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*'Receptivity & Commitment to the Person and Culture of the Holy Spirit
Particularly in Covenant Love'*

*The Monterey Bay branch leaders may be contacted with any issues. Please remember
to pray for them: Rob Albright, Greg Beardsley, Pam Flynn, and
Tim Gassaway (PBC)*

This MONTH in COTL July 24th - August 13th-2017

8/10 **6:00 p.m. GCG – TBA**

Birthday and Anniversary

7/29 **Patrick and Vanessa Kehoe's anniversary**
8/3 **Don Farmer's birthday**
8/5 **Anne Bergez's birthday**
8/8 **Mike Bergez's birthday**
8/11 **Patrick Kehoe**
8/13 **Kueneman's anniversary**
8/25 **Kehoe's anniversary**
8/27 **Powell's anniversary**
8/27 **Valjean's birthday**

Dates for 2017

8/4-6 **Council in LA**
8/10 **6:00 p.m. GCG**
9/14 **6:00 p.m. - GCG @ Vicki's**
Sept. 16-17 - Women's retreat (St. Francis)
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Men's retreat (Mission San Antonio)

Be sure and read the stories from the Street Evangelization on the last page by Mike Briley.

A big welcome and congratulations to Krista Brkich who has joined the "Fellowship of the Holy Spirit" in the Monterey Branch. Praise the Lord!

Pope's Intentions for
July, 2017

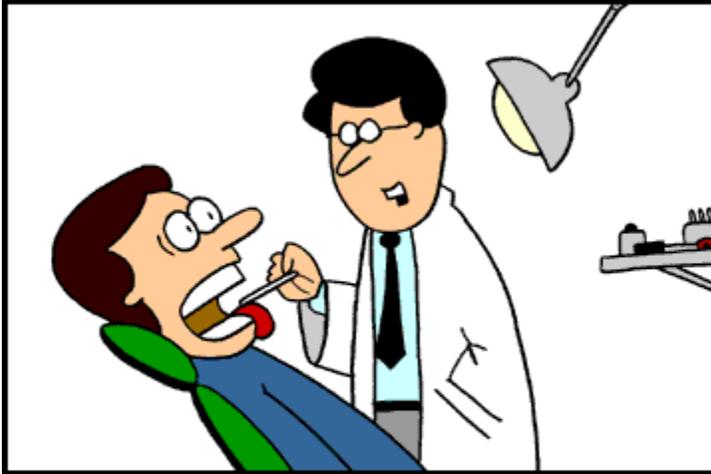
Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Pope's Intention for
August, 2017

Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the Beauty of creation.



Thanks to Brian Kapp

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HMMMM ... KIND OF IRONIC THAT I HEARD YOU SINGING "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" EARLIER

Saint Paul Street Evangelization Stories by Mike Briley

One morning at Farmer's market, there was a young lady walking around carrying a full back pack like the ones hikers would carry on a long trip. She was selling newspapers about helping the homeless. I started talking to her about the paper and what she was doing. She had a very interesting story. She said she came out to California from Texas to visit a friend who was living in Big Sur. I asked her where she was living now and she said in a parking garage. We talked about that for a bit. At some point Eve Bergez joined us. She said her family came from Iran originally. We talked about Islam briefly. I couldn't get clear answers from her on questions I would ask. She was very intelligent, articulate and talkative. She mostly wanted to talk about things she had done and didn't seem too interested in us or what we were doing. At some point, I noticed she had the letters LIFE tattooed on the lower top part of her four fingers on her left hand she had several other tattoos around her face and neck. We asked her what it was for and she said "Anarchy". Eve asked her if she was an anarchist, she said she wasn't a farmer. I thought that was a bizarre answer but she went on to give us a long explanation about the word anarchy had its origins with farmers organizations. I lost most of what she said about that but I remembered she said

her name was RANA which was the first four letters of anarchy backwards. Occasionally in speaking with her it seemed like she may not be all there, but then she would get right back to speaking articulately. She was a very interesting person. The conversation went on for a while. At some point we invited her to have lunch with us since she said she hadn't eaten anything all day. So Mike and Eve and I took her to eat at Sang's Café. She was excited to learn that John Steinbeck had once eaten there. We sat down and Eve was sitting to her left and I was sitting to her right. I noticed on her right hand fingers she had a tattoo that read F__ K. When she made two fists side by side, it read F__ K LIFE. I asked her about why she had that put on her fingers. She took off her shirt (she had a tank top underneath!) and she had tattoos all over. She went on to tell us about how she "rode" trains in Texas; the subculture that existed among those that rode trains and that the tattoos were necessary to identify her as a member of a certain train group that controlled various routes. Her story was so fascinating; I had never heard anything like it before.

We talked to RANA about our faith. Mike and Even shared briefly their testimony with her and I shared as well. At one point she said she hadn't had such a deep conversation in years. At times, she seemed to connect with us and at other times she seemed only interested in telling us her story. But though it may seem by how I described her that she was a very strange person, she also seemed very down to earth, kind and normal at the same time. It's very hard to describe the encounter with RANA. I felt I needed to help her in some way so I bought her a gift certificate for \$100 to Sang's so she could have some decent meals for a while. We left her with a hug and a prayer. May God watch over RANA

