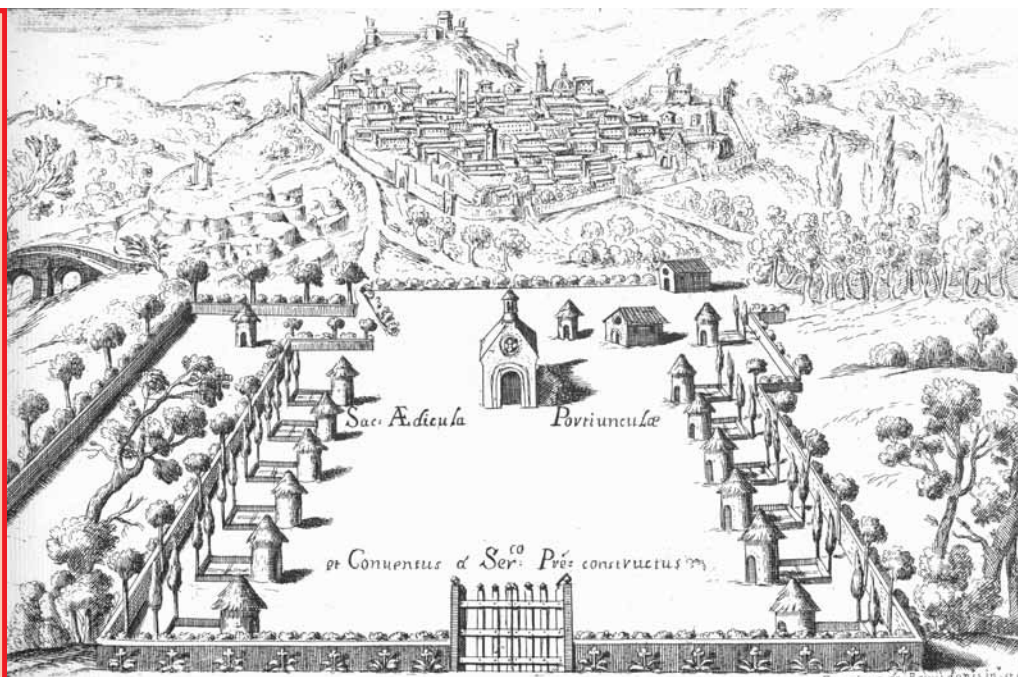


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This woodcut of the Porziuncola in Assisi is one of many such artworks by Francesco Providoni etched around 1651. The depiction is interesting in that it shows the Porziuncola chapel (*center*) surrounded by the thatched huts used by Francis and his early companions, with the city of Assisi looming above. The city walls are those which were extant in the time of Francis. One can clearly make out the Rocca Maggiore (*i.e., the fortress*) above Assisi and the Church of San Rufino where Francis was baptized. On the left side of the city, outside the walls (*above and to the right of the bridge*), one can see the gallows. We know that the Basilica of St. Francis was built on the site of the gallows, thus transforming what had been known as the “Hill of Hell” [*collis inferni*] into what Pope Gregory IX, in 1228, renamed: the “Hill of Paradise” [*collis paradisi*] (the final resting place of St. Francis’ remains).

We will be welcoming three candidates  
into our Fraternity on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

They are:  
Patricia Cardillio  
Roger Feldman  
Mary Williams

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

*May our Lord's peace and all good be with you!*

In just a couple of weeks we shall celebrate our non-elective **CHAPTER** where your elected council members will give an account of the work they have done for the fraternity.

I have recently been reading *The Virtue Driven Life* (B. Groeschel, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington IN, 2006). The introduction alone is packed with stunning insights on the overall concept of *virtue*, such as the difference between “human natural virtue” (p. 17) and “supernatural moral virtue” (p. 20). Fr. Groeschel goes on to teach about the cardinal virtues (i.e., prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance) and the theological virtues (i.e., faith, hope and charity), each of which are composed of a human and supernatural aspect. At the end of each chapter there are questions that could be used for group discussion and/or personal meditation and a unique concluding prayer. I would highly recommend this book for both group- and personal use to enhance our Franciscan spiritual journey.

Fr. Groeschel cites a reference to St. Augustine contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 1809, p. 27): “To live well is nothing other than to love God with all one’s heart, with all one’s soul and with all one’s efforts: from this it comes about that love is kept whole and uncorrupted (through temperance). No misfortune can disturb it (and this is fortitude). It obeys only [God] (and this is justice), and is careful in discerning things, so as not to be surprised by deceit or trickery (and this is prudence).” I found this quote especially compelling to meditate on in depth as we move to our Chapter meeting this month. How have we, your elected council members, lived these “supernatural and natural moral virtues” as we have gone about the task of moving St. Bonaventure Fraternity forward to follow our mission in the Lord’s service and to en flesh the promise we made at Profession to live the SFO Rule?

“The natural virtue of temperance simply helps us to use the attractive things in life” (p. 80). This means that we must, through God’s grace, strike a balance which is directed toward our spiritual goals. “Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1808, p. 67). Fr. Groeschel talks about fortitude being *courage* to face situations that possibly could be avoided, but then not be dealt with for the “ultimate goal of salvation of helping others achieve the same goal” (p. 69). “Christian justice causes us to give to God what is due him and, within that understanding, to give to others what is due them as children of God” (p. 53). As professed Secular Franciscans, what we give to God and to others is our very self and our God-given talents that we return to him and his beloved. Lastly, prudence, which is really a combination of wisdom and good judgment, must be balanced between the natural and supernatural types. This means that we must use common sense in our daily actions and decisions but also attempt to aim these toward eternal life.

Each council member has individual as well as collective responsibilities on the council, while all the time working together in fraternal love to achieve the goals of the fraternity. We hope that you will see how each council member has worked to this end through the Chapter reports that are being mailed to you. Please **read them before the meeting**. Not only will this save time, but more importantly, we will all have the background information we need to ask questions, give feedback, seek clarifications, and affirm each other. Write your questions or comments ahead of time, too, so that each councilor will have sufficient time to be heard.

**Come to CHAPTER! Your prayerful consideration is needed.**

God bless you, dear ones, and may you have a most blessed New Year!

Your sister in Francis and Clare,  
Janet

# Brothers and Sisters

Joe and I hope and pray that you all had a blessed and joyous Christmas and holiday season and that you started well what will prove to be a happy new year!

I want to share how good the Lord is and how faithful in answering our prayers. First of all, **Les Lafata** was able to see good enough out of his left eye to recognize Joe and me when we visited him. He underwent a second surgery on the right eye, but wasn't given a lot of hope for good results. The bottom line, however, is that, after eight months in hospitals and nursing homes, he returned home on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. So, let's thank God and continue to keep Les and Josie in our prayer. Secondly, **Mary Hebert's** grandson, Danny, is also home for the holidays. Lastly, **Loretta Chmielarczyk** is home recuperating after surgery. She was blessed to find out that the tumor, although large, was benign. Praise the Lord for all the things that he so graciously gives us.

I would like to thank all the members of the Council and my Cell Group who contributed to the purchase of a gravestone for **Joe Doeren**. Your generosity overwhelms me.

**Charlotte Heymes**, a lay Franciscan for 56 years and a member of the Fr. Solanus Cell Group, is going to the Philippine Islands, January 22-February 6, 2009. Charlotte will be traveling to the Southern Province of Mindanao, to the city of Davao, with a Medical Mission Group of 23 Filipino medical personnel who will be doing heart operations, repairing cleft palates, etc. for those who lack either access to medical services or funds for hospital care. The founder of this group, Van Ong, had a stroke 6½ years ago and, while recovering in the hospital and at home, sensed God prompting him to follow this path. So he has gone every year with medical friends, supplies and equipment. His health is very good and he knows that God is blessing him. Charlotte also feels good and is blessed to be going along to help in whatever way she is needed. Keep Charlotte in your prayers because it really is quite an undertaking. I have a rather lengthy report from Charlotte which I would be pleased to forward to anyone who is interested. I also expect to have a report from Charlotte upon her return home.

I just learned that **Claire Boutain's** son, Gary, died November 6. He had a peaceful death. He had been suffering for 30 years with pain and is now at peace. Our prayers for Claire and her family.

By all accounts the "Waiting for the King" Christmas Concert was magnificent. Under the able direction of Mrs. Susie Taylor (Artistic Director of Music Ministries) and Mrs. Kathy Lancharic (Associate Minister of Music), and supported by the pastor, Fr. James Bjorum, the event took on the quality of a Christmas Vigil with a pattern of proclamation, meditation and song. Featured were the St. Germaine Choir and the St. Germaine Adult Dance and Repertory Company. Thanks to all our members who not only attended the Concert but also brought and served goodies for the Social afterward. It was another occasion to witness our warm Franciscan spirit.



Concert-goers (l-r) Ona Harris, Br. Pat, Sylvia Stanik, Maryann Kummer.

## Prayer from the Christmas Concert:

I will trust in God to supply my needs.  
He'll come through for me if I just believe.  
If I pray in faith, then I will receive.  
If I tell God about my problems,  
He'll work it out for me.

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**Members needing prayers:**

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Wilhelmina Adkins    | Janice Litch          |
| Peter Aluzzo         | Rose Longo            |
| Jan Atkinson         | Joseph Marra          |
| Kay Balas            | Sophie Martin         |
| Gertrude Beattie     | Dorothy Matargas      |
| Evelyn Bishop        | Maria McNally         |
| Janet Bodell         | Ray Morehead          |
| Anthony Brodeur      | Genevieve Ochenkowski |
| Loretta Chmielarczyk | Rosie Parton          |
| Wesley Faust         | Dolores & Bob Peckham |
| Marie Fontanive      | Theresa Pfaendtner    |
| Natalie Grabowski    | Joseph Pierce         |
| Caroline Hojna       | Mary Saber            |
| Anna May Jesak       | Joanne Schumacher     |
| Donna Marie Johnston | Helen Wardowski       |
| Les and Josie Lafata | Joseph Wisk           |

**Relatives needing prayers:**

- Susan Arcznski, cousin of the Atkinsons  
 Avian, great nephew of the Atkinsons  
 Angel Bettin and Donna Mitchell,  
 daughters of Caroline Hojna  
 Melanie Bruss, niece of Dan and Jan Atkinson  
 Kate Comizio, sister of Br. Pat  
 Angelina and Joey Daleo,  
 daughter-in-law & son of Josie and Les Lafata  
 Starr Dehn, niece of Mary Poole  
 Raymond Donahue, husband of Julia E-Donahue  
 Rose Dreissen, wife of Joseph  
 Barbara Erzbischoff, mother of Julia E-Donahue  
 Beverly Falzone, mother of Clara  
 Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline  
 Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie  
 Sr. Shirley Heymes, OP, sister of James

- Judy Hojna, Caroline's sister-in-law  
 Ted Hojna, husband of Caroline  
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston  
 Jane I. Litch, mother of Janice  
 Michael McSherry, brother of Br. Pat  
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur  
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas  
 Lawrence and Teresa Poole, parents of Mary  
 Millie Scott  
 Sean Sherman, son of Sandra  
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert  
 Marie Weber, mother-in-law of Ralph Marson  
 Steve Yuhase, father of Claire Johnson

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Andrew Arcznski     | Thomas Greenia    |
| Christopher Beattie | Edward Kluk       |
| Francisco Biber     | John Kristensen   |
| Thomas Chmielarczyk | John Marra III    |
|                     | Joseph Marra, Jr. |

**Pray for all who have asked for prayer.**

Help keep our list up-to-date,  
 to remove or add names, call:

**Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335**



**Brookelynn Hunt**  
**2 years old**

Atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumor  
 (ATRT)

An MRI revealed a tumor on the right side of 13-month-old Brookelynn's head. She was flown to a local hospital, where surgeons removed 100% of the tumor. More needed to be done, and St. Jude's could see her immediately. They left that very night. The infant underwent four months of chemotherapy and six weeks of radiation. She regained strength and movement. After Brookelynn returned home, she received oral chemotherapy. She visits St. Jude every six months for checkups. "St. Jude is such a wonderful place," her parents, Christy and Richard, remarked. They are most thankful for what St. Jude has given them – their daughter. "She's still here with us; she's doing really well." Brookelynn, who became a big sister over the summer, is a sweet little girl who loves animals and her baby dolls.





# Celebrating Frank B. Kraimer



Frank was born on May 8, 1934 in Hazel Park. He has one brother and one sister deceased. He attended St. Mary Magdalene School (Hazel Park); St. Benedict HS (Highland Park) and, in 1963, graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology (now called Lawrence Technological


University). After an apprenticeship, Frank was employed as a machinist at Kraimer Boring Company. He has been self-employed at International Machinery Sales, Inc. for 34 years. Frank married his lovely wife, Therese, in Québec in 1959. They will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this January 17<sup>th</sup>. They live in White Lake. They have been blessed with four daughters: Linda, Francine, Susan and Claudine, and 10 grandchildren. While volunteering at the Soup Kitchen,

Frank wondered why the building next door was called the Third Order Hall. He inquired among his friends and learned more about the Third Order and requested information on how to become a member. The rest is history. Frank was professed in October of 2002 at St. Bonaventure Monastery. Frank serves on the St. Bonaventure leadership council, is the Chair of the Christian Service Commission, a member of the Secular Franciscan Youth Task Force, and volunteers to assist with the social refreshments at the Healing Service twice a month. Frank serves as a Stephen Minister at his home parish where he has some care receivers. Frank will be conducting a Bible Study class with his friend, Christopher Sass, twice a month at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Hazel Park starting in January. He conducts a Communion Service at his parish at 7:30 a.m. on Mondays. In addition to spending time with his family, Frank enjoys golfing, aikido, and flying. We love you, Frank! Congratulations to you and Therese on your Golden Wedding Anniversary! Sto lat!



## Third Order Saints of January

- January 3 ..... Most Holy Name of Jesus
- January 4 ..... Bl. Christiana Menabuoi
- January 7 ..... Bl. Angela of Foligno
- January 8 ..... Bl. Eurosia Fabris “Mamma Rosa”
- January 22 ..... St. Vincent Pallotti
- January 22 ..... (in the USA)
- Day of Penance for Violations to Human Dignity through Abortion**
- January 23 ..... Bl. Marianne Cope of Moloka’i
- January 24 ..... St. Francis de Sales
- January 27 ..... St. Angela Merici
- January 30 ..... St. Hyacinth Mariscotti
- January 31 ..... St. John Bosco
- January 31 ..... Bl. Luisa Albertoni



January 3 .....	Alice Vier
January 4 .....	Joseph Driessen
January 5 .....	Thomas Nozewski
	Paul Catrow
January 7 .....	Gary Johnson
January 8 .....	John Bodell
	Tony Lienert
January 10 .....	Mary Lou Catino
January 15 .....	Natalie Grabowski
January 16 .....	Sylvia Stanik
January 17 .....	Janice Litch
January 19 .....	Gloria Longueuil
January 21 .....	Marie Fontanive
January 28 .....	Beverly Hanus
January 30 .....	Kathleen Lang
	Patricia Vail
January 31 .....	Anne Samulak

## MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

- January 16 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)  
**January 18 ..... CHAPTER OF AFFAIRS and Admission of Candidates**  
January 21 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
February 15 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)  
February 18 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
February 20 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)  
February 28 ..... SFO Mass for the Deceased (10 am)  
March 13 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)  
**March 15 ..... SFO Day of Reflection (11 am)**  
March 18 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
April 15 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
April 19 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)  
May 1 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)  
May 17 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)  
May 20 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
June 14 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)  
June 17 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
June 19 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)  
June 27 ..... SFO Mass for our Deceased (10 am)  
July 15 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
**July 19 ..... Fraternity Picnic (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)**  
August 16 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)  
August 19 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
September 16 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
**September 20 ..... SFO Day of Reflection (everyone at 11 am)**  
**October 18 ..... CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS**  
October 21 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
October 24 ..... SFO Mass for All Deceased Franciscans (10 am)  
**November 15 ..... SFO Renewal Mass (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)**  
November 18 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
December 16 ..... Council Meeting (6:30 pm)  
**December 20 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting - Christmas Concert**

The EMB is offering a special on Secular Franciscan burial robes (“shrouds”). For a limited time only, the modest price of \$50. has been reduced to \$45. Included is a brown shroud, white cincture (cord), and a Franciscan scapular. For ladies, it also includes a white collar. If you are interested for yourself or for another professed Secular Franciscan call the EMB Office on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM at (313) 579-2100, extension 138.

# Signs of a Vocation (Pt. 3)

by Br. Pat McSherry, OFM Cap.

## The Basics

During the inquiry phase, if not before, individuals looking into our Secular Franciscan life are asked if they meet the following requirements which are rooted in the Franciscan Rule, our SFO Constitutions and Canon Law. Some of these statements require nuancing. The nuances are important for a proper understanding of each requirement. These church laws must be interpreted “strictly” according to our canonical tradition, which means that they must be interpreted in the most narrow sense possible. These are not judgments about the faith or sincerity or goodness of the individual. They are simply eligibility requirements for entrance into the Secular Franciscan Order. Admittedly, some of these requirements may be somewhat arbitrary and not etched into stone for all eternity. They are, however, the current norms.

The first of these requirements is that the individual be **at least 21 years of age**. This underscores the fact that as a true Order in the Church, albeit Secular, the Secular Franciscan Order is for adults. Profession is a lifelong commitment to an adult, Gospel lifestyle. In the future, could the age be put at 18? Certainly, I was invested into the SFO at 14; but the current norm is 21.

Second, the individual must be a **baptized Catholic**. Excluded from membership are atheists, members of New Age belief systems, including Wiccans, members of non-Christian faith traditions, and members of non-Catholic Christian churches, including Orthodox Christians. However, individuals who belong to Eastern **Catholic** churches (e.g., Coptic, Ethiopian, Maronite, Syriac, Syro-Malankar, Armenian, Chaldean, Syro-Malabar, Albanian Greek, Belarusian Greek, Bulgarian Greek, Byzantine Catholics, Greek Byzantine Catholic, Hungarian Greek, Italo-Albanian, Macedonian Greek, Melkite, Romanian Greek, Russian, Ruthenian, Slovak Greek, and Ukrainian Greek) and those who belong to Catholic Rites other than the Roman Rite (e.g., Ambrosian Rite, Mozarabic Rite) are **not** excluded from membership. Christians who were validly baptized in a non-Catholic Church must have been formally admitted to full communion in the Catholic Church before joining the SFO. In the future, could our membership be more

ecumenical so as to include Franciscans of other faith traditions? This is an interesting question. Certainly nothing prevents us even now from more ecumenical contacts and cooperation with other non-Catholic Franciscan groups (e.g., the Society of St. Francis and the Order of Ecumenical Franciscans). The current status of the question, however, prevents us from admitting such persons to actual membership in our Secular Franciscan Order.

Third, the individual must also have **received the Sacrament of Confirmation or Chrismation**. Inquirers must present a certificate of Baptism and of Confirmation prior to being admitted to candidacy. Likewise, those who were received into the Catholic Church must present a certificate of their formal reception into the Church.

Fourth, the individual must be a **practicing Catholic**. Normally, this means that the person is a member of a parish faith community and regularly attends Sunday Eucharist. Before being welcomed into the fraternity, the individual is asked to present a letter from their pastor verifying that he or she is a practicing Catholic. At times, an individual does not belong to a parish, but rather regularly participates in Eucharist at a shrine or chapel belonging to a religious order (e.g., St. Bonaventure Chapel). In this case, the individual is asked to present a letter from the Rector of the shrine or chapel to the same effect.

Catholics who **formally** left the Church must be formally received back into the Church before they may be welcomed into the SFO. Again, a nuance is necessary. This only deals with formal rejection of the Catholic Church. We all know individuals who, for any number of reasons or for no reason at all, go through a period of non-practice of the faith. They simply stop going to Mass. This stipulation is not directed to them at all. The usual way in which a person formally leaves the Church is by formally joining a non-Catholic church – i.e., by making a profession of faith in a non-Catholic Church.

Fifth, the individual must be **in good standing with the Church**. How is this discerned? The simple answer is: Can the individual in good conscience receive Communion? Beware, however, of simple answers!

Over-simplification often leads to untrue and unjust conclusions. This can be a very sensitive area. The matter should always be referred to the Fraternity's spiritual assistant. Everyone should keep in mind the following:

- a) More fundamental than any other consideration is the fact that no one has the right to intrude into the private life of an individual, to ask about the state of his or her soul, or to ask for what Canon Law calls "a manifestation of conscience".
- b) In many of these situations misconceptions abound. For example, some Catholics mistakenly believe that people who are divorced are not in good standing with the Church. That is simply not true. Some people mistakenly believe that gay people are not in good standing with the Church. Again, that is simply not true. So neither of these situations exclude a person from joining the SFO.
- c) It should also be kept in mind that there are some pastoral situations that are appropriately handled by one's confessor or spiritual director in "the internal forum".

With regard to those who are divorced and remarried without benefit of an annulment or who are in a relationship not recognized by the Church, although they are neither excommunicated nor "outside the Church", canonists talk about the relationship between those individuals and the Church as "limping". Before they can be welcomed into the SFO, their relationship with the Church must be rectified.

One added caution: it is an oversimplification to equate "living together" with not being in good standing with the Church. Given certain circumstances, a bishop may allow an unmarried couple to live together in a brother-sister arrangement, provided there is no scandal involved. So don't be too quick to judge.

Those who have **incurred certain canonical penalties**, such as excommunication, may not join the SFO without first rectifying their relationship with the Church. Here, too, the matter should be referred to the spiritual assistant to ascertain whether all the canonical conditions were present to have incurred a canonical penalty.

In short, all these sensitive circumstances require some expertise to form a right judgment. Members are not likely to know either all the legal distinctions or all the pertinent details of the individual's situation, and so should trust the judgment of those who have the expertise.

Sixth, those whose lives **give no indication of being able to fulfill our way of life** should not be received. This category might include those for whom faith is an ongoing, major struggle. It also includes those who on account of some physical, mental or psychological condition – for example, Alzheimer's Disease – cannot actively participate in the life of the fraternity with full freedom and deliberation. It would be unfair to them and to the fraternity to accept someone who is unable to live our way of life. A judgment must be made in each case as to the capability of the individual to both understand and live the Franciscan way of life, including the aspect of living in fraternity.

Seventh, a person **who belongs to another religious Order** – including another Third Order (e.g., Lay Dominican, Carmelite Third Order, etc.) – may not be admitted to the SFO. There are other associations in the Church which are not, technically speaking, religious Orders. This prohibition does not apply to them. This has not always been the case, but it is the current law of the Church.

Eighth, the individual's **entire situation and obligations must be considered** when discerning a vocation to the SFO. If the person is married, at the minimum, his or her spouse should not be opposed to the notion. Similarly, family obligations should bear considerable weight in the discernment. Involvement with the SFO should support and affirm the marriage relationship and family life, not be a source of strain or stress. Quality time with one's spouse and family should not suffer because of one's involvement in the SFO. Nor should a person join the SFO and then discover that he or she has no time to spend in fraternity. Priorities need to be kept straight.

Lastly, there are certain **behavioral or personality traits** that often advise against joining the SFO. They include: people who are consistently critical, cynical, judgmental, or who tend to gossip. Those who bring their own [often exaggerated] agenda – political or religious – to the SFO. Those who always seem angry or restless, or extremely insecure about themselves. Those who are careless in financial matters. Those who appear to have psychological needs or expectations that the fraternity could not possibly meet. That does not mean that the person who is interested in the SFO must be perfect, or that he or she will not have to face difficulties and struggles. Nonetheless, embracing our lifestyle should energize a person, not deplete one's



energies. Many of these things are common sense, and common sense is part of the discernment process.

One of the things we try to do in initial formation is to lay a **foundation for success**. We want those who embrace our way of life to be able to live a qualitatively better life because they are Secular Franciscans, and to have the possibility of enhancing the life of the fraternity. In every case, it is important that the formation personnel, minister, spiritual assistant and councilors share their impressions and come to a common decision about admitting someone to the SFO.

Before wrapping up this segment of our discernment reflections, I'd like to point out that these requirements are meant to focus *exclusively* on the person who expresses an interest in becoming a Secular Franciscan. Once a person is welcomed into the Fraternity, and even more so after they make profession, the fraternity is committed to aiding each individual in a holistic way – spiritually and humanly speaking – to the extent possible.



## From the Friars' Choir

**Life is not about  
waiting for the storms to pass,  
it's about  
learning how to dance in the rain.**



Secular Franciscans helping out at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen recently. (l-r) **William and Theresa Haas, Maryann Kristensen, Patricia Munafò, Stephen Haycox, Patricia Long, Joe Driessen** and (potential candidate) **John Young**

# JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> New Year's Mary, Mother of God World Day of Peace First Thursday Meeting: 1 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> EPIPHANY	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> BAPTISM OF THE LORD	<b>12</b> Week 1 of Ordinary Time Pss. Wk 1	<b>13</b> St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> EMB Board: 10 AM	<b>16</b> CHRISTIAN SERVICE: Meldrum Kitchen 10:30am - 1pm	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> WEEK 2 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 2 Christian Unity  CHAPTER OF AFFAIRS 12 - Formation 1:30 - Everyone	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> SFO COUNCIL: 6:30 PM	<b>22</b> DAY OF PENANCE (USA) for Abortions	<b>23</b> Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM Interfaith: 7 PM - 9 PM	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> WEEK 3 ORD. Time CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL Pss: Wk 3	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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Gary Johnson

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**Peace and Justice:**

Jo Marie Nardi

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Caroline Florescu

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(for Locations and Times of Meetings)

**Fr. Solanus Cell (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):**

Faye Boland

**St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 pm):**

Frank Liccardello

**First Thursday Meeting (1 pm):**

Raymond Morehead

**Third Sunday General SFO Meeting:**

Maryann Kummer

**Bl. Luchesio Cell (4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30 pm):**

Connie Musial

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Meldrum Soup Kitchen

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