although our professional overlap was only three or four years, we've managed to stay in touch through the years.

As often happens when old friends reconnect, our conversation covered work, family, and the challenges of planning for our children's futures. We're about the same age, but he shared that he expects to retire in about three years. Naturally, I asked him what he planned to do in retirement.

His answer caught my attention.

He spoke about traveling with his wife, but he quickly shifted the conversation to his ministry work. He has long held a conviction that no one in this country should go hungry. God has blessed him with meaningful career opportunities and financial stability, and he sees retirement not as an escape from work but as an opportunity to devote more time to serving others and advancing that mission.

I left that lunch inspired.

It reminded me that our faith is not something we postpone until we have more time. Nor is retirement simply the absence of work. Rather, it is another chapter in our vocation. My friend wasn't counting the years until he could stop contributing. He was looking forward to having more freedom to contribute in ways that mattered most to him.

As Franciscans, we are called to build a more fraternal and just world. We may express that call differently, but each of us has been given gifts, experiences, and opportunities that can be used in service to others. The question is not whether we have a ministry. The question is whether we recognize it.

My friend reminded me that a life well-lived is not measured by what we accumulate, but by what we give away.

Josh





## Organization

Tau Fraternity  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
750 Peachtree St.  
Herndon, VA 20170

Meetings every 1st Sunday  
of the month at:  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
750 Peachtree St. - Room 205

**PAC&**  
**BEN&**

The Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order was canonically established on June 21, 1992. The fraternity is affiliated with the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tau Fraternity is in the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Tau Fraternity Council currently includes the following officers:

- Minister — Josh Goldberg, OFS
- Vice Minister — Cynthia Filan-Kim, OFS
- Formation Director — Gil Donahue, OFS
- Secretary — William Richey, OFS
- Treasurer — Joe Boyle, OFS
- Councilor-At-Large — Kimberley Heatherington, OFS



## Monthly Tau Contemplative Prayer & Franciscan Spirituality Zoom Discussion led by Gil Donahue, OFS



The Tau Contemplative Prayer  
& Franciscan Spirituality  
discussion group will take place  
Monday, June 8  
from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The theme will be  
“JPIC and The Rule”

Contact Gil to receive a Zoom link  
(no need to e-mail if you're already on his list)

# RECAP OF MAY 3 GATHERING

## PRESENTATION

Jen Raimo, OFS, offered a reflection on Franciscan mysticism. She handed out the text of a talk on this subject given by Fr Richard Rohr, OFM, in Assisi in May of 2012. (For text, see Jen's May 3 e-mail with the subject line: "Franciscan Mysticism Article"). In this article Fr. Rohr writes, "Mysticism is when God's presence becomes experiential and undoubted for a person ... A mystic doesn't say 'I believe.' A mystic says 'I know.' A true mystic ironically speaks with an almost arrogant self-confidence and, at the same time, with a kind of humility. When you see this combination ... you can trust you are in the presence of a person who has had an actual "encounter" with God or the Holy."

Jen said Franciscan mysticism is grounded in the personal experience of knowing God, "I know God." In this experience we are united with all of creation and we are called to speak with one voice. Jen said there are echoes of this experiential knowledge in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement and the New Evangelization, and it seems to be happening now with an unusual surge of baptisms in North America and Europe (although Kimberley Heatherington, OFS, noted that the phenomenon probably needs to continue a few more years to distinguish it clearly from the post-Covid boom).

Jen's presentation elicited another wide-ranging, lively and fruitful discussion within our gathering. Members spoke about how "knowing God" has evolved and matured in their personal lives; how this experience has shaped their approach to teaching our faith to children and to dialogue with people from other religious and cultural traditions; how this knowledge has deepened their prayer life; and how they see clear signs of this experiential knowledge of God in the lives of the Saints.

## ONGOING FORMATION

Our Formation Director Gil Donahue, OFS, presented a reflection on the connection between the Beatitudes and the OFS Rule. (For the full text of this presentation see Gil's e-mail of April 25 with subject line: "Tau Fraternity: Ongoing Formation for May 3 meeting").

A very brief summary follows: The Beatitudes provide us with principles and values for Christian life; the OFS Rule gives us their application. While both stress compassion and respect for others, the Rule expands this into broader social responsibility for justice, peace and human dignity.

# RECAP OF MAY 3 GATHERING

## ONGOING FORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Beatitudes focus on detachment from the world; the Rule guides engagement with the world in a Gospel way. The Rule provides a structured path to live out the Beatitudes day by day.

The Beatitudes focus on the mindset of the individual; the Rule focuses on a community-based lifestyle. The Beatitudes and the SFO Rule are two sides of the same call — one names the vision and the other shows the way.

Gil's presentation elicited a wide-ranging, lively and fruitful discussion on various aspects of how members see the vision of Christian life in the Beatitudes and how members apply this vision as they live the SFO Rule.



# APOSTOLATES

## MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY HOSPICE

Thanks to our brothers and sisters who support the apostolate at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House.

The next delivery — kitchen supplies only — will be on **Saturday, June 13**.

To learn what supplies the sisters need or to help with delivery, contact Joe and Veronica.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help to feed the hungry. Joe Boyle, OFS, volunteered to shop and deliver food to the St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Food donations may be dropped off prior to the Tau Gathering in the stairwell on the right at St. Joseph School. You can also provide a monetary donation to Joe, who is Tau Treasurer. Thank you!

For more information, see:

<https://sttimothyparish.org/outreach-and-ministries/st-vincent-de-paul/>

## POOR CLARES OF NEW JERSEY

Tau Fraternity supports the Monastery of St. Clare in Chesterfield, NJ, with a biannual monetary donation. The monastery is home to Sister Karen Stapleton, OSC, who began her Franciscan journey with Tau Fraternity. The main work of the Poor Clares of NJ is to provide Altar Bread to parishes in the diocese of Trenton.

For more information, or to submit a prayer intention to the Poor Clares, see [The Poor Clares of New Jersey — Joyfully Embracing the Gospel Way of Life .\(poorclaresnewjersey.com\)](http://www.poorclaresnewjersey.com)

Watch their YouTube video [A Quiet Joy: New Jersey's Monastery of Saint Clare](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

## FRANCISCAN MISSION SERVICE

Tau Fraternity provides a biannual monetary donation to Franciscan Mission Service. The organization prepares and supports lay Catholics for mission service opportunities around the globe. For more information, see [Home | Franciscan Mission Service](http://www.franciscanmission.org)

## PRAYER SHAWL APOSTOLATE

Tau Fraternity provides handmade prayer shawls to individuals in the Diocese of Arlington. Shawls are provided to pregnant women participating in the Gabriel Project.

## ECUMENICAL APOSTOLATE

Tau Fraternity partners with the First Baptist Church of Herndon to provide English lessons to students. Tau members volunteer time and talent to teach at Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced levels. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bill Bouffard.



**James 2:17**

# APOSTOLATE NEWS: ESL



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Alex Reyes

**Dear Students and Friends,**

I wanted to take a moment to personally recognize each of you for the incredible work, courage, and determination it takes to learn a new language.

Learning English is not easy. It requires patience, discipline, humility, and tremendous perseverance. Every new word, every conversation, every lesson is a step forward, and those steps represent something powerful: hope, opportunity, and belief in yourself.

I also want to recognize something even deeper...your bravery.

It takes real courage to live, work, raise a family, or build a future in a place where the language may feel unfamiliar and where customs may sometimes feel different from what you have always known. That journey can be challenging, and at times even overwhelming. But please know this: your effort matters, your presence matters, and you matter.

Herndon is stronger because of you.

You are not simply learning a language. You are contributing to our town through your work, your culture, your families, your faith, and your dreams. You are a vital part of our community, and your resilience inspires us.

I am deeply grateful to First Baptist Church of Herndon and the volunteers who walk alongside you in this journey, and I want each of you to know that you are welcomed, valued, and appreciated here.

You are loved in Herndon.

Keep going. Keep learning. Keep believing in yourselves. Your courage today is building opportunity for tomorrow—not only for you, but for your children, your families, and our entire community.

With admiration and encouragement,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keven LeBlanc".

**Mayor Keven LeBlanc**  
Town of Herndon

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**Queridos estudiantes y amigos,**

Quiero tomarme un momento para reconocer personalmente a cada uno de ustedes por el increíble esfuerzo, valentía y determinación que requiere aprender un nuevo idioma.

Aprender inglés no es fácil. Requiere paciencia, disciplina, humildad y una gran perseverancia. Cada palabra nueva, cada conversación, cada lección es un paso hacia adelante, y esos pasos representan algo poderoso: esperanza, oportunidad y confianza en ustedes mismos.

También quiero reconocer algo aún más profundo: su valentía.

Se necesita mucho coraje para vivir, trabajar, criar una familia o construir un futuro en un lugar donde el idioma puede sentirse desconocido y donde las costumbres pueden ser diferentes a las que siempre han conocido. Ese camino puede ser difícil, y a veces incluso abrumador. Pero por favor recuerden esto: su esfuerzo importa, su presencia importa, y ustedes importan.

Herndon es más fuerte gracias a ustedes.

Ustedes no solo están aprendiendo un idioma. Están contribuyendo a nuestra comunidad con su trabajo, su cultura, sus familias, su fe y sus sueños. Son una parte vital de nuestra comunidad, y su resiliencia nos inspira.

Estoy profundamente agradecido con First Baptist Church of Herndon y con los voluntarios que caminan junto a ustedes en este proceso, y quiero que cada uno de ustedes sepa que aquí son bienvenidos, valorados y apreciados.

Ustedes son queridos en Herndon.

Sigan adelante. Sigam aprendiendo. Sigam creyendo en ustedes mismos. Su valentía de hoy está construyendo oportunidades para el mañana—no solo para ustedes, sino también para sus hijos, sus familias y toda nuestra comunidad.

Con admiración y ánimo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keven LeBlanc".

**Alcalde Keven LeBlanc**  
Pueblo de Herndon

# POPE LEO XIV'S NEW ENCYCLICAL

## Executive Summary: *Magnifica Humanitas*

Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIV - May 15, 2026

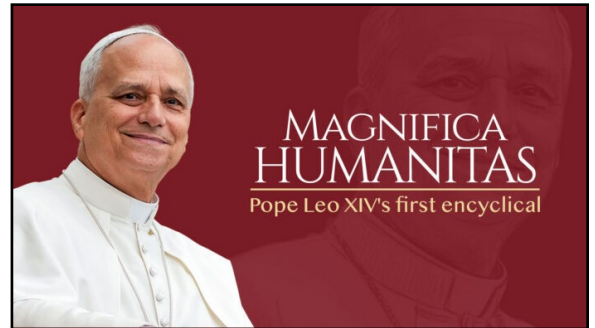
By Gil Donahue, OFS

### OVERVIEW

*Magnifica Humanitas* ("The Grandeur of Humanity") is Pope Leo XIV's first social encyclical, addressed to Catholic faithful, all Christians, and people of goodwill. Issued on the 135th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, it applies the Church's Social Doctrine to the challenges posed by artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and the erosion of peace — arguing that technology must serve human dignity rather than diminish it.

### CENTRAL THESIS

Humanity stands at a pivotal crossroads: it can either build a new Tower of Babel — driven by pride, efficiency, and self-sufficiency — or rebuild Jerusalem in the spirit of Nehemiah, through shared responsibility, dialogue, and rootedness in God. The encyclical insists that AI and digital technologies are not inherently evil or good, but take on the character of those who design, finance, and deploy them. The primary question is not whether to embrace technology, but *toward what ends*.



### KEY THEMES

- ***Continuity with Catholic Social Tradition***

The encyclical situates itself within a living tradition running from Leo XIII through Francis, synthesizing core principles — human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity, solidarity, and social justice — and applying them to the digital age. It argues that this tradition is not a static rulebook but a dynamic process of discernment in dialogue with history and science.

- ***Human Dignity as the Non-Negotiable Foundation***

Every person possesses infinite, inalienable dignity grounded in being created in the image of God — not contingent on productivity, ability, or social status. The encyclical warns against ideologies, including some transhumanist and posthumanist currents, that measure human worth by efficiency or envision technology as a path to transcendence, arguing these implicitly devalue vulnerable lives.

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- ***AI: A Valuable but Demanding Tool***

Artificial intelligence can improve healthcare, education, and human connection, but it is never morally neutral. Key concerns include: opaque algorithmic decision-making that strips individuals of recourse; the simulation of human relationships without genuine understanding or empathy; concentration of AI power in private transnational hands largely beyond democratic oversight; enormous environmental costs; and the reinforcement of existing biases and inequalities. The encyclical calls for robust legal frameworks, independent oversight, transparency, and meaningful public participation in AI governance.

- ***Truth, Work, and Freedom Under Threat***

Three specific domains receive extended attention:

Truth: Disinformation amplified by AI undermines democracy. An "ecology of communication" is needed, along with educational alliances that cultivate critical thinking and media literacy from an early age.

Work: Automation and AI are restructuring labor markets in ways that risk mass unemployment, deskilling, and precarious conditions — especially for young people and families. The encyclical insists access to dignified work must remain a priority of public policy, and calls for proactive retraining, social criteria for innovation, and corporate accountability.



Freedom: The "attention economy" exploits psychological vulnerabilities, while mass data collection enables new forms of social control. Both demand clear regulatory limits and a culture of digital sobriety.

- ***New Forms of Slavery***

The encyclical draws a direct line from the Church's condemnation of historical slavery to contemporary exploitation hidden within AI supply chains — including underpaid data laborers, child miners extracting rare earth minerals, and trafficking networks that weaponize digital platforms. Pope Leo XIV offers a formal apology for the Church's historical complicity in slavery and calls for transparent supply chains, ethical due diligence, and corporate accountability.

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- ***War, Weapons, and AI***

A substantial chapter addresses the normalization of armed conflict and the dangerous integration of AI into weapons systems. The encyclical argues that lethal decisions cannot be delegated to automated systems, that the traditional "just war" framework is now outdated given modern capabilities, and that diplomacy, multilateralism, and dialogue must be urgently revived. It calls for binding international frameworks governing autonomous weapons and cyberwarfare.

- ***The Civilization of Love***

Against the "culture of power" — characterized by militarism, inequality, and technological domination — the encyclical proposes a "civilization of love" as a concrete social and political project. This means translating charity into just structures, building inclusive economies, disarming rhetoric, amplifying victims' voices, and reforming international institutions including the United Nations.

## **CALLS TO ACTION**

The encyclical issues concrete appeals to multiple audiences:

AI developers: Bear ethical and spiritual responsibility for the values embedded in system design; prioritize transparency and community impact.

Governments & international bodies: Establish enforceable regulations, protect workers, close tax loopholes favoring concentrated wealth, and reform multilateral institutions.

Businesses: Treat dignified employment as a core metric of success alongside profitability; adopt ethical due diligence across digital supply chains.

Educators & families: Form alliances to protect children from algorithmic exploitation, cultivate critical thinking, and model digital restraint.

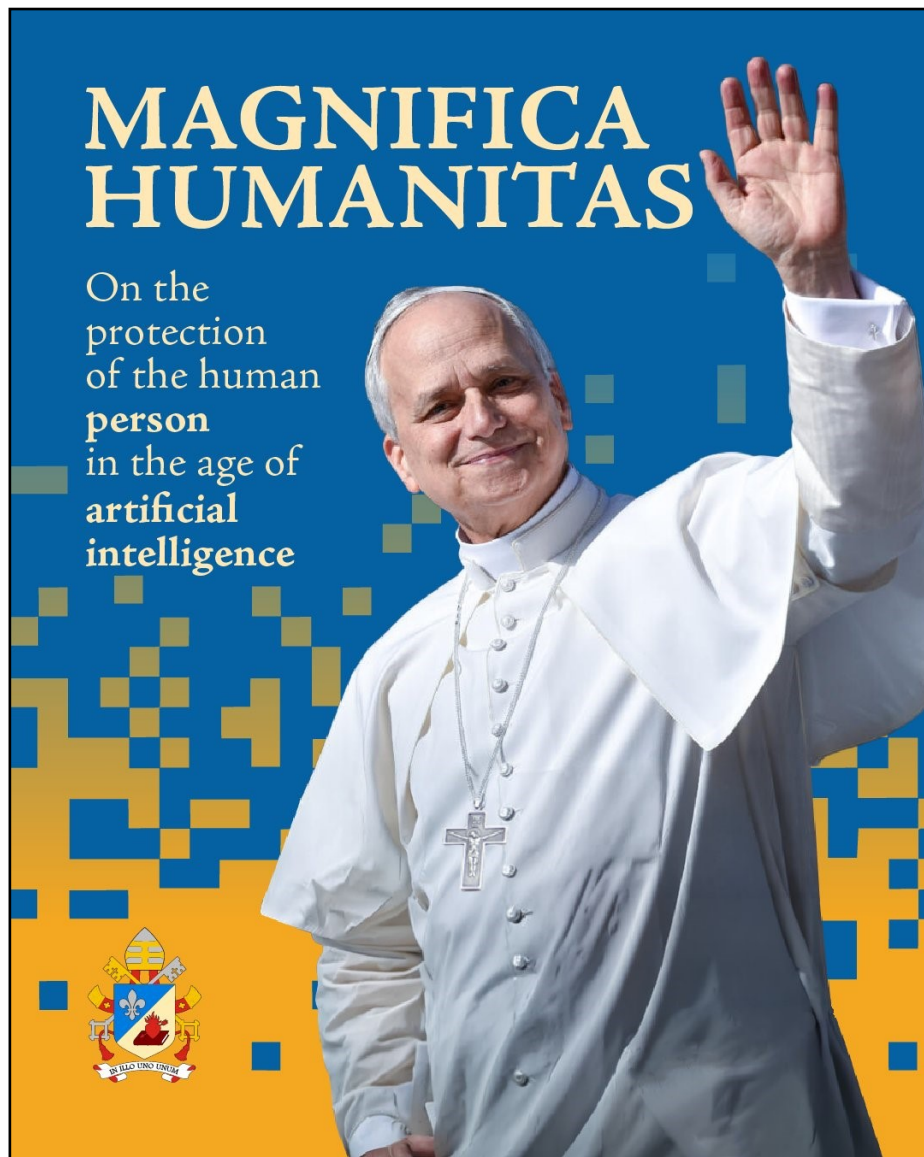
The Church itself: Practice what it preaches — applying principles of subsidiarity, solidarity, and transparency within its own structures, and continuing to reckon honestly with its past failures.



# POPE LEO XIV'S NEW ENCYCLICAL

## CONCLUSION

*Magnifica Humanitas* is a sweeping document that resists both technophobia and uncritical enthusiasm. Its animating conviction is that humanity's grandeur — its capacity for relationship, conscience, love, and self-transcendence through grace — cannot be replicated or replaced by any computational system, however sophisticated. Progress is only authentic when measured against the dignity of every person, especially the most vulnerable. In the era of AI, the Church calls all people of goodwill to be builders of communion rather than architects of Babel.



# TAU COMMITTEES

If you are interested in participating actively in a Tau Committee, take a moment to chat with the chair:

Cultural Diversity Committee (ESL) — Sally White, OFS

Hospitality Committee — Cyndy Filan-Kim, OFS

Interfaith/Ecumenical Committee — Kimberley Heatherington, OFS

JPIC (Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation) — Sally White, OFS

Recruitment Committee — Vacant

Technology Committee — John Ata, OFS

Vocations Committee — Stanley Hoover II, OFS



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Thursday, August 6, 2026  
9AM – 4:30PM

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- Dr. Hema Sidhu - 443-851-6395

Camp will be held at the Amata Meditation Center  
1551 Barnesville Rd, Boyds, MD 20841



# PRAYER INTENTIONS

## HEAR US, LORD!

***Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:***

For Pope Leo XIV.

For peace in the Middle East.

For the physical and spiritual healing of Sylvia Capurso; Cynthia Filan-Kim's sister; Sally White; Sally's husband Gary; Richard & Carole Clarke; their grandsons Liam and Rory.

For the patients and Sisters at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House.

For the people affected by Coronavirus and their caregivers.

For the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic and its patients.

For all peoples who suffer persecution.

For the country of Myanmar and its citizens.

For the victims of natural disasters and terror attacks.

For refugees and migrant workers.

For Russians opposing the war in Ukraine.

For all those who have lost their jobs, and are in need of employment.

For all those who have received shawls from the Tau Prayer Shawl Ministry.

For an end to political violence, and for unity in our country.

For all those who are in need of our prayers who have been inadvertently omitted from this list.

Please send prayer requests to Josh Goldberg, OFS.

***Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything, by prayer and  
petition, with thanksgiving, present  
your request to God.***

***Philippians 4:6-7***



# JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

POETRY, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER



# JUNE

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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## POETRY, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER



## Be my Strength, O Sacred Heart!

*By St Margaret Mary Alacoque  
(1647-1690)*

*Visionary of the Sacred Heart*

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I fly to You,  
I unite myself  
with You,  
I enclose myself  
in You!

Receive my call for help,  
O my Saviour,  
as a sign of my horror  
of all within me  
contrary to Your holy love.

Let me die  
rather a thousand times,  
than consent to sin  
against You!

Be my strength,  
O God –  
defend me,  
protect me.  
I am Yours  
and desire forever  
to be Yours!  
Amen

**LIVING OUR FRANCISCAN CHARISM**  
**St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Retreat**  
**June 5 -7, 2026**  
**Priest Field Pastoral Center, Kearneysville, WV**



Our St. Margaret of Cortona Annual Retreat celebrates the Region's 2026 "Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation" theme in a Spiritual Retreat focused on making JPIC-driven choices in our daily lives.

Reflect upon the themes of "justice, peacemaking, and respect for all created things and people," as we bring "Life to Gospel and Gospel to Life" in our Fraternities, families, workplace, and local and global communities. Come prepared to share, listen, and engage.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Everyone, but especially:

- All those with a desire to reignite our Franciscan charism
- Fraternity JPIC Animators and Formation Directors
- Fraternity and Regional Leadership
- Newly Professed, Candidates, and Inquirers
- Fraternities who do not have their own annual retreat
- All those who feel called to discern what is "ours to do"

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Rev. Stan Fortuna, CFR is our retreat master. A founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Stan is beloved by many Secular Franciscans and has led other retreats for Fraternities in the region. He is also an accomplished professional musician, composer, and poet. Founded in 1987, the CFRs work with the poorest of the poor in the Bronx and around the world.

Known for his stirring homilies, Fr. Stan's talks will include themes such as Love for the Poor, Life to Gospel and Gospel to Life, Discerning What is "Ours to Do," and the special significance of the 800th Anniversary of the Passing of Our Seraphic Father. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday mornings. And of course, there will be Adoration and the Liturgy of the Hours. Time for Confession may be limited, as Fr. Stan is the only priest attending.

In addition, the JPIC team planning the retreat will host at least two panels, comprised of our own Brothers and Sisters, including discussion of:

- Fraternity Apostolates Across the Region, including examples of charitable and advocacy work with those who are homeless, immigrants, and the environment.
- JPIC's broader mission across Fraternities, our families, the workplace, and in our local and global communities.
- How JPIC intersects with the region's formation, multicultural, and interfaith initiatives; and how we are guided by our OFS Rule.

Finally, there will be some time in the evening or over meals, to relax and interact with our Sisters and Brothers. For those so inclined, there is an exercise room and a walking trail in the woods. A member of our planning team recently said that the only thing Secular Franciscans like better than getting together to eat is getting together to sing. Given that Fr. Stan is a musician, it is likely that singing and music will also be a part of what to expect on the weekend.

Goals for the Retreat include:

**CARE FOR CREATION** - Registrants will receive more information closer to the retreat on how we plan to recycle, reuse, carpool, and take other measures to care for creation.





## **"Be the Light!"**

### **2026 Regional Formation Retreat**

**June 26-28, 2026**

**Mark your calendar for June 26-28  
for the Regional Formation Retreat!**

At this year's retreat we will continue our Franciscan growth about living the gospel and being of service to all around us in our fraternities, parishes, and communities. St. Francis founded our order because as Secular Franciscans we are the bridge from our communities to the church.

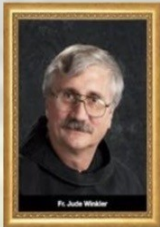
As Franciscans we bring life to the Gospel and share the love of Jesus by our presence and actions -- and when necessary use words. Together - let's discover ways that we are doing that now, and how we can increase in "being the light" of the gospel wherever we are!

#### **1 Peter 2:9**

*"But you are a chosen people... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light".*

#### **Matthew 5:16**

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*



Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM-Conv. will preside over this retreat. He is a warm and inspiring Friar and speaker. You may remember him from last year's retreat.

**Formation Directors, Ministers are especially encouraged to attend.  
All OFS members are welcomed!**

- **Date:** June 26-28, 2026
- **Where:** Priest Field Retreat Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV
- **Cost:** **Private Room** - \$325.00 **Shared Room** - \$295.00 **Daytripper** (Saturday only) - \$100.00

*Please note that a freewill offering will be collected at the retreat for Fr. Jude Winkler.*

#### **Registration Deadline is June 13th.**

**Register at this site:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAAA72EAAF94-62604722-2026#/>

Electronic payments can be made in full or the \$100 deposit. To confirm your reservation a \$100 non-refundable deposit must be paid by the deadline.

If you are unable to make an electronic payment, mark "Pay Later" on your registration and send your check:

Payable to: **St. Margaret of Cortona OFS Region**

Mail to: **Randy Bender, OFS, Regional Treasurer**

**135 Poe Hill Rd, Front Royal, VA 22630-7650**

For assistance or more information contact: **Tom White, OFS, Regional Formation Director**

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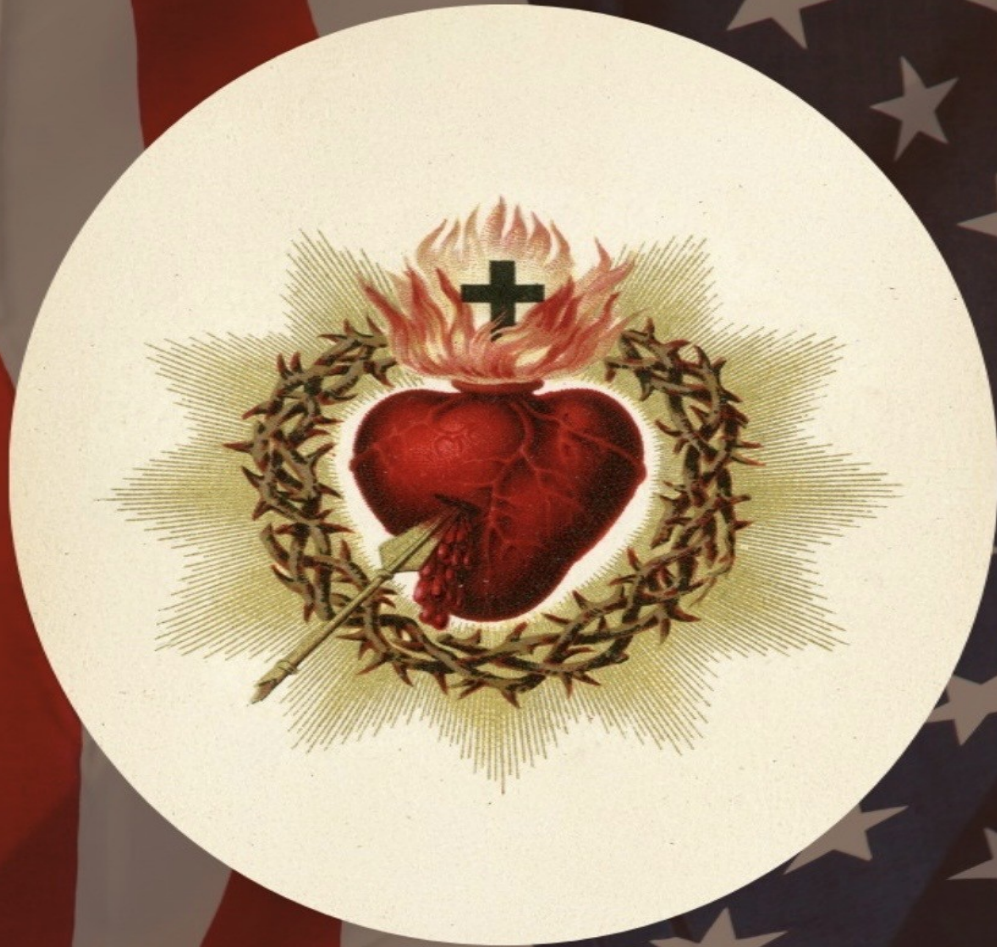
## POPE'S INTENTION: JUNE



### **FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**U.S. CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART ON JUNE 11...!**



U.S. Bishops Approve  
Consecration of USA  
to Sacred Heart in June 2026



**Pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart before the Consecration on June 11:**

[www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/2026-02/Novena%20to%20the%20Sacred%20Heart%20Full.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/2026-02/Novena%20to%20the%20Sacred%20Heart%20Full.pdf)

June 3 -11

# Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



United States  
Conference of  
Catholic Bishops

This Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus draws its daily devotions from the [Litany of the Sacred Heart](#).

Each day reflects on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs on the Sacred Heart and offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical [Dilexit Nos](#) (He Loved Us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation [Dilexi Te](#) (I Have Loved You).

The novena concludes with the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



[usccb.org/weholdthesetruths](http://usccb.org/weholdthesetruths)

## From June 5-7, the Diocese of Arlington will host the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026



Visit the link below to learn more about each event!

**Holy Hour for Vocations: Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria)**  
**Friday, June 5**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Burbidge**  
**& Parish 70th Anniversary Festival: St. William of York (Stafford)**  
**Sunday, June 7**  
**(Feast of Corpus Christi)**  
**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

The theme of the pilgrimage, which runs from Memorial Day in St. Augustine, FL through July 5 in Philadelphia, is “One Nation Under God” in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Learn more about the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at:  
[www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org)

# CALENDAR: ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## June is the Month of the Sacred Heart\*

- June 1 Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr
- June 5 Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
- June 6 Anniversary of John Ata's & Bill Richey's profession
- June 7 Tau Fraternity Gathering
- June 11 Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle
- June 13 Feast of St. Anthony of Padua  
Missionaries of Charity Hospice  
Apostolate - Supplies Delivery
- June 20 World Refugee Day
- June 21 Tau Fraternity Anniversary  
Jim Haynes' birthday
- June 22 Feast of St. Thomas More, Martyr  
Stanley Hoover's birthday
- June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- June 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

\*See the Franciscan Calendar for more dates:  
<https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/traditional-franciscan-calendar.html>

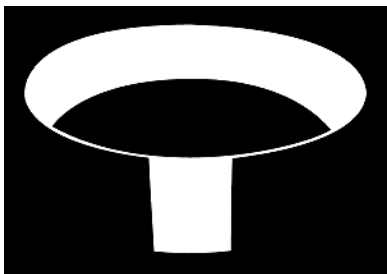
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## July 2026

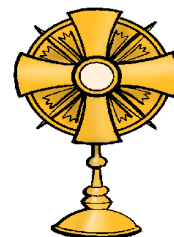
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### Ordinations to the Priesthood



**Sat., June 6 @ 11:00 a.m.**  
**Cathedral of St. Thomas More**

### First Friday Mass & Nocturnal Adoration



**Fri., June 5 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

# NEXT TAU GATHERING

JUNE 7, 2026

## SCHEDULE

- 1:30 PM** Opening Prayer & Social Time
- 2:00 PM** Presentation
- 2:45 PM** Break
- 3:00 PM** Ongoing Formation
- 3:30 PM** The Angelus & Liturgy of the Hours
- 3:45 PM** Business Meeting
- 4:00 pm** Closing Prayer

St. Joseph  
Room 205

## INITIAL FORMATION

Inquirers:  
Ch. 6 in *The Franciscan Journey*

Candidates:  
Ch. 18 in *The Franciscan Journey*



During Ordinary Time, we precede the  
Liturgy of the Hours with The Angelus

### *The Angelus*

V. The Angel of the Lord declared  
unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived of the Holy  
Spirit.  
---- Pray The HAIL MARY ----

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
R. Be it done unto me according to  
your Word.  
---- Pray The HAIL MARY ----

V. And the Word was made flesh,  
R. And dwelt among us.  
---- Pray The HAIL MARY ----

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
R. That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.

--- LET US PRAY ---

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your  
grace into our hearts: that we, to whom  
the Incarnation of Christ Your Son was  
made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by His Passion and Cross be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection. Through  
the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**  
The Most Holy Body & Blood  
of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Midday Prayer: See [here](#) or  
<https://divineoffice.org/corpus-christi-dp2-current/?date=20260607>

Evening Prayer:  
All from Corpus Christi  
Evening Prayer II: pg. 658

Hymn: TBD

**Contact**  
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to volunteer for  
**Scripture Reading &**  
**Responsory, Opening Prayer,**  
**& Presentations**