**Handout 1.1**

**Chronology & Rule of Life of St. Clare**

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| **1193-1194** | Birth in Assisi of Clare Offreduccio di Favarone |
| **1198** | Clare's family takes refuge in its castle in Cocorano |
| **1203-1205** | Exile in Perugia along with families from the nobility at war with the Commune in Assisi |
| **1210** | Clare hears St. Francis preach |
| **1212** | On the evening of Palm Sunday, Clare is consecrated at the Portiuncula (Our Lady of the Angles). Passage to the Benedictines. Settles herself at San Damiano. |
| **1214** | Sr. Balvina, Clare's companion, founds a community of Damianites in Spello. |
| **1215** | Clare receives the title of abbess. |
| **1216** | She obtains the privilege of the most high poverty. |
| **1218-1219** | Clare and her sisters receive the Constitutions of Cardinal Hugolino, along with the Rule of St. Benedict. Damianites at Siena, Lucca, and Florence, where Agnes, Clare’s sister, becomes abbess. |
| **1220** | According to tradition, a foundation at Reims - the first in France. |
| **1224** | Beginning of Clare's sickness. |
| **1227** | The Pope confirms that the sisters at San Damiano are to receive the help of the brothers. |
| **1228** | The first community of Damianites in Spain: Pampelune. At least 24 communities in Italy. |
|  | The Pope visits Clare at San Damiano |
| **1234** | St. Agnes, daughter of the king of Bohemia, founds a monastery in Prague, and takes the veil there. Clare's first letter to Agnes. |
| **1238** | Foundation of Trnava, A monastery of Damianites in Slovakia. |
| **1240** | The Saracen mercenaries at San Damiano; miraculous protection of the community. |
| **1241** | June 22 Through the intercessory prayers of the sisters, the city of Assisi is liberated from the siege of the imperial armies. |
| **1242** | The Blessed Kunegunda founds a monastery in Olomuc in Moravia. |
| **1245** | The Blessed Salome founds a monastery in Zawichost in Poland. |
| **1247** | Rule of Innocent IV association of the Damianites to the Franciscan Order - abandonment of the Rule of St. Benedict. |
| **1253** | Clare's last known letter to Agnes of Prague. |
| **1253** | The Pope visits Clare and approves her Rule - August 11th, Clare's death. |
| **1253** | (Nov.) Death of St. Agnes of Assisi (Clare's sister). |
| **1255** | Canonization of St. Clare. Celano writes his \*life\* |
| **1261** | Clare's body and the San Damiano community are transferred to the present monastery of Santa Chiara of Assisi. |
| **1263** | Rule of Urban IV. The Order of San Damiano takes the name of the Order of St. Clare.  Online *Clare, the Lady* – Volume IV of the Early Sources  <http://franciscantradition.org/early-sources#clare-the-lady>  Create a user name and password. Access is free of charge. |