

My Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Both here at Our Lady of Grace Church as well as at Transfiguration Church we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. Thanks to everyone who participated in the services and liturgical celebrations in honor of St. Francis. We had the Blessing of Animals here at Our Lady of Grace on October 4th, and at Transfiguration on October 5th. The Transitus, a Service commemorating The Passing of St. Francis into Eternity, took place here at Our Lady of Grace this year on October 3rd, the day before the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi. The morning of October 3rd, the students at Our Lady of Grace School brought their pets to have them blessed before the start of the School Day.

With the Celebrations in honor of St. Francis of Assisi having taken place, here's a little information about the Conventual Friars. The friars who minister here at Our Lady of Grace Church and at Transfiguration Church are members of the Conventual Franciscan Friars of the St. Joseph of Cupertino Province located here in California and Vietnam. The Conventual Franciscan Friars are a worldwide fraternity of Roman Catholic men who follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of our founder, St. Francis of Assisi. The province was established in 1981 and the friars serve in the Dioceses of Monterey and Oakland, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We minister at parishes, hospitals, prisons, schools, in our Vietnam Mission, and more.

We invite you to learn more about us: our vision, our ministries, our Friends of Francis and all that we have to offer to the Church of the Pacific region. If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, why not speak with one of the Friars. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

-Fr. Raphael