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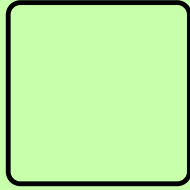
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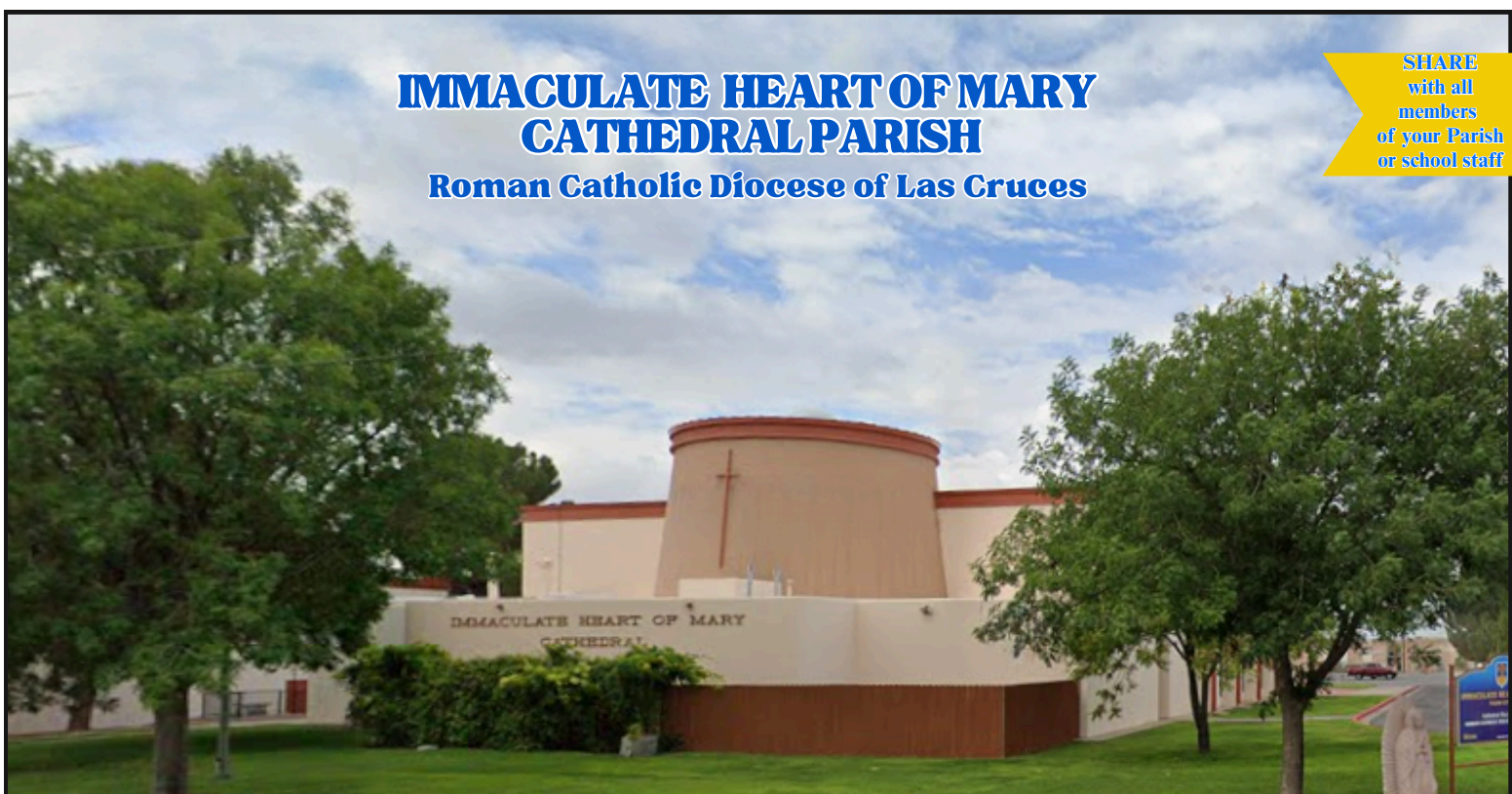


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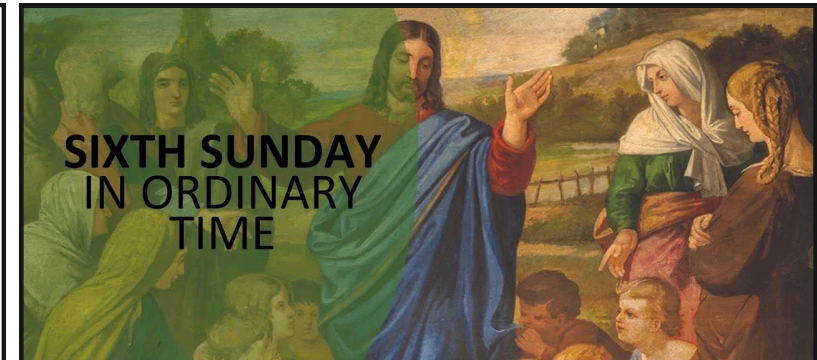
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Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30p.m.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

WEEKDAYS / FINES DE SEMANA
 Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del sábado: 5:30p.m. (English)
 Sunday/domingo: 7:30 / 11:00a.m. (English) 9:00a.m. (Español)

WEEKDAYS / DIAS DE LA SEMANA
 Monday-Saturday: 8:15a.m. (English)
 Tuesday / martes: 6:00p.m. (Español)
 Thursday / jueves: 6:00p.m. Hora Santa en (Español)
 Friday / viernes: 3:00p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

Baptism / Bautizos: Classes offered every third Saturday of the month. Call the Office to Register for Classes
 Spanish: 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
 English: 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m.
Marriage: Call the office for more info. Six months for prep.
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"I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

-Matthew 5:17-37

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Registration: We welcome new parishioners, winter visitors and visiting friends to our parish. New members should register by completing a WELCOME envelope available at the church office. A registration form will be mailed to you. Once it is completed and returned to the church or office you will be registered. **We encourage you to use your envelopes if you donation is a modest this help us to know that you are an active parishioner.**

St. Joselito Youth Group having their Valentine's Day Dinner. February 6, 2026
 Dia de la Candelaria. Febrero 2, 2026



Ash Wednesday

Miercoles de Ceniza

February 18, 2026 / 18 de febrero del 2026

English Masses:
 8:15A.M, 12:10P.M, 3:00P.M, 6:00P.M.

Spanish Mass:
 7:30P.M.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2026

FEB 18 TO MAR 29

Amid the rising number of unrestricted abortions in New Mexico including referrals from El Paso's new Planned Parenthood, we are at a crucial crossroads. Join thousands of like-minded advocates around the world praying in one-hour weekly shifts this Spring. By standing firm in faith and witness, you can be the sign of hope women are seeking. Many have stopped to share that the sight of someone praying was the divine sign they needed to choose life. Your presence can be the answer to prayer for a mom in need.

- 26,144 KNOWN LIVES SAVED
- 275 ABORTION WORKERS QUIT
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- UNM Abortion Center Build Site
4471 E Lohman Ave, Las Cruces, NM. 88011
- Women's Reproductive Services
5300 McNutt Rd, Santa Teresa, NM 88008
- Las Cruces Women's Health Org. "Pink House"
2918 Hillrise Drive, Las Cruces
- Planned Parenthood El Paso
1061 Chelsea St. El Paso TX 79903

EVENTS	FEB 15	FEB 17	MAR 28
	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	4:00 pm
	Santa Teresa Kickoff @ 5300 McNutt Rd	Kickoff @ Guiding Star Las Cruces	Closing Rally @ The Lord's Ranch-Vado, NM

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Church in Northern Thailand urges ethical formation in the AI age

As digital technologies and artificial intelligence continue to reshape society, Church leaders in northern Thailand are stressing the need for stronger formation in conscience, values, and ethical responsibility. *See full article at:* <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2026-02/church-in-north-thailand-reflects-on-ai.html>



Cardinal Farrell: Local Church must help lay people with basic formation

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, opens the Dicastery's plenary assembly taking place this week in Rome with a call for local Churches to help laypeople in basic formation and with the hope that World Meetings be

'authentic experiences of encounter with Jesus.' By Tiziana Campisi.

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On Wednesday, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, opened his Dicastery's third plenary assembly, being held from 4 to 6 February at the Jesuit General Curia in Rome, insisting there is a great need for a "basic formation" in the Christian life among lay people, in order to respond to "the alarming increase in the number of people who do not know Jesus Christ at all."

Specifically, he called for a "formation of the heart," which involves the whole life: at the origin of Christian life there is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, who first changes the heart, then our mindset, and eventually transforms daily conduct and all of life.

The Dicastery's activities

In his address, Cardinal Farrell also reviewed the Dicastery's work since its establishment in 2016. In the area of Associations and Movements, eight annual meetings of moderators have been held, with ongoing accompaniment through meetings, statute review, and formation initiatives.

In the field of Family and Life, two World Meetings of Families have taken place, that in Dublin in 2018 and in Rome in 2022, and in 2022, the Dicastery published the Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life to introduce preparation for marriage and accompaniment in the early years of married life.

Regarding pastoral care of life, he recalled the work in this field of numerous Episcopal conferences using the resource Life is Always a Good.

Meanwhile, in youth ministry, World Youth Day was celebrated in Panama in 2019 and Lisbon in 2023, with preparations underway for Seoul in 2027, and, in pastoral care of the elderly, two international congresses have been held in 2020 and 2025. *See full article at:* <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-02/cardinal-farrell-lay-people-must-be-offered-basic-formation-wit.html>

Santa Sede: Respuestas coordinadas y solidarias a las violaciones de derechos humanos

En su discurso ante el Consejo Permanente de la Organización de los Estados Americanos (OEA), monseñor Juan Antonio Cruz Serrano, Observador Permanente ante la organización, recordó los cuatro pilares de la "Casa de las Américas": democracia, derechos humanos, seguridad multilateral y desarrollo integral. A continuación, aseguró el compromiso de la Santa Sede para que la región sea "cada vez más pacífica y acogedora con los migrantes y los marginados".

Ver artículo completo en: <https://www.vaticannews.va/es/vaticano/news/2026-02/santa-sede-respuestas-coordinadas-y-solidarias-a-las-violacion.html>



Pope at Audience: the Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning and truth

During his weekly General Audience, Pope Leo XIV highlights the close relationship between the Word of God and the Church and how meditating on Sacred Scripture helps the faithful to enter into a conversation with God.

By Isabella H. de Carvalho

The Word of God speaks to the life of every faithful, as it puts us in dialogue with the Lord, and it fuels the Church in its mission, Pope Leo XIV said during the Wednesday General Audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall on February 11, 2026.

"The Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning, for the truth about our life," Pope Leo said.

"We live surrounded by so many words, but how many of these are empty! At times," he acknowledged, "we even listen to wise words, which do not however affect our ultimate destiny."

The Pope continued his catechesis series on the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, focusing again on the 1965 Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* on Divine Revelation. In this week's catechesis, he reflected on the "profound and vital link" between the Word of God and the Church.

He explained that the Second Vatican Council reminds all that the Church "has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord" and it "never ceases to reflect on the value" of the Word of God. *See full article at:* <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-02/pope-leo-xiv-general-audience-catechesis-word-of-god-dei-verbum.html>

From The *Paster*

The Eternal Law "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

Matthew 5:17-37

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Glory and praise to our God, who alone has the power to save! This Sunday is an invitation to review our understanding of the Law of the Lord. When doing so, I know that we immediately think of the ten commandments. But it has been said that the perfection of the Law is love, so once again I ask you to love God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself.

But how we can understand that Jesus broke what the Jews called the Law? He did not observe the handwashing that the Law laid down and he healed the sick people on the sabbath, although the Law forbade such healing. He was in fact condemned and crucified as a Law breaker; and yet he seems to speak of the Law with a level of veneration and reverence that any Rabbi or Pharisee could not exceed.

As in Jesus' times, we have rules and regulations. To the strict Orthodox Jew, in the time of Jesus, serving God was a matter of keeping thousands of logistical rules and regulations. They regarded these petty rules and regulations as literally matters of life and death—and eternal destiny. Clearly Jesus did not mean that not one of these rules and regulations was to pass away; repeatedly he broke them himself; and repeatedly he condemned them. This is certainly not what Jesus meant by "Law" for this is the kind that both Jesus and Paul condemned.

What did Jesus mean by the Law? Behind the scribes and oral law there was one great principle which the scribes and the Pharisees had imperfectly grasped. The one great principle was that in all things: A man must seek God's will and when he knows it, he must dedicate his whole life to the obeying of it. The scribes and Pharisees were right in seeking God's will, and profoundly right in dedicating their lives to obeying it. They were wrong in finding that will in their own man-made hordes of rules and regulations. Many were impositions and used in accordance with their convenience, they nullified not just the Word of the Lord but abused it.

If we are not careful, we can fall into the same pharisaical attitude. I pray that the Lord grants us the grace to show reverence to his Law, but also that he helps us to understand the meaning of Love. The Word of God highly encourages us this Sunday to have respect and reverence for our parents, for the elderly, for those who are in authority, respect for life at all stages, respect for strangers, respect for property, respect for the truth, and for another person's good name, and respect for oneself—so that wrong desires never master us. These are the fundamental principles behind the ten commandments.

How many times do we become hypocrites by following the Law of the Lord but not loving our neighbor? We often follow human precepts but disregard God's love. This is a serious invitation for a more coherent life. Sin has a consequence and it is the Lord who admonishes us and invites us to do things right. In addition, this is a message of reconciliation: "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you,

leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" Matthew 5:23-24. The reason this is not persuading us or being entrenched in our hearts is precisely because we are not listening to the Lord. Please, if today you listen to his voice do not harden your hearts. May we, instead, be healing people with our time and treasure and work for reconciliation. We already live in a world divided by violence and haters; let's change that.

To you mature people in the faith: Let us find and share the Will of God in all the events of our present life. Let us stop evil and do good. "The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin" Sirach 15:15-20.

Therefore, let us be just, let us fear the Lord, let us love!

Sincerely,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

Del

Paster

La Ley Eterna "No piensen que he venido a abolir la Ley o los Profetas. No he venido a abolir, sino a dar cumplimiento"

(Mateo 5,17-37)

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

¡Gloria y alabanza a nuestro Dios, que es el único que tiene el poder de salvar! Este domingo es una invitación a revisar nuestra comprensión de la Ley del Señor. Al hacerlo, sé que inmediatamente pensamos en los Diez Mandamientos. Pero se ha dicho que la perfección de la Ley es el amor; por eso, una vez más, los invito a amar a Dios con todo el corazón y al prójimo como a ustedes mismos.

Pero ¿cómo podemos entender que Jesús rompiera lo que los judíos llamaban la Ley? Él no observó los lavatorios de manos que la Ley prescribía y sanó a los enfermos en sábado, aunque la Ley prohibía tales curaciones. De hecho, fue condenado y crucificado como transgresor de la Ley; y, sin embargo, habla de la Ley con un nivel de veneración y reverencia que ningún rabino o fariseo podría superar.

Así como en tiempos de Jesús, hoy tenemos reglas y reglamentos. Para el judío ortodoxo estricto de la época de Jesús, servir a Dios consistía en cumplir miles de normas y prescripciones minuciosas. Consideraban esas reglas como asuntos literalmente de vida o muerte —y de destino eterno—. Claramente, Jesús no quiso decir que ni una sola de esas normas debía desaparecer; repetidas veces Él mismo las quebrantó y, también repetidas veces, las condenó. Esto ciertamente no es lo que Jesús quiso decir por "Ley", pues es precisamente este tipo de legalismo el que tanto Jesús como Pablo condenaron.

Entonces, ¿qué quiso decir Jesús con la Ley? Detrás de los escribas y de la ley oral había un gran principio que ellos habían comprendido de manera imperfecta: en todas las cosas, el ser humano debe buscar la voluntad de Dios y, cuando la conoce, dedicar toda su vida a obedecerla. Los escribas y fariseos tenían razón al buscar la voluntad de Dios y al dedicar sus vidas a obedecerla. Se equivocaron al encontrar esa voluntad en una multitud de reglas y reglamentos hechos por el hombre. Muchas de esas imposiciones se aplicaban según su conveniencia; no solo anulaban la Palabra del Señor, sino que la abusaban.

Si no somos cuidadosos, podemos caer en la misma actitud farisaica. Oro para que el Señor nos conceda la gracia de mostrar reverencia por su Ley, pero también para que nos ayude a comprender el verdadero significado del amor. La Palabra de Dios nos anima fuertemente este domingo a tener respeto y reverencia por nuestros padres, por los ancianos, por quienes ejercen autoridad; respeto por la vida en todas sus etapas; respeto por los extranjeros, por la propiedad, por la verdad y por la buena fama del prójimo, y respeto por uno mismo, para que los deseos desordenados no nos dominen. Estos son los principios fundamentales que están detrás de los Diez Mandamientos.

¿Cuántas veces nos volvemos hipócritas al cumplir la Ley del Señor pero sin amar al prójimo? A menudo seguimos preceptos humanos y descuidamos el amor de Dios. Esta es una seria invitación a vivir de manera más coherente. El pecado tiene consecuencias, y es el Señor quien nos amonesta y nos invita a hacer las cosas bien. Además, este es un mensaje de reconciliación: "Por eso, si al presentar tu ofrenda en el altar recuerdas que tu hermano tiene algo contra ti, deja allí tu ofrenda ante el altar; ve primero a reconciliarte con tu hermano, y luego vuelve a presentar tu ofrenda" (Mateo 5,23-24).

La razón por la cual esto no nos persuade ni se arraiga en nuestro corazón es precisamente porque no estamos escuchando al Señor. Por favor, si hoy escuchan su voz, no endurezcan el corazón. Que, por el contrario, seamos personas que sanan con su tiempo y sus talentos, y que trabajan por la reconciliación. Ya vivimos en un mundo dividido por la violencia y el odio; cambiemos eso. A ustedes, personas maduras en la fe: busquemos y compartamos la voluntad de Dios en todos los acontecimientos de nuestra vida presente. Dejemos de hacer el mal y hagamos el bien. «Los ojos de Dios están puestos en los que le temen; Él conoce cada obra del hombre. A nadie manda obrar injustamente, a nadie concede licencia para pecar (Eclesiástico 15,15-20).

Por lo tanto, seamos justos, temamos al Señor y ¡amemos!

Sinceramente,

Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas, Rector

MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado February 14th

5:30p.m. † Joseph Medina (by Medina Family)
 † Mary C. Fragoso (by Edward Fragoso)
 † Maria Fragoso (by Fragoso Family)

Sunday / domingo February 15th

7: 30a.m. † Donald Alkin (by Daugther's)

9:00a.m. † Maria Loera (por la Familia)
 (sp) † Trinidad Munoz (por la Familia)
 † Artemio Munoz (por la Familia)

11:00a.m. † Ralph Thomas Gutierrez (by Beasley)
 † Hector Bustamante Anniversary (by Family)
 † Dianna & Willie Jr. Jacquez (by Tessie Bencomo)

Monday / lunes February 16th

8: 15a.m. † Juana C. Aragon (by Gutierrez & Chavez Family)
 Healing & Prayers for Lydia Apodaca (by Elodia)

Tuesday / martes February 17th

8:15a.m. Divine Mercy (by Denise Ingram & Family)

6:00p.m. † Por las almas del purgatorio
 (sp).

Wednesday / miércoles February 18th

8:15a.m. † Salvador G. Martine
12:10p.m. † Juana C. Aragon (by Gutierrez & Chavez Family)
3:00p.m. For our Diocese
6:00p.m. † Salvador G. Martinez
7:30p.m. For our community
 (sp)

Thursday / jueves February 19th

8:15a.m. † Jesus Manuel Loya (by The Varga Family)

Friday / viernes February 20th

8:15a.m. Healing & Prayers Lydia Apodaca (by Elodia)

Saturday / sábado February 21st

8:15a.m. † Francisco & Narcisa Murillo (Erlinda Moreno)
 † Juana C. Aragon (by Gutierrez & Chavez Family)
 Rosary Makers Anniversary (by Irene Waker)

What is happening

Ash Wednesday **February 18, 2026**
 English Mass: 8:15 A.M., 12:10 P.M, 3:00 P.M, 6:00 P.M.
 Spanish Mass: 7:30 P.M.

Oración durante los 40 Días por la Vida,
 El Padre Alejandro celebrará la Santa Misa
15 de febrero a las 4:00 p. m.
 En la Iglesia Católica San Juan Pablo II, ubicada en
 5300 McNutt Rd, Santa Teresa, NM.

40 Days of prayer for Life as we stand together in faith
 and hope for the protection of all life.
 Fr. Alejandro will celebrate Holy Mass
February 15, 2026, at 4:00 PM
 at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church, located at
 5300 McNutt Rd, Santa Teresa, NM.

Pray for the members of our parish who are ill.

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Deacon Ed Misquez	Christina Arrieta
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Julieta Rojas	Narciso Dominguez
Rose Sedillo	Rick & Gerry Duran
Daniel Telles	Alice Lujan
Sally Torres	Elizah & Zurayah
Ralph Trevizo	Benavidez family
Silvia Briseno	Olivia Marshall
Ceylon Mendenall	Valito Sanchez
Jamed Adaime	Pearl L. Whitcomb
Jose Luis Moncada	Victor Arguello
Ignacio Romero	Ed Fragoso
Josephine Chavez	Linda Monroe
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“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”
Matthew 5:5

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Saint of the Day / Santo del dia

Sts. Seven Fonders of the Order of the Servants of Mary among whom St. Alessio Falconieri



Leaving the city

13th century Florence. Seven merchants, members of a secular group of faithful devoted to the Blessed Virgin (the "Company of Servants of Mary" or "Laudesi"), decided to dedicate themselves to a life of penance, contemplation and service to Mary. Their choice was certainly influenced by the two great Mendicant Orders of the time, the Franciscans and Dominicans, as well as by the experience of the Camaldolese, Vallombrosians and Cluniac Monks, already present in those lands, and of penitential groups such as those of Saint Augustine and Mount Carmel, or of the lay Brothers and Sisters of Penance.

These were the Seven: Bonfilius Monaldi, leader of the secular group and of the future community, Bonajunta Manetti, future prior between 1256 and 1257, Manettus dell'Antella, creator of the first foundations in France, Amidius Amidei, central figure of the group, Sosthenes Sostegni, Hugo Ugucione, and Alexis Falconieri.

In the year 1233, while Florence was increasingly having to deal with fratricidal conflicts, the Seven abandoned their commercial activities, left their homes and distributed the goods among the poor.

full story in:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/02/17/sts--seven-fonders-of-the-order-of-the-servants-of-mary-among-wh.html>

ss. Siete Fundadores de la Orden de los Siervos de María, entre los cuales s. Alessio Falconieri

Retiro de la ciudad

Siglo XIII, Florencia. Siete mercaderes, miembros de una compañía laica de fieles devotos de la Bienaventurada Virgen, (la "Compañía de los Siervos de Santa María" o "Laudesi") deciden retirarse en penitencia, contemplación, y en el servicio a María. Una elección ciertamente influenciada por dos grandes órdenes mendicantes de la época, franciscanos y dominicos, así como por la experiencia de los monjes Camaldulenses, Valumbrosanos y Cluniacenses, ya presentes en esas tierras, y por grupos de penitencia, como los de San Agustín y del Monte Carmelo, o el de los hermanos y hermanas laicos de la Penitencia. Eran Bonfiglio, líder del grupo laico y prior de la futura comunidad, Bonagiunta, futuro prior entre 1256 y 1257, Manetto, artífice de las primeras fundaciones en Francia, Amadio, alma del grupo, Sostegno y Ugucione, amigos entre sí, y finalmente, Alessio.

En torno al 1233 los siete abandonan sus actividades comerciales, dejan sus propias casas y distribuyen los bienes a los pobres, mientras Florencia se estremera cada vez más por las guerras fratricidas.

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