

Gossip from the Monastery Pews- Spring Newsletter 2011



Greetings Friends of Francis

This is a brief newsletter from inside the Monk's Den and no need to replicate all of Sr Fee's hard work in her forthcoming Tau News. By the by, [the Editor](#) is waiting for you to send in your news and views asap.....

Short Reflection:

Though we are living in turbulent time's where man's inhumanity towards one's fellow man is now spreading across the Arab world, we must not lose heart in the face of such evil atrocities being carried out by members of the Abrahamic faiths. If they knew within their hearts that each stone thrown at another is a stone hurled at a Loving Father Mother God.

There is another sinister evil which is sweeping the hearts of many who say they love God but whose hearts are far from love-light and blessing. A Youtube video , **'The Taker's Community,'** which I was guided to record in 2010 had over 400 hits within 2 months. In our society today, there are many who have become 'Takers' and who give little or nothing back to society. Surprisingly, even within monastic communities, one can witness the traits of the Taker's Syndrome. From my personal experiences as a Catholic Nursing monk, I have witnessed how a negative mind set can become the breeding ground for members who become obsessed with **'self'** at the expense of losing their own soul. Back in my monastic days, I encountered many monks who had lost the essence of their true vocation and became more focused, not on holiness but on getting what they could, when they could without any love for their community.

Takers are everywhere and I suspect they are even within our beloved Tau family. Being a taker has no place in society and most definitely not in a lay monastic community! Why so? It destroys the very fabric of Divine Charity. How would you recognize a taker? Simply by

their motives and mannerisms. The self always comes to the fire and the language used always begins with the words, 'I' and 'M.' The word 'We' is not a word a taker would use in conversation.

For when the Lord of Abundance, our sole Provider shares the Field of Dreams for God's dwelling to be used as a place of spiritual respite for impoverished souls seeking closer intimacy with their God/Dess, then maybe the two videos which were given by Jesus to my heart to share with you may provide spiritual sustenance to fly higher in your search for the Divine through the Natural World of Interfaith Franciscan Agape. Please know these were done under Divine guidance without any form of scripts.

Video 1: A Field of Dreams- God's vision for Tau

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ONN0U3bLZE>

Video 2: The Challenges for Lay Monastics in the Modern World

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy1WqPplliw>

Video 3: The Divine Promise Awaits Your Response

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PamZDjcAuFs>

Brother Sean would very much like to say a special thank you to all of our friends for their condolences re: the recent death of his beloved Mother, who died over a week ago, aged 84, in Dublin.

Please remember our Members in Your Prayers:

Dolores and family (Dublin)

Brother Tom (USA)

Sr Diane (Lancs)

Mother Olivea and the Pastoral Team preparing to welcome our new Oblate Seminarists on their 3 year course of studies to become ordained Interfaith Franciscan monastics.

Sr. Joy (France)

Sr Janet (Cheshire)

Prayer Requests

Brother Sean takes seriously all requests for prayer by telephone and email. Have you a specific prayer request that you would like him to hold in his daily prayer? Then why not consider having either a 6 hour votive candle (£1.00) or a 7 day Lamp burning 24 hours a day. (£5.00)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MAY:

On Livestream Interfaith Prayer Channel for Peace: 7 Day Novena to the Holy Spirit. Starts on: Sunday 8th -15th May. Intention: Sr Joy's personal intentions re: The Abbey of St Francis of Peace and Compassion and the sale of her farm in France.

[FREE live webinars/spiritual talks on the Parables of Jesus, the Barefoot Galilean.](#) Start Date: Saturday 14th May from 3.00PM (GMT) for 45 mins. Donations welcome for the Field of Dreams.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY JUNE:

On Livestream Interfaith Prayer Channel for Peace: 7 Day Novena to the Holy Spirit. Starts on: Sunday 5th -12th June (Pentecost Sunday) Intention: The Abbey of St Francis of Peace and Compassion and the new Community in waiting:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY JULY:

Special Events: Celebration of Feast Day of Magdalene July 22nd 2011)

This will be a private event for the members of the Tau Community who are monastics consecrated to God welcoming Sister Joy (France) as she takes her solemn vows along with Sister Janet (Cheshire) and Brother Tom (USA). We ask that you hold them in your hearts.

On 24th July: From: 1.30- 5.00PM we are holding a Tau Family 'Jacob's Join' reunion inviting all our members, Friends and Benefactors to a Post Divine Feminine Day Celebration. We ask that you bring something to eat for a buffet lunch and afternoon Tea. Then you will get the ideal opportunity to meet Sr. Joy and Brother Tom in person. All are welcome (**RSVP**) to: [Brother Sean](#)

[Sr Theresa's Circle Dance](#)

[Open Days \(Afternoons\)](#)- Friends are invited to come and enjoy the peace and tranquility of the Monastery Gardens and say hello to our 16 working girls (hens). Opening times: 2.00-4.00PM. Any weekend including Wednesday. Refreshments available from the Monk's kitchen for a donation.

[Spiritual Retreats and Therapies with Brother Sean](#)- available by appointment. Clients who are unable to travel, Brother Sean provides spiritual support with Distant Healing by telephone. Contact Brother Sean to make an appointment. No calls after 4.00pm please

The Field of Dreams: The Tau Community of Interfaith Franciscans are a not for profit charity whose only source of income is from donations and homemade jams and chutneys. Every penny is donated to securing the Field of Dreams where the Abbey of St. Francis of Peace & Compassion will be located.

Donations received to support the Abbey of St. Francis:

May 7th: Brother Tom (USA) donated £50.00 by Pay Pal to buy the first Brick.

[Monastery Shop \(Raising Funds to support the Tau Community\)](#)

- a) **Homemade Jams by Brother Murray**
- b) **Homemade chutneys by Brother Sean**
- c) **Monastery's free range eggs.**

Holistic Courses run by Brother Sean online: Embracing the ancient teachings of the Essenes, Cosmic Christ/Divine Feminine/ Franciscan Spirituality and Mother Earth.

And finally, back in early March 2011, we launched a new social network site called, **'Heart to Soul Prayer Partners 4 Peace'** This was a direct request from Gaia to send love and blessings to Jerusalem (The Heart Chakra of the World) and the Abrahamic Faiths. We sent out a personal invitation to 986 from our Tau database and only 17 took the leap of faith and joined as Members now Friends. In total, we have 39 members who contribute regular pictures, short videos and inspirational blogs to sustain one's spiritual pathway to Source. A marvelous achievement in such a short time. If you haven't joined, then why not click on the link and discern for yourself whether it is 4YOU.....

Have you been on our **Livestream Free TV Channel**, **'Heart to Soul Interfaith Prayers'** for Global Peace and Unity yet? Then why not come and join our live hourly vigil from: 09.00PM- 10.00PM. In addition to the nightly show, we also have Morning Prayers at 09.00AM (Office of Lauds): 03.00PM) Novena of special prayers: 05.00PM (Evening Prayer of Vespers).

Please feel free to visit the **Tau Community of Interfaith Franciscan's** website and check out the new 3 year course for Franciscan Commissioning

Also, should you need time out to relax, unwind, or seek silence and tranquility in our small monastery guest house, then please visit us at the **Celtic Assisi of the South Lakes.**