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The Connection

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The exciting thing about springtime, much like Easter, is that it brings the gift of Resurrection. Even in Southern California, where some would say we don't really have a winter, spring brings life back to nature all around us. Each week the rose garden at the Mission is more beautiful, the St. Francis garden is lit up with color, and the grass is such a beautiful, bright green. Our maintenance staff and garden volunteers would remind us it also brings many weeds, such is the payment for magnificent beauty. Spring brings ducks by the pair (did you know ducks mate for life) back to the Mission as they lay their eggs in sacred, safe places. As I open my window that looks out upon a small group of fruit trees, I hear birds chirping everywhere, the sweet sound of baby birds is so delightful. Spring is such a magical time at the Mission. God has brought such beauty into our lives.



Much like the natural growth and change in nature, our Mission buildings and structures are

growing and being restored. If you've been at the Mission, or driven past the Mission, you have seen the progress of The Hacienda, our senior living community. Like the rose garden it grows each week. As you'll read later, thanks to your generous donations, much needed restoration work has begun in the lavanderia on the kiln and arches. Also, thanks to a generous donation, some of the arches of the Mission building are being restored as the stucco crumbles off of the arches over time. Lastly, as part of the master plan in the cemetery, we're adding four new niche walls for cremated remains.

I invite you to stop by the Mission to enjoy the beauty all around us. Stop by for a cup of coffee and enjoy the rose garden, or spend the day at a retreat, or stroll the grounds, or sit in the church in quiet reflection. God's beauty and abundant love are all around us.

Peace and all good,

Gwyn Grimes



225 Years of Mission History

Next year Mission San Luis Rey will be turning 225 years old. We will be planning a year of celebration through prayer, history, music, and celebration. We have a committee working on a wonderful year of events. We will keep you updated on the schedule of events on our website, emails, newsletter, as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages. We hope you'll join us in celebrating 225 years of Mission San Luis Rey!



Laudato Si' on Care for our Common Home



Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (on Care for Our Common Home) is groundbreaking, while remaining deeply embedded in Catholic tradition. It has inspired an expansive and profound understanding of the climate crisis and the social crisis with which are inextricably interwoven. Friars from around the world gathered together to support the Pope's Encyclical Letter and promote urgent action in their respective Provinces. In this issue of our newsletter we will introduce you to the guiding principles of *Laudato Si'*.

For the next five to seven years our San Luis Rey community will be working together to do our part in support of the tenants of our Common House. These complex issues were not created overnight, and thus cannot not be solved overnight; rather the principles that guide us will be tied to objectives and actions to a more harmonious community. In future issues of our newsletter we will share our plans and provide progress reports, and hope we will inspire you to join us.

The underlying principles of *Laudato Si'* are:

- **Human Dignity and Quality of Life:** Every person is created with a unique (equal and inalienable) dignity and should

have the conditions to develop accordingly. This calls for a new, overarching narrative, a new vision of human flourishing that looks beyond conventional economic or quantitative criteria. It calls for a new path of integral human development for the common good.

- **Interconnectedness and Integral Ecology:** Humankind is deeply interconnected with the planet in myriad, complex ways, with positive and negative outcomes. Given the scale of human-caused disruption, it is no longer feasible or effective to pursue specific, discrete solutions for each distinct part of the problem. In fact, pursuing separate solutions for each issue is counter-productive. Humankind today faces one complex crisis that is both social and environmental. Effective solutions demand integrated approaches that combat poverty, restore dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protect nature.

- **Common Good and the Universal Destination of Goods:** The earth is God's gift to all. It is a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. In addressing the ecological crisis, therefore, the fundamental rights of the poor and the underprivileged must be paramount. All other rights whatsoever, including those of property and of free commerce, are to be subordinated to the above principle. Furthermore, in a world of gross inequalities, it is not simply material

resources which must be shared, but also human knowledge and ingenuity. This is a golden rule of social conduct and the first principle of the whole ethical and social order.

- **Preferential Option for the Poor:** The perspective of the poor must be central to decision-making. Social justice must focus on the unmet needs of the poor, the marginalized, and those left behind by our current inequitable mode of development. Human beings only fulfil their own identity when they attend to those who are most affected by ecological degradation and who have contributed least to the problem.

- **Dialogue and Participation:** Shifting to a just and sustainable path of development requires honest dialogue about current development models and practices, and a shared vision for our future path. Dialogue is genuine only if it entails the informed and empowered (and free) participation of all parties affected, especially the most vulnerable to social and ecological degradation worldwide. And participation is in good faith only if it is not controlled by powerful voices.

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Franciscan CORNER

Fr. Richard Juzix, OFM

I was born in San Francisco. So was my father, my grandfather, my great grandfather, and my great, great grandfather. The one who wasn't born in San Francisco Henri, came from St. Ferme, France as a wine merchant, probably to the Spanish soldiers at the presidio, who knows? My mother's family was either born in San Francisco or Calabria, Italy depending....

I started grammar school at Mission Dolores (was there for the graveyard scene from Alfred Hitchcock's filming of Vertigo and was kissed by Kim Novak, so were we all). I entered the Franciscan Seminary High School behind Mission Santa Barbara (was there for the filming of Challenge, a vocation movie starring a young Jack Nicholson...no kiss though), and from 1965-1969, I went to the Franciscan Seminary College at Mission San Luis Rey (was there for the filming of Lassie...not even a lick from either of the dogs). From about age 6 to 22 I lived in Old Missions. I was in the Boy's Choir at Mission Dolores Basilica



and the choirs at Santa Barbara and San Luis Rey.

Since my ordination in 1975 I have spent most of my life in parish ministry, mostly in the Northwest, in Portland, Oregon and Spokane, Washington. I did administer our Retreat House in Three Rivers, California for about three years. I was a member of the Santa Barbara Province Parochial Board and chaired that Board for many years, maybe sixteen. It was part of the province's working with mid-management and during that time I visited, evaluated, and came to know most of the thirty or so parishes we had at that time. So many wonderful teams of friars and parishioners working together! One of my joys was bringing parish staffs into a collaborative style of ministry and especially bringing the lay staffs of our parishes together in each region of our province.

Outside the ministry, I've enjoyed downhill and cross-country skiing, and spent most of my vacations camping. I've done some scuba diving, mostly at Bonaire. I got roped into square dancing at my first parish and enjoyed it so much I ended up clogging and on a demonstration team. In the same line, I was invited to a Scottish Country Dance evening at a parish and the music went to my soul. I was elected to the local branch's board and then sent to Summer Schools in Toronto for teacher training, leading to a full certificate to teach (a secondary school teaching credential in the U.K. and Commonwealth). I've taught and performed Scottish Country Dance, (was invited to dance with a duchess at the re-dedication of Sterling Castle in the castle's grand hall...the duchess didn't kiss me either).

Hip replacement or other health issues have meant letting go of scuba gear and dancing shoes, but so far I've lasted a lot longer than my first car, so no complaints. I've a reputation for cooking that is somewhat deserved. I hope I have a future as a pâtissier. I'm turning the friars and staff into "cookie monsters." And I'm trying to learn how to play a guitar...I want music in my life still.

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- **Solidarity and Justice:** There is an ethical obligation to secure justice for other people, other generations, and other creatures. In the Anthropocene era, as we struggle to live with fulfilment within our planetary boundaries, this requires global and spiritual solidarity.
- **Change and Hope:** Humankind needs to radically and urgently change its conduct. This

needs to be underpinned by an 'ecological conversion' that takes people from indifference to loving awareness, from individualism to unity, from selfishness to generosity, from alienation to solidarity, and from despair to hope. The problems we face will be solved not only by the good, heroic deeds of individuals, but also by communities of all types and sizes acting with unified purpose.

Retreats & EVENTS

- **May 19 - May 22, 2022**
A Brush with God: Iconography Workshop
Peter Pearson
- **June 8 - 12, 2022**
Adventure: On the Road with Jesus
Glenda Campos
- **July 8, 2022**
6:00pm - 8:30pm
Summer Concert - Country Music by Savannah
- **July 11 - 15, 2022**
Summer Camp for Kids
- **Aug 14 - Aug 19, 2022**
Mission San Luis Rey Summer Retreat
(designed for adults 45 and over)
- **Quiet Days**
Spend a day away from it all at the Mission.
- **Private Retreats**
Spend time in solitude and personal spiritual reflection without participation in a formal program.
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Visit our website for more information and to make reservations for any of these events and retreats.
www.sanluisrey.org

Lavanderia Preservation

Thank you all for the generous donations to our Lavanderia project. Thus far, we have raised \$70,000 toward our \$250,000 goal. Preservation of the kiln and one of the arches had become critical so we moved forward with preservation in those two areas. The walls of the kiln had significant areas of collapse, and



the arch had many severe areas of deterioration of the mortar between the bricks. Over the last few weeks our contractor, who has vast experience with adobe, fixed the walls of the kiln and the arch. They did amazing work. Our goal is to complete the rest of the restoration and rejuvenation of the Lavanderia over the next one and a half years, with completion to coincide with the opening of The Hacienda senior living community. If you would like to donate to our Lavanderia project please visit our website: www.sanluisrey.org and click on the Make a Donation button - please put Lavanderia in the Comment section.

Museum News

The Franciscan community at Mission San Luis Rey is proud to announce that we will be holding our first summer camp for kids this year, in collaboration with the San Luis Rey band of Luiseño Indians.

Children will be invited to the Mission for a week of fun activities in which they will learn about the community at Mission San Luis Rey, from the native era, to the mission era and the community of Franciscans today. We will have fun activities every day that will engage the children, and they will be able to learn more about how people lived during the Mission era.

This is a great way to get a jump start on California history and learn more about our 225-year-old history. The summer camp will be promoted to children who are about to begin the 4th grade or who just graduated to 5th.

Parents will be invited to attend on Friday evening with their child to experience what they learned and participate in a craft together.

If you would like information, please contact Helena Hazleton at 760-757-3651 ext. 170.

