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*“You are my companion,  
we will work together,  
supporting one another  
toward the same end,  
and no one will prevail against us.”*

# MINISTER'S LETTER

**Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus Christ is alive! Alleluia!**

**This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!**

As I was praying about the message that I would share with you this month, I asked God to grant me wisdom and to provide me with the message that he would want me to share with you. I believe that the message I am to share with you is this: **Live the Resurrection.**

We can **Live the Resurrection** by taking time to stay connected to the Spirit of the living God, who is the resurrection and the life, the Source of all hope, joy and love, and who has promised to be with us until the end of time.

**Since you became alive again, so to speak, when Christ arose from the dead, now set your sights on the rich treasures and joys of heaven where he sits beside God in the place of honor and power. Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things of earth. You should have as little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in heaven with Christ and God. And when Christ who is our real life comes back again, you will shine with him and share in all his glories (Col 3:1-4).**

We can **Live the Resurrection** by proclaiming to others that God loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to suffer and die for us so that we may have eternal life. As believers in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have the promise of eternal life. Death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life. The sting of death and sin is gone through Christ's victorious death and resurrection.

**But the fact is that Christ did actually rise from the dead, and has become the first of millions who will come back to life again some day. Death came into the world because of what one man [Adam] did, and it is because of what this other man (Christ) has done that now there is the resurrection from the dead. Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, being members of his sinful race, and wherever there is sin, death results. But all who are related to Christ will rise again. Each, however, in his own turn: Christ rose first; then when Christ comes back, all his people will become alive again (1 Cor 15:20-23).**

We can **Live the Resurrection** by sharing both by our words and actions the message of hope, joy and love to all those in need. We are called by God to live the resurrection, to become a community of people fully alive in love. Even though we live in a world filled with darkness, death, sin, suffering, fear, worry and anxiety, we – believers in the Resurrection – are called to bring hope to the hopeless, to forgive each other, to work for justice, to comfort those who mourn, to love and serve each other, especially the poor of the world, to be living examples of the Good News to others.

**All the believers were of one heart and one mind, and no one felt that what he owned was his own; everyone was sharing. And the apostles preached powerful sermons about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and there was warm fellowship among all the believers, and no poverty, for all who owned land or houses sold them and brought the money to the apostles to give to others in need (Act 4: 32-35).**

**And so I am giving a new commandment to you now – love each other just as much as I have loved you (Jn 13:34).**

May our risen Lord fill your heart with hope, joy and love. I wish you and your families a joyous and blessed Easter. **Live the Resurrection!**

Maryann Kummer  
Minister

# Congratulations to Our Jubilarians

## 60 Years:

James Heymes  
Theresa Haas  
Theresa Pfaendtner  
Elizabeth Barnowsky  
Frank Liccardello  
Marie Fontanive

## 50 Years:

Robert Snyder  
Elizabeth Housey  
Marilyn Ricard

## 40 Years:

Mary Poole  
Mary LaBudie

## 30 Years:

Ralph Mason

## 25 Years:

Dora Sue Jay  
Joseph Pierce

## 20 Years:

Ona Harris-Wilson  
Clara O'Keefe

## 10 Years:

Debra McCann  
Claudia Damian



# Brothers and Sisters

Joe and I celebrated our 26<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 17<sup>th</sup> by spending the day on Anna Marie Island and going to a St. Pat's corned beef and cabbage dinner and entertainment at our church as we thanked God for all that time together. An added surprise came the following Sunday at Mass when, before the blessing, the priest asked everyone who had March anniversaries to stand. Everyone then extended their hands and prayed over us. After Mass a man who sang at the party approached us and sang a song for us as we held hands.

Among the highlights of our trip was touring the town of Ave Maria, near Naples, FL, where Ave Maria University is located. Both are the brainchild of Domino's Pizza founder, Tom Monaghan.

We also went to a Ringling Bros. Circus complex and were very impressed with the beautiful, large religious paintings on display there. Who would have ever thought that you could have a spiritual experience at a circus' Museum of Art?!

**Mary Hebert** asked me to thank all of you for your prayers, phone calls, Masses and cards following the sudden death of her son-in-law.



Congratulations to **Anna Tyler** on receiving the 2010 Urban Parish Spirit Award. The March 5<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Michigan Catholic* (p. 3) had this to say about our Anna: "Shirley Partida and Anna Tyler are examples of the kind of person who makes a difference in a parish, whose participation goes beyond just regular attendance...[they] are among 21 recipients of this year's Urban Parish Spirit Award, all of whom were recognized at a Feb. 10 ceremony at Sacred Heart Church, Detroit. The awards are co-sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministries and the Urban Parish Coalition of

the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance. ...Capuchin Fr. Raymond Stadmeyer, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, said Tyler is a 'woman of prayer and deep faith, a very humble person.' Noting that Tyler is one of the parish's 'prayer warriors,' he continued, 'People will go to her when they're in trouble and ask her to pray for them. She's a retired psychiatric nurse, and brings that kind of calmness to situations.' "And although disabled by an old back injury, Tyler helps many other parishioners by driving them to doctors' appointments and other places. 'She'll drive anybody anywhere. Her car becomes a vehicle for ministry,' Fr. Stadmeyer says. Tyler's connection to the parish goes back a long way, having graduated from the parish's high school in 1962. She lived in other parts of the country during some of the intervening years, but returned to St. Charles when she moved back to Detroit. She serves on the parish council and Renaissance Vicariate council, and was a member of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. 'I do what I can,' she says. Tyler is also involved with the parish's ministry to area nursing homes and group home residents. And she is a member of the Secular Franciscans. Although the back injury she has had since the 1990s still gives her trouble and causes her to need a cane or walker to get around, she says she doesn't mind too much: 'It allows me to share in some limited degree in Jesus' suffering, and it helps other people, too – by allowing them to fuss over me.'" What a wonderful witness to Gospel faith!

Please participate generously in the Fraternity's **Towel Drive**. New white towels and washclothes are being collected during March through May and will be donated to the Meldrum Shower Program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in June. White only, please! They can be dropped off at our Fraternity Gatherings on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> or on May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you intend to drop them off at any other time, please contact Br. Pat McSherry first, to arrange a mutually agreeable time (313-579-2100, ext. 141). Thanks, ahead of time!

**Maryann Montpetit** writes that it was the first day of Spring at our Day of Recollection and we were gifted with some fresh ideas on how to grow our Fraternity. We were honored to have **Fr. John Celichowski**, Provincial Minister of the St. Joseph Capuchin Province share some

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Fr. John Celichowski making a point.

successful strategies from his own experiences with the First Order. He focused his remarks on a process known as Appreciative Inquiry which offers an alternative to the human tendency to focus on problems. Appreciative Inquiry “flips the switch” and focuses on the strengths and the best in people and groups to build a new reality.

Developed in the 1980s by David Cooperrider, “AI” [i.e., Appreciative Inquiry] is based on the assumption that every organization has something that works right—things that give life when it is most alive, effective, successful. AI begins by identifying what is positive and connecting to it in ways that heighten energy and vision for change. The process itself includes four phases: (1) the Discovery phase which brings to light the “best of what is” and “what has been;” (2) the Dream phase which explores “what might be;” (3) the Design phase which involves making choices about “what should be” – a conscious re-creation or transformation, to have the organization become more fully aligned with its positive past (Discovery) and highest potential (Dream); and lastly, (4) the Destiny phase that focuses on “what will be,” designed to elicit personal and organizational commitments and paths forward. Now that we have a little background to the process, we hope to re-visit Appreciative Inquiry in a more specific way related to our SFO fraternity. By building on the positive strengths – moving from strength to strength – we have a life-giving model which energizes and encourages dreaming and the achieving of positive goals. It was an exciting experience to share all the good in our members and fraternity.

Through the kindness of **Gina Rizzo**, **Natalie Grabowski** was able to join us on Sunday. Natalie is a permanently excused member, but hopes to be back with us whenever she can get a ride. New faces intermingled with more familiar smiles. Xavier and Lettie, a brother and sister who joined us last month, returned and plan to join the Inquirers Class in April.

Which reminds me: **if you know of anyone you think would be a good Secular Franciscan, invite them to join us for the Inquirers Class on the Third Sunday of April at 12 noon. Our Fraternity really relies on everyone being a “vocation promoter”.**

**Terry Pfaendtner**, who is in St. Mary’s Nursing and Rehab Center, has improved and is now able to go to the Dining Room for her dinners. We will now be making plans to celebrate Terry’s 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month.

I received a call from former long-time members of our Fraternity, **John and Helen Bulick**, with the news that another former member, **Marlene Knapp**, died of a brain tumor. Our condolences to her husband, Ed, and her family.

I really enjoy and appreciate **Maryann Kummer’s** “Celebrating...” articles. I didn’t really know **Julia Ertzbischoff Donahue** and now I feel that I do. And although I thought I knew **Claire Johnson** really well because she is a long-time member, I found that there was so much more to know and appreciate about her. Praise the Lord for Maryann and all she does for our Fraternity!

Did you know that the Capuchin Retreat has set aside a week (July 6-13) for anyone who wants to make a directed retreat or a private retreat? These are more personalized to the needs of the individual. They are available any time during the year, but Capuchin Retreat is offering this specific week when additional retreat directors will be available.

Those who may have stopped in at the Solanus Casey Center on any weekday would be familiar with **Mr. Paul Passeno**, the main receptionist. Paul worked for the Capuchins in the front office for the past 23 years. He passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 29, 2010. He was only 59 years old. As of this printing, no funeral arrangements had yet been made (see page 9).

Joe and I are very much looking forward to the April Mass celebrating our Profession Jubilarians. See you then!

Love,  
Faye Kluk Boland



**Members needing prayers:**

Wilhelmina Adkins	Maryann Kummer
Peter Aluzzo	Les and Josie Lafata
Jan Atkinson	Tony Lienert
Kay Balas	Janice Litch
Gertrude Beattie	Rose Longo
Evelyn Bishop	Ilene Manning
Janet & John Bodell	Joseph Marra
Rocco Cesaro	Sophie Martin
Loretta Chmielarczyk	Maria McNally
Julia Erzbischoff-Donahue	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Clara Falzone	Rosie Patin
Wesley Faust	Dolores & Bob Peckham
Marie Fontanive	Theresa Pfaendtner
Mary Gillen	Joseph Pierce
Natalie Grabowski	Valerie Ridley
James Heymes	Mary Saber
Caroline Hojna	Gene Snyders
Anna May Jezak	Alice Vier
Donna Marie Johnston	Helen Wardowski
Denise Joseph	Joseph Wisk
Mary Klein	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  
 Lucy Devus  
 Rose Dreissen, wife of Joseph  
 Duane Duchene, father of Clare Falzone  
 Barbara Erzbischoff, mother of Julia E-Donahue  
 Beverly & Mike Falzone, parents of Clara

Sylvia Rosales-Fike  
 Karen Fitzpatrick, daughter of Mary Klein  
 Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline  
 Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie  
 Leo Frangos, nephew of Donna Marie Johnston  
 Doreen Gerwollis, daughter of Sophie Martin  
 Billy Gerwollis, son-in-law of Sophie Martin  
 John Gold, husband of Rose  
 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  
 Manning Family, including Ilene and her son, Bill  
 Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier  
 Charlie McCaay & Family of Ilene Manning  
 John McCaay, 5-yr-old with brain cancer  
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur  
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas  
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary  
 Simone Robinson, mother of Joanne Schumacher  
 Amy Schumacher, daughter of Joanne  
 Bob Stevenson, son-in-law of John and Janet Bodell  
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert  
 Nellie Westbrook, mother Teresa  
 Frances Wicks, wife of former National Minister, Bill  
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Andrew Arcznski  
 Christopher Beattie  
 James Anthony Brannigan  
 Thomas Chmielarczyk  
 Thomas Greenia  
 John Marra III  
 Joseph Marra, Jr.  
 Gerard Williams

**We ask that you pray for ALL  
 who have asked for our prayers.**

Help keep our list up-to-date,  
 to remove or add names, call:  
**Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335**

# FRANCISCAN SAINTS OF APRIL

- April 1 .....** **Bl. Anacleto González Flores** (1888-1927) Secular Franciscan, spouse, father and martyr, and Companion Martyrs  
Bl. Henry Alfieri of Asti (1315-1405), Friar
- April 2 .....** **Bl. Elizabeth Vendramini** (-1860), Secular Franciscan, Founder of the Franciscan Third Order Srs. of Elizabeth of Padua  
Bl. Alexandrina of Sulmona (-1458) Urbanite Poor Clare  
St. Francis of Paola (-1507) hermit, founder of the Franciscan Order of Minims  
Bl. Francis of Bovalino (1516-1596), Friar  
Bl. Leopold Croci of Gaiche (1733-1815), Friar- priest
- April 3 .....** **St. Louis Scrosoppi** (-1884) Secular Franciscan priest, Oratorian  
Bl. John of Pinna (-1271), Friar-priest  
Bl. Gandolf Sacchi of Binasco, Friar-priest  
Bl. Alexandrina di Letto of Sulmona (-1458), Poor Clare abbess
- April 4..... St. Benedict Massarari “the Moor” of San Fratello (1526-1589), Friar  
Bl. Gaspar of Barga (-1500), Friar
- April 5 .....** **St. Mary Crescentia Höss** (-1744), Third Order of St. Francis, virgin
- April 7 .....** **Bl. William Cufitella of (Noto) Scicli**, (-1537) Secular Franciscan hermit
- April 8..... Bl. Julian Martinet of of Medinaceli, (-1825) Friar, hermit  
Bl. Mary Pallotta of Castello di Croce (-1905), Franciscan Missionary of Mary, cook
- April 9..... Bl. Thomas of Tolentino (1250-1321), James of Padua, Peter of Siena and Companion, Friar-priests martyrs
- April 10 ..... Bl. Mark Fantuzzi of Bologna (1405-1479), Friar-priest
- April 12 ..... Bl. Angelo Carletti of Chiavasso (-1495), Friar-priest
- April 14 ..... Bl. Isabel Calduch Rovira (1882-1937), Poor Clare, martyr  
Bl. Conrad of Hildesheim (-1235), Friar, missionary
- April 15 ..... Bl. John Martinozzi of Montepulciano (-1345), Franciscan friar and martyr
- April 16.... Approval of the Franciscan Rule (1209)**  
St. Bernadette Soubirous (-1879), Corderbearer of St. Francis
- April 17 ..... St. Benedict Joseph Labré, Corderbearer of St. Francis  
Bl. Henry Heath (-1643), Friar-priest, martyr
- April 18.... Bl. James of Lodi (Oldo)** (-1404), Secular Franciscan, widow, priest  
Bl. Andrew Hibernón (1534-1602) Alcantarine Friar
- April 19 ..... Bl. Conrad Miliani of Ascoli (-1289), Friar-priest. Missionary, cardinal
- April 20 ..... St. Agnes of Montepulciano (-1317), Franciscan and Dominican  
Bl. Matthew of Castiglion Fiorentino (-1282), Friar
- April 21.... Bl. John Saziari** (-1372), Secular Franciscan farmer  
St. Conrad of Parzham (-1894), Capuchin Friar  
Bl. Guy of Selvena (-1290), Franciscan friar
- April 22 ..... Bl. Francis Venimbene of Fabriano (-1322), Friar-priest, disciple of St. Bonaventure  
Bl. Stephen of Hungary (-1334) Friar
- April 23 ..... Bl. Giles of Assisi (-1262), Franciscan, Companion of St. Francis, Missionary, hermit  
Bl. Francis of Linari (-1460), Friar-priest
- April 24 ..... St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (-1622), Capuchin Friar-priest and Martyr  
(Saturday in the III Week of Easter) Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd
- April 25 ... Bl. Peter of St. Joseph Betancur** (1619-1667) Secular Franciscan, Founder of the Bethlehemites  
Bl. Philip of Castille (-1290), Friar, Companion of St. Anthony of Padua
- April 27 ... St. Zita of Lucca** (1218-1278) Secular Franciscan  
Bl. Peter of Scarperia (-1493), Friar  
St. James Varingez of Bitetto (1400-1496) Franciscan, cook, mystic
- April 28 ... Bb. Lucchese of Poggibonsi and Buonadonna** (Lucchese: 1180-1260) Secular Franciscan spouses
- April 29 ... Bl. Mary Magdalene Sordini** (1770-1824) Third Order, mystic, Founder of the Perpetual Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament
- April 30 ... St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo**, Secular Franciscan priest and founder  
Bl. Benedict of Urbino (-1625), Capuchin Friar-priest, lawyer, missionary  
Bl. Michael of Barga (-1495) Friar-priest







## *Celebrating Mary Ann Kristensen*



Mary Ann was born on 7 December 1943, to Ann and Walter Mazur at Grace Hospital in Detroit. Mary Ann is the oldest of five siblings (three brothers and a sister). She attended Our Lady of Grace Elementary School and graduated from Rosary High School in 1961. Following her high school graduation, she was employed as a secretary in the Purchasing Department at Kelsey Hayes in Romulus for nine years. Mary Ann met her future husband at Kelsey Hayes.

Mary Ann married Norm Kristensen at Our Lady of Grace Church in 1969. They have been blessed with five wonderful children (Norman – age 37, Elizabeth – age 35, Sarah – age 30, John – age 27, and Matt – age 23), and five precious grandchildren. She feels very blessed that all of her children live nearby so they can get together often.



Mary Ann came to the St. Bonaventure Chapel with her neighbor for a healing service. She was impressed with the beauty of the chapel and the warmth and friendliness of all those present. Soon after that experience, she attended a talk on the Secular Franciscan Order given by **Stephen Haycox** at Divine Child Catholic Church. The talk stirred something within her and she joined the Secular Franciscan Order. **Patricia Long** was her sponsor. Mary Ann was professed at St. Bonaventure Monastery in 2001. She attends the Fraternity's monthly gatherings regularly and occasionally helps in the Soup Kitchen. She enjoys being a Secular Franciscan and tries to live her life according to the Gospel message.

Mary Ann and her husband are parishioners of St. Anselm's Church in Dearborn Heights. She serves as a Eucharistic Minister for her parish and in a nursing home. She is involved in the Right to Life Program.

Mary Ann enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, going on nature walks, skiing in northern Michigan, and being a homemaker.

We love you, Mary Ann!



**Paul Passeno (✕ 29 March 2010)**

## Mark Your Calendars

- April 4 ..... Easter Sunday
- April 9 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- April 11 ..... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
- April 18 ..... NEW INQUIRERS CLASS  
SFO Jubilarian Mass (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
- May 2 ..... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
- May 14 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- May 16 ..... Third Sunday gathering (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
- June 6 ..... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
- June 11 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- June 13 ..... Third Sunday gathering (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
- June 26 ..... SFO Mass for Our Deceased (10:00 a.m.)
- July 9 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- July 11 ..... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
- July 18 ..... SFO Picnic (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
- August 1 ..... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
- August 13 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- August 15 ..... Third Sunday gathering (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
- September 10... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- September 12... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
- September 19... SFO Day of Reflection (everyone at 11:00 a.m., bring a bag lunch)
- October 3 ..... Leadership Council meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- October 3 ..... Transitus (7:00 p.m. in the Monastery chapel)
- October 8 ..... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- October 10 ..... Solanus Casey Concert (time to be announced)
- October 17 ..... Third Sunday gathering (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
- October 23 ..... SFO Mass for All Deceased Franciscans (10:00 a.m.)
- November 7 ..... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
- November 12 ... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- November 21 ... SFO Profession Mass (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
- December 5 ..... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
- December 10 .... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
- December 19 .... Christmas Concert (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)

# *St. Dominic & St. Francis*

In the summer of 1215, St. Francis with a small group of friars were in Rome seeking approbation for his Rule. One night during his stay while Francis was praying, he saw our Lord prepared to bring judgment on the world. The Blessed Virgin Mary was interceding on behalf of humankind. For this purpose, she presented two men who would labor for the conversion of the world. Francis recognized himself as one of these apostles. He did not recognize the other one, however.

The following day, he was in one of the churches of Rome when suddenly an unknown person came up to him, embraced him, and said: "You are my companion, we will work together, supporting one another toward the same end, and no one will prevail against us." Francis recognized him as the other man in the vision. It was St. Dominic, who had also received a similar vision. When he saw Francis in that church, he immediately went to greet him, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

According to one legend, they exchanged their belts – one of rope, the other of leather – as a sign of their mutual affection. Because they were founded within a few years of each other and with a similar zeal for apostolic poverty, the Dominicans and the Franciscans regard each other as true brothers in religion. Members of both orders refer to the two founder-saints as "Holy Father." As a further expression of their spiritual affinity, in many places it has become customary for a Dominican to preach at Franciscan celebrations on St. Francis' feast day (October 4), and alternately for a Franciscan to preach at Dominican celebrations on St. Dominic's feast day (August 8). This great spiritual friendship is imaged even in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Colossal statues of St. Francis and St. Dominic flank the Altar of the Chair in the apse of the basilica.

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**Emma Ivie**  
**4 years old**  
**Neuroblastoma**



Emma loved to ride her bike and play with her little sister Abby. But in spring 2008, she stopped wanting to ride her bike or play. At first, her doctor thought she had a virus. But then her parents noticed that Emma's eyelids turned yellow and black shadows appeared under her eyes. Soon, Emma stopped walking because it hurt. With growing alarm, her parents took her to the local children's hospital, where doctors did blood work. When the results came in, Emma was sent immediately to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Doctors at St. Jude ran more tests. The results were devastating: little Emma suffered from neuroblastoma, a common solid tumor of childhood. Her parents were in shock. Emma's parents found comfort and help at St. Jude. Emma's father was attending optometry school, so the family was living on a student budget and had two small children to care for. But St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. With the burden of medical bills lifted, Emma's parents could focus on taking care of their daughter.

Emma has received chemotherapy, a bone marrow transplant, and radiation. She also underwent surgery to remove tumors on her adrenal glands.

Emma loves princesses and playing dress up with Abby. "St. Jude is a special place," said her mother. "The people who work at St. Jude were called here."

# *St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans'*

## *2010 Towel Campaign*



*Donate and Collect  
new White towels and washcloths  
to be distributed to the Shower Program  
of the Meldrum Capuchin Soup Kitchen*

***When:*** *Bring them on Third Sunday:  
April 18<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup>.  
To drop them off at other times,  
please **pre**-arrange a time  
with Br. Pat McSherry  
by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 141.*

***Delivery:*** *In June*

***Where:*** *In select Fraternities and Cells  
of the Divine Mercy Region*

***Who:*** *All Secular Franciscans,  
with their families and friends*

***Purpose:*** *To answer a need in our community,  
and to spread the Franciscan Charism*



*Let "mercy" be a verb, not just a noun.*





# COME AND SEE...

Brothers and sisters, it is advice the Master himself offers:

**“Go out into the highways and byways and invite” (Luke 14:3)!**

On the Third Sunday of April — April 18<sup>th</sup> — St. Bonaventure Secular Fraternity is hosting a new class of Inquirers. The gathering begins at 12 Noon in the second floor conference room of the Solanus Casey Center. Inquirers are invited to remain for the Jubilarian Mass and social, if they wish.

New members don't drop down out of the heavens. They must hear about us. But **“how can they hear...unless someone tell them...”** (see Romans 10:14-15)?

We're looking for practicing, dedicated Catholics. Invite them, and let them then decide if they want to pursue it for themselves. If they don't want to go alone, come with them. You can always share with the group what being a Secular Franciscan has meant in your life.

So, please consider inviting even just one other person to **“come and see”** (John 1:46).



## From the Friars' Choir

In a famous exchange, Dan Rather asked Mother Teresa of Calcutta what she says in prayer and she replied, “I don't say anything. I listen.” Rather asked, “Well, then when you pray, what does God say?” She said, “He doesn't say anything either. He listens.”



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Holy Thursday	<b>2</b> Good Friday	<b>3</b> Holy Saturday
<b>4</b> EASTER Pss Proper	<b>5</b> EASTER OCTAVE	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> DIVINE MERCY Pss Wk 2 SFO COUNCIL: 2:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> EMB Board: 10 AM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> EASTER III Pss Wk 3  JUBILEE CELEBRATION Candidates: Noon MASS: 1:30 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Earth Day	<b>23</b> Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	<b>24</b>
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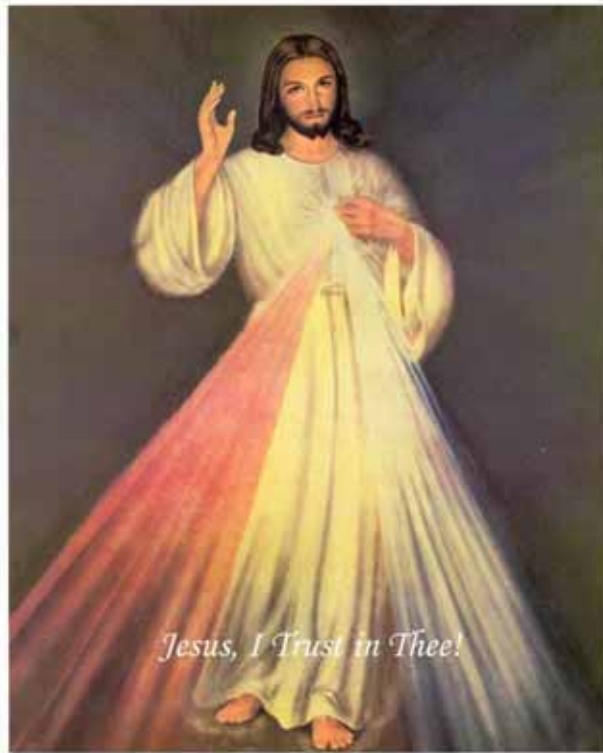
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