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St. Francis of Assisi

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A few summers ago, I spent a month or more watching folks from around the world make their way through narrow streets of the colorful quaint village of Assisi, hoping somehow to experience Francis -- that man who goes on making us see the world with a fresh eye. And, they were folks that were there with a purpose. They did not just happen to be passing through Assisi on their journey to Rome or Perugia or Florence. For most of them, Francis was the man on their mind.

Such an Assisi experience planted a great dose of Franciscan amazement in my being. How was it that this medieval man who lived some 42 years had the world show up in his hometown for his 800th birthday? Why were we all there? These few questions have never left me. In fact, the thought of them always sets me to thinking.

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I know I have always been intrigued by Francis' colorful youth and popularity and family connections that might have sent him on a rather exciting Italian road to success. The drama of his conversion and awesome renouncements and commitments, along with his struggle with the church in all its weakness and strength, is a story that tells a favorite piece of church history for me. For a long time, I thought that Francis' brand of joy and simplicity and thanksgiving would stay at the very heart of my favorite recollections of Francis. But now that has changed, and Assisi is much the cause.

Of late, the one thought that keeps running through my Franciscan reflections, like a bright red thread, has to do with Francis the poor man. I know I have thought of him that way before and often. But, more and more, for some reason, to think of Francis as the poor man makes me fall silent in ways I never knew before. I am more conscious than ever that I am smack at the heart of a great paradox. I am faced with the richness of his poorness. Curiously, though I find myself not so much caught up in all that he gave away. I used to be. But, now, I wonder so much about what it is that Francis kept. What did he keep so deeply inside himself that allowed him to grow so unattached to so much that really doesn't count and so attached to so much that does?

These days I keep thinking that Francis kept or clung to the whole healthy human struggle that sets into our lives whenever we open to the God reality. And, he seemed willing to stay at the heart of such a struggle that goes with opening to the power of God at work in us. And, for Francis, the struggle he kept brought him face to face with Jesus. I believe more and more that the precious grace of Francis was that he took Jesus seriously. We might say that he went through life with a fresh eye on Jesus, listening to what he had said and doing what he had done. He let himself become like Jesus. Simply put, Francis became a Christian -- and right out in public.

That Francis is one of our great Christian success stories is a happening that began with the thousands of 13th century followers who responded to him from the first days he preached in the Piazza del Comune in his own village. Then a great Church proclamation affirmed his holiness a few short years after his death. All of us smiling around his Italian neighborhood some 800 years later carried on the celebration as we will do this coming week.

Francis' vision is constant refreshment. Let us be refreshed by him and celebrate his feast with joy and thanksgiving by letting ourselves hunger for the grace of a "fresh eye" for Jesus and for what He might be asking of us this day.

Holy Cross Associates

What kind of work does on Associate do?

The Associate experience is comprised of many different parts. One part of the one to two year commitment is serving people through work in social service agencies (Head Start, Shelters for Battered Women, Homes for Juvenile Offenders, etc.) in schools through teaching, coaching or supervising and parishes (youth ministry, outreach and justice and peace education.) For more information call Mary Ann Roemer at 239-7949, M.J. Murray at 239-5521 or John Fitzpatrick at 239-6522. Deadline for Chile program Oct 1, domestic program Feb 1.

Urban Plunge

The Urban Plunge is coming!

The plunge is a 24-48 hour immersion into inner city life during Christmas break. Over 250 students in nearly 60 cities spend two days living and working with the urban poor. All Notre Dame and St. Mary's students are welcome to participate.

Applications are available starting October 1, from:

- Center for Social Concerns
- Office of University Ministry
- Hall Representatives
- (SMC) Justice Education Center

Applications must be returned by Friday, October 12.

Nuclear Weapons Freeze

Michiana Premiere of the Award-winning film "Dark Circle". This feature length documentary about the nuclear industry has received rave reviews. Four showings at Carroll Auditorium, Madeleva Hall, St. Mary's College: 7 and 9 p.m., Oct. 12 and 13. Tickets available at Century Center Box Office, South Bend, LaFortune Student Center Box Office, Notre Dame, O'Laughlin Auditorium Box Office, St. Mary's, and at the door. Ticket price is \$2.

St. Francis clung to one rag of luxury; the manners of a court. He treated the whole mob of men and women as a mob of kings and queens.

G. K. Chesterton



October Fourth is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi,
patron saint of the poor

JOHN PAUL II and the CATHOLIC VISION

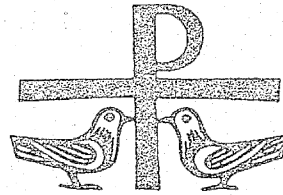
- Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 8:15
- Little Theatre, LaFortune Student Center

...a series of talks designed to introduce several of the major themes of John Paul II's Pontificate. Each talk will focus on one or more recent addresses of the Pope; copies of these documents will be available for participants.

Sponsored by the
Thomas More Society

October 3: "Language of the Body" and the Spirituality of MARRIAGE

Dr. Janet Smith, Program of Liberal Studies, will analyze the Pope's recent talks on the design of the body and the meaning of marriage. The lecture will also explain the fundamental distinction between natural family planning and artificial birth control.



For the Lord said to me
that He wished me to be
a fool and a simpleton
the like of which
was never seen before.

Saint Francis

600 Eucharistic Ministers
are being commissioned
at Notre Dame on the
weekend of September 29.

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

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| Main Church | 11:30 a.m. | Mon.- Sat. |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Mon.- Sat. |
| | Sunday Vigil | |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Sat. |
| Crypt | 6:30 a.m. | Mon.- Sat. |
| | 7:15 a.m. | Mon.- Fri. |
| | 12:10 p.m. | Mon.- Fri. |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Mon.- Fri. |
| | Sunday Vigil | |
| | 5:30 p.m. | (Football Sat.) |

Sunday Mass

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| Main Church | 5:15 p.m. | (Sat.) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | |
| | 12:15 p.m. | |
| Crypt | 6:00 a.m. | |
| | 7:15 a.m. | |
| | 8:15 a.m. | |
| | 9:30 a.m. | |
| | 10:45 a.m. | |
| | 12:45 p.m. | |

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