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*St. Bonaventure,
holy patron,
pray for us.*

by Vittore Crivelli

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

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

This past week I had the occasion to hear two wonderful homilies by two Spirit-filled priests! Fr. John Leo Phalen, the founding priest of my parish, Our Lady of the Woods, came "home" to celebrate his 50th Priestly Jubilee. He reminded us that we are "anointed by God, actually "marked" by him through our Baptism." What this does is "set us apart" as belonging to a new world – the world of Christ. We are only temporary dwellers of this world, journeying toward the destination that we are now *marked* for – the heavenly kingdom of our Lord. This does not imply that we will be rich or that we will not suffer, but that God is with us always through all our trials on this journey to him.

Then, this past Wednesday morning in the friary chapel, our own beloved, Br. Pat, began his homily by asking some of us, "Why should anyone take you seriously as a Christian, as a Secular Franciscan, etc.? What are your credentials? What recommends you?" This was in reference to 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 when St. Paul was asked to produce his credentials or letters of recommendation. In response, of course, we could tell people verbally who we are, but what does that mean? Ultimately, it is in people *seeing* concretely our love of God and love of neighbor that we produce our "credentials;" it is our actions that acts as "letter of recommendation" and "letters of authenticity" that we belong to God. We really are "set apart" [chosen] and should reflect to the world that we belong first to God and are willing to serve God's people in love.

To me, all this points to something that our contemporary society often seems to mock and spurn — namely, **SAINTLINESS**, i.e., living a life of sanctity [holiness], modeling a Gospel life as our Seraphic Father, Francis of Assisi, did, showing the world that we do love God and we do love one another! In his article, **Sanctity and the Secular**, [*America*, May 18, 2009, p. 20], Robert Lauder, notes the characteristics of saintliness leading to a martyr's death, namely a **single-mindedness that involved a heroic commitment to Christ**. I would also add: **Knowing whose we are and what that means!**

Growing up in St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School in Hazel Park, our 8th grade religion teacher was Fr. Norm Thomas who was fresh out of the seminary. We saw him every Friday. I recall two main ideas of that year that have never left me. First, he taught us what **CREDO** – I BELIEVE meant. Credo was the word that the martyrs lived by and their blood became the "cement" of the Church. At Mass, when he would burst forth in the most reverent crescendo with *CREDO IN UNUM DEO*, I thought I would faint, thinking how I was ready to die right then and there for our Lord! Then, during our eighth grade graduation homily, he had a piece of driftwood and told us that when a piece of wood falls into the ocean, it is tossed around hither and thither; it dries up; it is no good for the purpose it was originally made to serve. Then he told us that now we are going out into the world — being thrown, as it were, into the ocean — but we have a **choice**...we could easily become like the driftwood. We could succumb to following the crowd, become dried up by meaningless actions and never serve the purpose for which God had created us. Or, we could make the choice to remember who we are: **Children of God**; live a life of saintliness, having that single-mindedness of the martyrs, choosing even to become "cement" of the Church with our Credo.

Now, here we are, brothers and sisters, chosen not only in Baptism, but again in our Profession to live this Franciscan charism. Do you see your joyful destination? Are you living that single-mindedness that witnesses your love of God and neighbor? I have chosen CREDO as my special word for meditation this month and I have a piece of driftwood on my computer desk to remind me that I have choice. Join with me in prayer this month remembering that you have a choice, too.

God bless you, dear ones! SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC. Don't forget to sign up!

Janet

5TH ANNUAL FRATERNITY PICNIC JULY 19TH



Our annual picnic
will be held on Sunday,
July 19 at 1:30 p.m.
Invite your family.
Have a great time.
Any questions?
Call Maryann Kummer
at 734-427-8813.

Gary Johnson



Happy (early) 4th Anniversary!

Love, "Wifie" Claire



Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Denise Joseph
Peter Aluzzo	Maryann Kummer
Jan Atkinson	Les and Josie Lafata
Kay Balas	Tony Lienert
Gertrude Beattie	Janice Litch
Evelyn Bishop	Rose Longo
Janet & John Bodell	Joseph Marra
Anthony Brodeur	Sophie Martin
Loretta Chmielarczyk	Maria McNally
Julia Erzbischoff-Donahue	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Laurie Drobnicki	Rosie Patin
Clara Falzone	Dolores & Bob Peckham
Wesley Faust	Theresa Pfaendtner
Marie Fontanive	Joseph Pierce
Mary Gillen	Valerie Ridley
Natalie Grabowski	Mary Saber
James Heymes	Alice Vier
Caroline Hojna	Helen Wardowski
Anna May Jesak	Joseph Wisk
Donna Marie Johnston	Stephen Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Susan Arcznski, cousin of the Atkinsons
 Mary Ann Avery, niece of Lorraine Korte
 Avian, great nephew of the Atkinsons
 Angel Bettin and Donna Mitchell,
 daughters of Caroline Hojna
 Melanie Bruss, niece of Dan and Jan Atkinson
 Angelina and Joey Daleo,
 daughter-in-law & son of Josie and Les Lafata
 Starr Dehn, niece of Mary Poole
 Rose Dreissen, wife of Joseph
 Duane Duchene, father of Clare Falzone

Barbara Erzbischoff, mother of Julia E-Donahue
 John Erzbischoff, cousin of Julia E-Donahue
 Beverly Falzone, mother of Clara
 Louis Flazone, uncle of Clara
 Mike Falzone, father of Clara
 Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline
 Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie
 Doreen Gerwollis, daughter of Sophie Martin
 Billy Gerwollis, son-in-law of Sophie Martin
 Judy Hojna, Caroline's sister-in-law
 Ted Hojna, husband of Caroline
 Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 June Litch, mother of Janice
 Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Ed Raymond, husband of Diane
 Adam Rea, nephew of Norma
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Andrew Arcznski
 Christopher Beattie
 Francisco Biber
 James Anthony Brannigan
 Thomas Chmielarczyk
 Thomas Greenia
 Edward Kluk
 John Marra III
 Joseph Marra, Jr.

Pray for ALL

who have entrusted themselves to our prayer.

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

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335

Brothers and Sisters

What a beautiful day and wonderful meeting we had in preparation for our upcoming Chapter. **Maryann Kummer** facilitated the meeting and **John Bodell** led the Rule Reflections. We then had a lively discussion about the main areas that our fraternity needs to focus on during the next three years and what qualities and skills would be helpful in our leaders to achieve those goals (see the recap on page 9). So many traits were listed that **Connie Musial** remarked that if someone possessed all those qualities, we would canonize him/her. We were also reminded that we need everyone's help to make the **Fr. Solanus Concert** on September 13 a success (see p. 13).

I trust that everyone knows that many of our permanently excused members are praying for us. For instance, **Valerie Ridley**, afflicted with pancreatic cancer and Parkinson's Disease has successfully undergone surgery and is still undergoing chemo- and radiation treatments. Valerie appreciates all our prayers and kindnesses, and is so grateful for her Franciscan vocation, which gives her such "joy-filled strength." Are you aware that we are living in the company of saints right here on earth in our Fraternity? If you look closely at our meetings, you might see a halo or two.

Speaking of saints, Joe and I planned to have a Mass at our home on the 1st anniversary of **Maxine Piaseczny's** death (August 16) with **Fr. Ray Trejo** presiding; however, since the 16th of August is the Third Sunday, perhaps we can be together at our regular meeting and remember Maxine and the numerous ways she touched our lives. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Mary Gillen, a long-time SFO member, suffered a stroke. I talked to her son, John, and it seems that Mary's stroke was not as serious as they first thought. She is home, walking and talking. Hopefully, with a little physical therapy, she'll be as good as new. Praise the Lord!

Dan Marotta's wife, **Dot**, was at our Sunday gathering, looking great all dressed up in pink. She had been diagnosed with cancer in November, and received prayerful support especially from the Bl. Luchesio Cell. Dot has completed the chemo treatments and has eight more radiation treatments to go. So she would welcome prayers from all our members, as well as notes or cards

(17214 Gulf Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48038).

Mary Ann Kristensen's son, John, who was in the Armed Forces, has returned home safely. She is thankful for our prayers.

Congratulations to **Ona Harris**, who will marry **Leonard Wilson** on July 11, 2009, at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in Detroit. They'll make their home in Pineville, Louisiana. Since there is no local SFO Fraternity there, Ona will remain a member of our Fraternity until she can start one. So we are just saying *au revoir* to Ona.

Mary Hebert was interviewed by **Bill Wicks**, former President of the National SFO Council (NAFRA) for his Vol. II of *The History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States*. Bill's first volume is available through the NAFRA magazine and was listed in last month's **Poverello**. Volume I as it is an important book for all SFOs in the US. **Br. Pat** and **Janet Bodell** are included in the "acknowledgements."

Did you know that our Secretary, **Pat Meldrum**, is a master gardener? She has been attending gardening shows in West Virginia and New York.

Terry Pfaendtner has moved to St. John Senior Center where **Dolores Peckham** resides. The address is **18300 East Warren, Detroit, MI 48224**.

It was discovered that the tumor that **Anna Tyler's** brother had was encapsulated so they simply removed it. Praise the Lord!

Les LaFata is at the U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. After cataract surgery he can see better and can walk with assistance. He still has a long way to go, so keep him in your prayers.

The Solanus Casey Center staff is changing. The current Director, **Fr. Daniel Fox**, will become pastor of St. Agnes Church in Sanford MI. Over the years, we've developed a great relationship with Fr. Dan and will miss him a lot. A farewell party honoring him will be held at Lakeland Manor Banquet Hall on July 17th (for more info call the Center). **Fr. Larry Webber** returned Stateside after spending years as a missionary in Nicaragua. He has already joined the Center's staff. And the current pastor at St. Agnes, Sanford, **Fr. James Hast** will be joining the staff this summer. We look forward to partnering with the new staff of the Solanus Center.

Send news items about our members to **Faye Kluk Boland** at:
(tel) 586-939-3342 or (e-mail) Boland14@sbcglobal.net

Faye

Rule Reflections for July

Article 8

As Jesus was the true worshiper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all that they are and do. Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

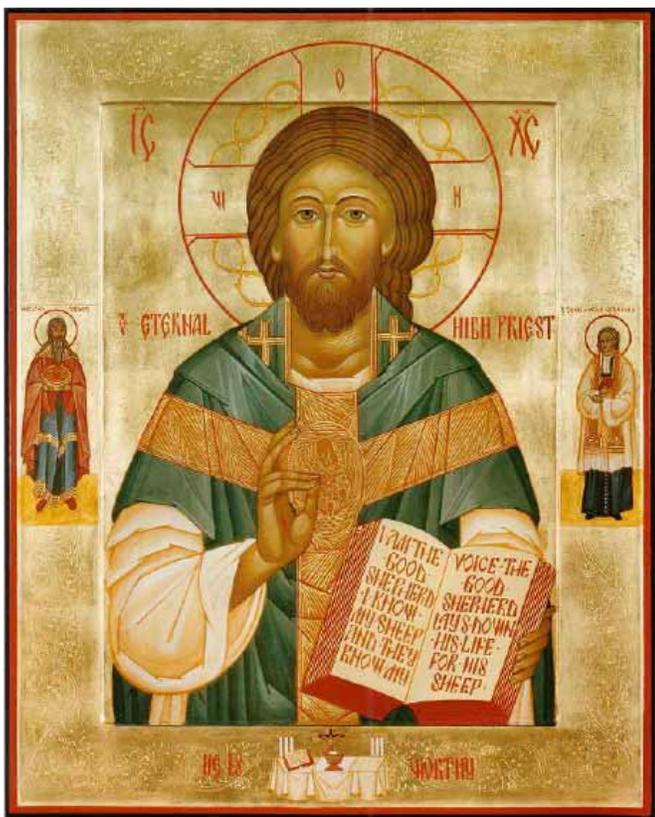
Scripture: Mt 6:5-18; Lk 6:12; 11:1-13; Jn 1:14, 18

For individual meditation:

1. Contemplation [i.e., calling to mind the marvels God has done] often is what prompted St. Francis to pray [e.g., The Canticle of Creation]. How are you heightening your awareness of the marvels God has done in your life? What effect is that having on your prayer?
2. We are encouraged to participate in the Sacraments and in the liturgical prayer of the Church, i.e., Eucharist, the Sacraments, and the Hours (“the Divine Office”). The reason is so that we “relive the mysteries of the life of Christ. How do you relive the mysteries of Christ’s life when you go to Mass or pray the Office?”

For group sharing:

Saint Francis had an absolute respect for priests, including those who were not models of virtue. Pope Benedict has declared June 19, 2009-2010 to be a “Year for Priests”. Besides prayer, what can we do, as individuals and as a fraternity, to celebrate this Year for Priests?



Prayer for Priests suggested by the US Bishops

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother
wrap her mantle around your priests
and through her intercession
strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests
to follow her own words,
“Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5).
May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,
Mary’s most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart
inspire them to embrace
all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love
seeking nothing but your greater glory
and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.



Celebrating Patricia Long



Pat was born on June 20, 1940 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit to James and Florence (Sicher) Thiel, the third of 10 children. She attended Our Lady Gate of Heaven Grade School and St. Cecilia High School.

After graduating from high school, Pat entered the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Congregation in

Monroe. Her religious name was Sr. Florentine, IHM. After the period of initial formation, she was on mission for eight years teaching elementary grades in Detroit, Dearborn and Dexter. She served one year in pastoral work in Chicago, followed by a year in Detroit involved in pastoral ministry for mentally challenged persons. While on retreat, she was baptized in the Holy Spirit on her 30th birthday. During 1973, she made three retreats. Following the third, which was a directed retreat, she made a choice to leave the convent.

Pat lived in Dearborn and married Albert Paul Long, with whom she had two children: Mary Florence and Albert Paul, Jr. They now have two grandsons: Alexander Joseph and Andrew Paul who live in Taylor.

Pat graduated from Marygrove College in 1963 with a Bachelor's Degree in English, Theology and Elementary Education, with minors in French and History. She earned a Master's Degree in Special Education from Wayne State

University in 1972, and a Certification in Elementary Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy. Pat has taught for over 40 years as an elementary teacher, a substitute teacher, a college instructor, and for the past 15 years as a private tutor.

In 1997, Pat and Al joined St. Sebastian Parish in Dearborn Heights. From 1997-2003, she volunteered as a teacher's aid for the RCIA program. Since then she has volunteered for the parish festivals, and recently participated in an Evangelism Task Team that discussed possible outreach programs for the parish's Planning Committee. Presently, she feels that her apostolic work is to instruct her young grandsons in our Catholic faith and traditions.

In 1977, Pat began candidacy as a Secular Franciscan and made profession on May 20, 1979. She decided to join the Secular Franciscan Order because after she left the convent, she did not want to drift away from her relationship with God. The daily prayer requirement was a support to her intention of remaining a consecrated person striving to lead a consecrated life.

Pat's hobbies include taking family photos of special events, traveling and shopping for souvenirs, and creative cooking. Among her favorite reading material are romances, Magnificat magazine, The Word Among Us, and Better Homes and Gardens. She has been actively involved in her community by promoting several religious education programs in local churches and was an ambassador for the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce from 2001-2004.

We love you, Pat!



From the Friars' Choir

All formation is primarily
the work of the Holy Spirit...

Those being formed
are the principal authors of
and the ones responsible for their own growth.

- see Capuchin Constitutions, Art. III at 23:1-2

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A Sense of Wonder

With a special appearance and Q&A by the film's star and writer, Kaiulani Lee.

When pioneering environmentalist Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* in 1962, the backlash from her critics thrust her into role of controversial public figure. Using many of Miss Carson's own words, Kaiulani Lee embodies this extraordinary woman in a documentary style film, which depicts Carson in the final year of her life. Struggling with cancer, Carson recounts with both humor and anger the attacks by the chemical industry, the government, and the press as she focuses her limited energy to get her message to Congress and the American people.

The film is an intimate and poignant reflection of Carson's life as she emerges as America's most successful advocate for the natural world. *A Sense of Wonder* was shot in HD by Oscar-winning cinematographer Haskell Wexler at Carson's cottage on the coast of Maine.

FREE ADMISSION

DATE:
JULY 9, 2009

TIME:
7:00 PM

LOCATION:
Lecture Hall B in the
Social Science Building
University of Michigan
Dearborn Campus



www.asenseofwonderfilm.com
[U of M – Dearborn Campus Map](#)



Chapter Preparations

At our fraternity gathering on June 14, we discussed the following two questions in preparation for our Elective Chapter in October.

1. What are the main areas that our fraternity needs to focus on during the next three years? (The first five responses were mentioned multiple times. The other responses were mentioned only once.)

- Continuation of young adult task force
- Focus on our charism of service as Franciscans (active participation of brothers and sisters in the fraternity, community involvement as a group, help the Capuchins/Solanus Casey Center, etc.)
- More focus on programs that increase our Franciscan spirituality at all meetings
- Recruitment of new members
- Refresher course on the Liturgy of the Hours, new ideas for meetings, Bible study
- Marketing/Visibility of fraternity
- Review make-up of our Commissions
- More open communication with members via e-mail or telephone chains with permanently excused members, workings of the Order, things happenings with our SFO brothers and sisters
- Inclusiveness at meetings and cell groups
- Introduction of council members at all meetings/encourage members to sit at different tables at meetings to get to know each other
- More active bereavement group
- Speakers should be organized, to the point, not long-winded
- Stress spiritual and temporal benefits of being a Secular Franciscan in brochures
- Sharing of information from the National Fraternity with our members

2. What qualities and/or skills would be helpful in our leaders (i.e., minister and councilors) to achieve these goals? (The first three responses were mentioned multiple times.)

- Leadership experience – organizational skills
- Good communication skills
- A “people person”
- Servant leadership – motivational skills, practical, problem solver, flexibility
- Members of the Leadership Council work together as a team
- Sensitive but not overly sensitive; does not take things personally
- Someone on the Council must have time for the office work

- Animator – ability to draw other members into the process so that no one is doing the work alone
- Leadership skills – able to influence and lead others in the projects determined by the fraternity
- Knowledge and experience, background in Franciscan ways
- Humility and confidence
- Listener – ability to hear with grace many sides
- Following through with procedures that work now
- Not afraid to make mistakes
- Time commitment and the ability to be on time
- Openness to all; ability to make friendships
- Ability to tell the truth [as one sees it] with love
- Willing to have advisors and to use them
- Positive attitude, ability to rejoice, celebrate, sing and enjoy each others' company
- Dedication, calm, prayerful, positive assertion, example of Franciscan spirituality, resilience
- Creative thinker
- Charismatic motivator
- Empathetic; ability to be compassionate
- Sense of humor
- Computer skills
- Ability and enthusiasm to speak in front of an audience and outline an agenda

In August you will be asked to nominate individuals for the various leadership positions. Please keep in mind the following two points:

- 1) **You may not nominate yourself.**
- 2) **If you intend to nominate someone, please ask that person beforehand if they are willing to have their name placed in nomination.**

As you review the points mentioned with regard to the future direction of the fraternity it might be helpful to distinguish which of them are dependent on the leadership team and which are not.

With regard to desirable qualities and skills, it might be helpful to distinguish which skills are necessary for ALL the members of the leadership team (e.g., the willingness and ability to work together by consensus), and which are required only for some or certain members of the leadership team (e.g., knowledge of at least basic accounting skills and financial ethics (treasurer)).

Please also keep in mind that leadership is not a matter of **power**, but of **service**. We are members of a larger Order and our elected leaders may only act within the limits set by Canon Law, our Franciscan Rule and SFO Constitutions, our statutes and bi-laws. For example, even such things as the nature of our fraternal gatherings (what they are and what they are not), are guided by a larger picture of SFO life determined by the SFO General Chapter and particular law. We are not electing individuals who have power to do anything they want at will. We are electing servant leaders ... not only servants to our fraternity, but servants to the larger SFO fraternity and vision, as well as to the Church.

Franciscan Saints of July

- July 1Bl. Juniper Serra (1730-1784) OFM, missionary
- July 4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336) SFO, spouse, parent, queen**
- July 4St. Cesidio Giacomoantonio of Fossa (1873-1900), OFM martyr
- July 8 Ss. Gregory Grassi, bishop, and John Van (1884-1900), SFO and Companions, “The Franciscan Martyrs of China” OFM and Third Order (religious and secular)**
- July 9Ss. Nicholas Pieck, Willehad and Companions “The Martyrs of Gorkum” (-1572)
- July 9 Bl. Marija of Jesus Crucified Petkovic (1892-1966) SFO virgin, Founder of the Daughters of Mercy**
- July 10St. Veronica Giuliani (1660-1727) Virgin, Capuchin Poor Clare, mystic
- July 11 Bl. Veridiana of Castel Fiorentino (1182-1242) SFO**
- July 12Ss. John Jones and John Wall, “The Franciscan Martyrs of England” (-1598)
- July 13Bb. Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions, “The Franciscan Martyrs of Damascus, Syria” (-1860)
- July 13 Bl. Angelina Angioballi of Marsciano (1377-1435) SFO**
- July 16St. Francis Solano (1549-1610) OFM priest and missionary
- July 15 St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio (1218-1274) OFM Bishop and Doctor of the Church, “The Seraphic Doctor”, Patron of our Fraternity**
- July 18St. Simon of Lipnicza (1435-1482) Bernardine Franciscan
- July 21St. Lawrence of Brindisi (1559-1619) Capuchin Franciscan Priest and Doctor of the Church
- July 23St. Kinga (aka Cunegunda) (1224-1292) Poor Clare
- July 23 St. Bridget of Sweden (1302-1373) SFO, spouse, parent, Founder of the Bridgittines, Co-Patron of Europe**
- July 24Bl. Louise of Savoy (1461-1503) Poor Clare
- July 24Bl. Anthony Lucci (1681-1752) Conventual Franciscan, Bishop of Bovino
- July 24Bl. Modestino Mazzarella of Frattamaggiore (1802-1827) OFM priest
- July 27Bl. Mary Magdalen Martinengo (1687-1737) Capuchin Poor Clare
- July 27 Bl. Nevelone of Faenza (1200-1280) SFO pilgrim, penitent**
- July 27:Bl. Archangelo of Calatafimi (1390-1460) OFM
- July 28:Bl. Mattia Nazarei (1253-1320) Poor Clare
- July 28Bl. Mary Therese Kowalska (-1941) Capuchin Poor Clare martyr
- July 28St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu (1910-1946) Poor Clare



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| July 1 Daniel Atkinson | July 12 Michael Samulski |
| July 6 Sophia Cisneros | Rose Gold |
| July 7 Wilhelmina Adkins | July 15 John Gillen |
| William Haas | July 16 Louis Joseph |
| Ona Harris | July 22 Beverly Sapien |
| July 9 Joyce Kaminski | July 24 Barbara Pardington |
| July 11 Dora Sue Jay | July 30 Genevieve Ochenkowski |
| | Peter Aluzzo |

MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

- July 10 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)**
July 15 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
July 19 Fraternity Annual Picnic (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
August 14 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
August 16 3rd Sunday Meeting (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
August 19 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
September 11 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
September 13 Third Annual Remembering Fr. Solanus Concert (3 PM; tour at 2 PM)
September 16 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
September 20 SFO Day of Reflection (everyone at 11 am) - NO Mass; bring bag lunch
October 9 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
October 18 CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS
October 21 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
October 24 SFO Mass for All Deceased Franciscans (10 am)
November 13 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
November 15 SFO Renewal Mass (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
November 18 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
December 11 Christian Service at the Meldrum Kitchen (10:30 AM-1:00 PM)
December 16 Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
December 20 3rd Sunday Meeting - Christmas Concert (Formation at Noon; everyone at 1:30 pm)
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Talyn Conley
2 years old
bilateral retinoblastoma



The first indication that something was wrong with Talyn came during a checkup when she was 10 months old. Talyn's doctor noticed a white glare in her eyes and sent Talyn and her mom to a specialist. The news was devastating. Talyn suffered from cancerous tumors in both her eyes, known as bilateral

retinoblastoma. Talyn was referred to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital right away. "We didn't have time to go home," said Talyn's mom. "Once the doctor said we needed to go to St. Jude, we got right on a plane. Our whole world changed overnight." Within hours, Talyn and her parents were on their way to Memphis.

Talyn underwent seven months of chemotherapy and four laser surgeries on her eyes. Talyn's parents felt anxious about the cost of their daughter's medical treatment, and they were understandably overwhelmed. Talyn's dad said he would work three jobs if necessary to save his little girl. But when they learned St. Jude provides treatment regardless of the family's ability to pay, they were amazed and relieved. "We didn't know that St. Jude helps out so much," Talyn's mom said. "It was a big load off our shoulders." They were able to focus on what was important — getting Talyn well.

Talyn responded well to treatment. Her doctors are hopeful they were able to save her eyesight. In December, Talyn was able to return home in time for Christmas. She visits St. Jude every six weeks for checkups. Talyn is walking and talking, and has a new puppy with whom she loves to play.



Solanus Concert

**We are very much looking forward to
the Third Annual Father Solanus – A Simple Man – Concert
on September 13th at 3:00 P.M.**

**The proceeds from the event help defray the costs
of the fraternity's Fair Share obligation.**

We need everyone's help to make the concert a success.

Please take a flyer and help us sell tickets.

If you can't attend the Concert yourself, consider donating a ticket.

**Please look at the volunteer list (or contact Bev or Chuck Sapien) to sign up
to bring finger foods, sell tickets at the door, serve food, or help in the kitchen.**

We need you to help make our concert a success.

As Edward Everett said,

“I am only one, but still I am one.

I cannot do everything, but still I can do something.”

Together we can make this our best concert yet!



***Congratulations
to Ona Harris and Leonard Wilson
on their Wedding,
July 11, 2009***



JULY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 WEEK 14 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 2	6	7	8	9	10 CHRISTIAN SERVICE MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	11 Ona Harris' Wedding to Leonard Wilson
12 WEEK 15 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 3	13	14 St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	15 SFO COUNCIL: 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19 WEEK 16 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 4 Annual Fraternity Picnic 12 - Formation 1:30 - Everyone	20	21	22	23 EMB Board: 10 AM	24 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM Interfaith: 7 PM - 9 PM	25
26 WEEK 17 ORD. TIME Pss: Wk 1	27	28	29	30	31	

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Maryann Kummer

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