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[22] St. Thomas More (O.F.S.)

[30] Blessed Raymond Lull (O.F.S.)

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- [21] Pope St. Pius X (O.F.S.)
- [25] St. Louis IX, King of France (O.F.S.)



9. September

- [4] St. Rose of Viterbo (O.F.S.)
- [17] Stigmata: September 17 (*FUN Manual*)
- [17] Stigmata: September 17 (*Legenda Minor* of St. Bonaventure)
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- [29] St. Michael the Archangel

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- [3] Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi
- [11] Pope St. John XXIII (O.F.S.)
- [20] Blessed Contardo Ferrini (O.F.S.)
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11. November

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The San Damiano Crucifix PowerPoint Text

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The San Damiano Crucifix (1 page explanation)

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Correlation Between *Regional Formation Resource Kit* and

The Franciscan Journey [created 2-12-18]

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Difference Between *The Franciscan Journey* and the Updated Version

The Franciscan Journey and Topics from the *FUN Manual*

FUN Manual on Other Devices (Lynn Carter, O.F.S.)

FUN Manual Outline

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Welcoming Packet – Smoky Valley Printing

Called To Follow Closely . . . (Sample Letter) (Rosanne Roy, O.F.S.)

Francis of Assisi: Spiritual Father and Guide

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Peacemaking (Didacus Wilson, T.O.R.)

