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St. Francis renounces his inheritance
Fresco in the Upper Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, by Giotto (1267-1337)

As we begin Lent, we have this image of Francis making a radical lifestyle choice, literally divesting himself. Even though “clothes don’t make the monk”, we know that little girls who dress like princesses, feel like princesses; little boys who dress like Spiderman, feel and act invincible. It is not surprising, then, that Secular Franciscans throughout the ages have chosen to dress [and live] in simple dignity – like the lillies of the field – as just one sign of their radical lifestyle choice.

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MINISTER'S LETTER

My brothers and sisters,

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you!

The month of January has been a very busy one for me. I want to inform you that on Sunday, January 17th [the day of our Chapter], **Joe Portugal** resigned as Treasurer of our Fraternity for personal reasons. A number of things required my immediate attention, so on Tuesday, January 20th, I notified the bank of Joe's resignation, completed all of the necessary paperwork, and checked on the status of our accounts. I met with Gene Snyders on Friday, January 22nd, and he informed me of what needs my further attention. Please be assured that I have already done or am in the process of taking action on those items.

I called a special session of the Leadership Council on Sunday, January 24th, to act upon this matter and to discuss our next steps. At that meeting, the Council: 1) accepted the resignation of Joe Portugal as Treasurer, 2) appointed **Gene Snyders** as Treasurer *pro tem*, and 3) approved the 2010 fraternity budget, including a \$5 increase to cover the costs of *The Poverello*. I am deeply grateful to Gene Snyders for giving an extraordinary amount of time and energy, especially since he is scheduled to undergo surgery in a couple of weeks, in working with me and in preparing the 2010 budget and other financial reports. Thank you, Gene. If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving a financial report and a copy of the 2010 budget.

In a little more than two weeks, we will begin our Lenten journey, a grace-filled time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As with any journey we embark upon, the more time we spend preparing for it, the more positive benefits we will derive from our journey. The same is true with our Lenten journey. During the next two weeks, I encourage you to take some time to decide on the positive actions you will undertake so that you will truly experience a conversion of heart and receive abundant blessings and graces.

Because of our vocation as Secular Franciscans, our Lenten journey should be an extraordinary time for each of us. As our Rule of life states: "United by their vocation as 'brothers and sisters of penance,' and motivated by the dynamic power of the Gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the Gospel itself calls 'conversion.' Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily."

Lent is a time for self-denial and almsgiving, but it is so much more than that. It is a time to step back from our normal routines, to slow down and be still, to go deeper into pondering the Gospel message of God's love and mercy, to go deeper within ourselves to experience a conversion of our heart, to deepen our relationship with our heavenly Father who loves us more than we can imagine and who invites us to return to him with all our heart.

"Even now, says the Lord: return to me with your whole heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God, for gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment" (Joel 2:12-14).

During your Lenten journey, I pray that you will experience a conversion of heart and deepen your relationship with the God of love and mercy. Go deeper!

Your sister in St. Francis,
Maryann



From the Friars' Choir

If we all threw our problems
into a big pile
and saw everyone else's,
we'd grab ours back.

CHAPTER REFLECTIONS

by Br. Patrick McSherry, OFM Cap

It's been my practice in the past to share some personal reflections with you on the occasion of your Chapter of Affairs, i.e., your Business Chapter. It is my privilege again this year to share some thoughts and feelings with you, heart-to-heart. I say "privilege", because very sincerely, I am proud to be associated with this Fraternity, very proud to be your brother and spiritual assistant.

In my opinion, the highlight of 2009 was your Chapter of Elections. I think it can accurately be described as a seamless transition. I sensed that you, the members, were authentically grateful to the previous Minister and Council. You also elected individuals that are dedicated, creative thinkers and energetic. In the space of three short months there have been signs of continuity with what had gone before, as well as a fresh openness to answering current needs and creating a future.

In my opinion, the accomplishments of the previous Minister and Council will endure long into the future. They include: building into our organizational structure both transparency and accountability, and the adoption of a new leadership style, namely, the consensus style of decision-making. Consensus is a very healthy sign of Franciscanism at work.

Early on, our new leadership team did not hesitate to consider how our organizational structure might be of even better service to our Fraternity. The date of our Council meetings was changed to 2:30 PM on the first Sunday of the month. As you know, Council meetings are open to the fraternity. The change in time better enables anyone who may wish to come to a council meeting to do so. The Council also reviewed our organizational structure in light of the needs and priorities that you, the members, have brought up in our discussions over the years. With that in mind, a **vocations ministry** and a **hospitality commission** were established. By establishing these two groups as commissions, it is our hope that the priorities you set in place will continue to be at the forefront of our awareness and on the front burner of our pastoral plan.

Of course, a vocations ministry involves a lot more than just giving out brochures and placing ads in the *Michigan Catholic*. Similarly, hospitality involves a lot more than just serving munchies and kitchen duty.

Vocations ministry has to do the witness we give to people outside our Fraternity which makes them take notice and say, "Whatever it is that they've found, I want. Let's check them out." Hospitality has to do with creating an atmosphere in which whatever it was that brought people here in the first place will continue to deepen to new levels, and I don't mean just for the newcomers, but that our gathering as a Fraternity be a source for ongoing conversion and continual growth for all of us. In some respects, vocations ministry and hospitality are two sides of the same coin, one directed at attracting others to our way of life and the other about providing a nourishing environment for people once they are part of us, helping our vocations to grow.

How can we support these two priorities? We need to be hope-filled and forward-minded. We are all of "a certain age" where looking back in time to the "good ol' days" almost always fills us with happy memories of a "golden past". Our recollections, however, are not always accurate or complete. I recall how, as a kid, the snow reached the roof of our house. I can see that picture vividly in my mind. Meteorological records, however, indicate that the last time that actually happened in Paterson, New Jersey (my hometown), was in 1879 – a few years before I first saw the light of day. The challenge for us is to look to the future, without forgetting the past. Hope allows us a foretaste of the joys to come.

What is it that people today are thirsting for that the Secular Franciscan lifestyle can answer? What is it in our Secular Franciscan Fraternity that will create memories of a golden past for those who enter now?

You need to be steeped in your identity not only as Franciscans, but as Secular or Lay Franciscans. As Scripture reminded us just today: each one of us has experienced the *transforming* grace of God's love – not just once in our lives a long time ago, but over and over again in the various circumstances of our lives. We have experienced *transforming* grace. And what is it that grace transforms? **Our lives.** Through God's amazing grace – which we have all experienced – our lives have changed. As the Scripture reminded us today: each one of us is truly gifted. And those gifts are ways that God manifests himself through you and me (1 Cor 12:4-11).

Like St. Francis' encounter with the Crucifix of San Damiano and his encounter with the leper, your experiences of God have changed you. Those experiences have made a real difference in your life. If you remember nothing else of what I say today, remember this: the measure of conversion and spiritual growth is not so much found in the prayers you say, or in the number of spiritual books you read, or the spiritual presentations you attend; the measure of conversion and spiritual growth is seen very concretely in how you used to be *versus* how you are today.

My sisters and brothers, my message this year is a word of encouragement. In his encyclical beginning this

millennium, Pope John Paul II encouraged us to "go out into the deep," not to be satisfied with shallow relationships with God or with each other. I would also encourage you — as a Fraternity and as individuals — to share your lives, your faith, your stories at deeper levels.

Spirituality does not mean talking about "pious" things. It means sharing with others how the Spirit has been present and moving [active] in your life. The changes the Spirit brings are very concrete and include changes in attitude, as well as changes in behavior. Let us not be hesitant to share with each other the wonders God has wrought in us.

Welcome!

On Sunday, January 17, 2010, in conjunction with our Chapter of Affairs, St. Bonaventure SFO Fraternity welcomed six new Inquirers and two Candidates.



(l-r) Ruby Thompson, Eileen Smith, Samantha Stevens, Therese Joseph, Ghazwan [Gus] Toma and Anthony Cerroni



(l-r) Laura and Joe Sapien

Rule Reflection: Article 16

“Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community.”

Reflection: Do you esteem the work you do? Do you feel that it is a gift to you from God? In what way is the work you do a sharing in creation and redemption and a service to the human community?

Discussion: For many people, work is a necessary evil, a means for making a livelihood, an annoyance, a way to achieve financial gain and for getting ahead. For St. Francis, work was a privileged gift from God, a means for not only receiving the necessities of life, but also for sharing with others. What concretely does St. Francis' faith vision have to offer us, especially during these tough economic times?

Called to Follow St. Francis: The SFO Vocation

by Janet Bodell, Vocation Minister

Sit back and think for a moment: what led you to the Secular Franciscan Order, the Third Order of St. Francis? Whatever first inspired you, at some point along the way you chose this Gospel way of life and made a lifetime commitment to this *vocation*. I suspect that every one of us has benefitted greatly from the choice we made to become Secular Franciscans, otherwise we would not have remained with the SFO. The many blessings each of us has received are very personal, but this vocation that we share is not a private matter. Undoubtedly, other lay men and women would also benefit from this Gospel path of following Jesus more closely in the footprints of St. Francis of Assisi. The Church and the world itself would benefit from having people not only committed to their Catholic faith, but also committed to the Franciscan vision and dream of peacemaking, pathfinding, bridge-building. I believe that spreading the message of who we are as Secular Franciscans is part and parcel of our calling, our profession. After all, “who lights a lamp and then puts it under a bushel basket?” (see Mt 5:15). The Secular Franciscan lifestyle is not meant to be “Detroit’s best kept secret”!

The members of the recently formed **Vocations Ministry Commission** shared with each other their experiences of what led them to become Franciscans. Some felt a deep desire and even summons from God to delve more deeply into their faith and then discovered St. Bonaventure SFO Fraternity that seemed to answer this profound longing. Others were attracted to St. Francis and, through events at St. Bonaventure’s, they met friends who were Third Order members and decided to explore this vocation and became *hooked* into this beautiful way of life.

Recently I read a quote from the late Msgr. Luigi Giussani (see *Magnificat*, January 2010, 239) who remarked that people begin to live their lives **as a vocation** when they are aware of the fact that “my life belongs to an Other.” Our lives as Secular Franciscans DO belong to an Other — our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel doesn’t just “suggest” but requires us to “go out and tell the Good News (see Mt 28:19)!” That Good News is not just a set of commandments, but a way of life, a way of relating – to God, to creation, to all people. As Christians, we are all called to spread the Good News, to share our faith. Additionally, some individuals are called to follow Jesus more closely while remaining firmly planted in their secular reality. Some look to Francis of Assisi as a role model and inspiration for how to live the Gospel. If we truly believe that this lifestyle can be a leaven in our world for change, then don’t we have an obligation to invite other people into it?

A Commission has been established to help us with this ministry. We are asking **ALL OF YOU** – whether you are an active member, a temporarily excused member, or a permanently excused member – to do three things:

1. When you meet a person who you think would make a good Secular Franciscan, **TELL** them about the SFO, about your own experience as a Secular Franciscan, about how your life has been enhanced and even changed by this vocation, and about St. Bonaventure SFO Fraternity. Don’t be shy, spread the word!
2. Spreading the word **HAS** to be followed by **INVITING** them to a concrete event. So invite them to the next Third Sunday gathering, to an SFO event, or to the next Orientation Sunday on April 18, 2010 at 12 noon [meet at the elevator]. Introduce them to other members and make them feel welcome and at home.
3. Lastly, **PRAY – PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**: Lord, we need men and women of sound mind, body and spirit to find their way to us as we actively look for them. “Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Lk10:2-3).

Don’t leave everything to the Commission or to others to do. Remember the saying: **If not you, who? If not now, when? If not here, where?** There is an Other who is counting on you! God bless us in this mission.

MARK YOUR FEBRUARY CALENDARS

February 7 Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)

February 12 Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)

February 21 Third Sunday gathering (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)

February 27 SFO Mass for Our Deceased (10:00 a.m.)

Brothers and Sisters

If ever there was a funeral that captured the essence of a person, surely it was Fr. Jogues' funeral. From the day of his passing on December 19th, to the Visitation and our beautiful Franciscan Wake Service and all the wonderful sharing by those present, to the wake and Scripture Service at St. Bonaventure's, and the final viewing and Funeral Liturgy, everything combined to form a wonderful tribute to that holy man of faith, **Fr. Jogues Constance**. Fr. Jogues was truly a one-of-a-kind individual who gave expression to his faith by caring and helping others. We, Secular Franciscans of St. Bonaventure's and St. David's Fraternities, can bear witness to Fr. Jogues' selfless dedication to the Secular Franciscan Order. The remarks shared by Capuchin provincial minister, **Fr. John Celichowski**, who presided at the funeral liturgy truly captured the essence of Fr. Jogues' life and will live on in those of us whom Fr. Jogues loved and served. It was also a privilege to have representatives of the SFO share in the liturgical roles at the funeral: **Marie Amore** and **Janet Bodell** as Readers, **Tom Ricard** with the Intercessions, and **Joe and I** as Eucharistic Ministers.

It would be good to keep the St. David Fraternity in your prayers as it begins the process of finding a new Spiritual Assistant.

Did you know that Fr. Jogues also served as chaplain of the Franciscan Interfaith Group from 1973 until 1992? The Interfaith Group developed from one of our Fraternity's cell groups. Some old letterhead stationary lists Rev. Estella Sharp as chairperson, and my then 15- or 16-year-old son, Ed Kluk, as co-chair; myself as secretary, **Fred Dinverno** as treasurer; Rev. Eddie Mae Martin and **Evelyn Bishop** as activities coordinators; Fannie Paxton as infirmarian; and Fr. Jogues as chaplain. It also notes the founders: **Lula Hall**, **Mary Hebert** and **Maxine Piaseczny** — all Secular Franciscans! The cell invited ministers of other faiths to participate. Since it was difficult hosting the group in homes, **Fr. Lance Kronzer** gave permission to have the gatherings in the Third Order Hall. The meetings were on the 4th Friday of each month. Among its activities, the Interfaith Group visited churches of other faith traditions. Some of our most Spirit-filled meetings were at Mother Waddles' Perpetual Mission.

A June 1975 membership of the Interfaith Group lists 105 members, of whom 30 were from our SFO Fraternity, including: **Elnora Allen**, **Evelyn Bishop**, **Natalie Grabowski DeBeau**, **Joe Driessen**, **Mary Hebert**, **Chuck and Esther Kelley**, **Rose Ossowski**, **Betty Alent** and myself, and four Capuchins: **Fr. Jogues Constance**, **Br. Richard Merling**, **Fr. Glenn Risse** and **Fr. Paul Yaroch**. Annual Prayer Breakfasts at the Hall often drew a crowd of over 100 people. Speakers included Mother Waddles, Detroit City Council members and other dignitaries, as well as other well-knowns, like Msgr. Kern. I remember one year when my second son, Steve, made so many scrambled eggs that we thought we would have enough to serve the entire Soup Kitchen! Such good memories! Of course, the Interfaith Justice & Peace Group continues to this day. **Jo Marie Nardi** coordinates its efforts.

Joe and I received great news. My son, Ed Kluk and his military unit left Afghanistan on January 10th and are back on US soil. By the time you read this Ed should have arrived back in Michigan. So praise the Lord and give God thanks with me!

Joe and I attended the first meeting of the Vocations Commission. Also attending were **Janet Bodell** [the Vocations Minister and chair], **Maryann Kummer**, **Mary Hebert**, **Joe Wisk** and **Br. Pat**. The meeting was very fruitful and Janet will be sharing some reflections with you in this and future issues of *The Poverello*.

Gene Snyders is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on February 8th; and hip replacement surgery at a later date. Please keep him in your prayers. **Rocco Cesaro** has congestive heart failure, and asks for your prayers as well.

Our Chapter of Affairs was well-attended. **An update of our membership directory is in the works. If you haven't updated your information (name, address, phone number, cell phone number, and e-mail address), please send that information ASAP to: Patricia Meldrum, c/o Secular Franciscan Office; 1760 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit MI 48207.**

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

During our Chapter we welcomed six new inquirers: **Anthony Cerroni, Therese Joseph, Eileen Smith, Samantha Smith, Ruby Ann Thompson** and **Ghazwan (Gus) Toma**, and **Joe and Laura Sapien** were admitted to candidacy. It was wonderful seeing so many people showing an interest in our way of life. Please be sure to read Br. Pat's Chapter remarks elsewhere in this *Poverello*. Br. Pat mentioned that he felt privileged to be a part of us, we are most blessed to have Br. Pat not just as our Spiritual Assistant, but as our brother and companion on the journey.

Lent begins on February 17th. I pray that it be a special time of grace for all of us. I would really appreciate receiving news items and photos from our members. Joe and I will be in Florida during February and March, but we have our cell phone with us **(586) 996-3342**, as well as our laptop computer which means that we can send and receive information for the Brothers and Sisters column.

Faye Kluk Boland



The Vocations Ministry Commission: (*l-r*) Faye Boland, Br. Pat, Joe Boland, Maryann Kummer, Joe Wisk, Janet Bodell [*chair*] and Mary Hebert.



Feb. 1	Stephen Haycox
Feb. 3	Josephine Perry
	Mary Ann Montpetit
Feb. 13	Sylvester Lafata
Feb. 18	Clara Kowalski
Feb. 19	Rocco Cesaro
Feb. 20	Mabel Michaels
Feb. 21	Claudia Damian
Feb. 23	Mary LaBudie
Feb. 28	Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

Secular Franciscan Saints of February

- Feb. 1 ... St. Veridiana of Castelfiorentino (1180-1242)
- Feb. 4 ... St. Joan of Valois (1464-1505)
- Feb. 6 ... Ss. Paul Suzuki (SFO), Peter Baptist & Comp.
- Feb. 7 ... Bl. Pius IX (1792-1878) 255th Pope
- Feb. 8 ... Bl. Lady Jacoba Frangipani of Settesoli (1190-1273)
- Feb. 10 . Bl. Clare Agolanti of Rimini (1282-1344)
- Feb. 12 . Ven. Caesar Guasti (1822-1889)
- Feb. 18 . Ven. Lawrence Gallo of Revello (1582-1623)
- Feb. 19 . St. Conrad Confalonieri of Piacenza (1290-1351)



Deceased Relatives:

Fr. James Lienert, MSF

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 Jesak	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
 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
 Katie Kostka, daughter of Sandra Sherman
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Manning Family, especially Bill, son of Ilene
 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
 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.

We receive many, many more requests for prayer, some for extended families, close friends, former members and their families, etc. We don't have space to include them all in *The Poverello*, so we only include here our members and members of their immediate families. We ask, however, 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



Celebrating Julia Ann Ertzbischoff Donahue



Julia is the second of eight children born to Edmund and Barbara Ertzbischoff. She has five brothers (one deceased) and two sisters. Her grandparents emigrated from France and settled in the Six Mile-Gratiot area behind Assumption Grotto Church.

Julia always considered it a privilege to have grown up behind Assumption Grotto Church where her extended family was involved in parish activities. At age 92, her Uncle George is still active in the parish. Julia's oldest brother is a priest for the Lansing Diocese, stationed at St. Joseph Parish in Ypsilanti.

After graduating from Denby High School in June of 1969, Julia attended Davenport University for Medical Terminology for one year, and Baker's College for one year studying to become a Billing Code Procedure Specialist.

On November 7, 1969, Julia married her first husband at Assumption Grotto. Between 1971 and 1976 they had four children: Michael, Kelly, Julie Lyn (who died of spinal meningitis one day short of two months' of age) and Melinda Ann. Melinda was born on December 19, 1976, and was brought home on Christmas Eve. Julia remembers remarking, "This is the only gift I want; the greatest gift of all." And she placed Melinda Ann under the Christmas tree. Julia has four grandsons, ages 6-16 years, and one step-grandson.

Julia volunteered in the Emergency Center at St. John Hospital from 1978-1979, and then became employed as a part-time Registration Clerk in the Emergency Room. In the early 1980s, she divorced and obtained an annulment from her first husband. For 15½ years, she raised her three children alone while working at St. John Hospital. Julia held numerous admitting positions and the last position was Secretary to the Anesthesia Department.

Julia remembers fondly that in November of 1995, she attended the 125th anniversary Mass of Fr. Solanus Casey at Cobo Hall at which Cardinal Maida presided. At this special occasion, she sensed that a prayer would be answered. The next day she received a call from then Msgr. Allen Vigneron to come for a job interview to be his secretary at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. She was officially hired in December of 1995. (Msgr. Vigneron is now the Archbishop of Detroit.)

Julia was also employed at Port Huron Hospital and Mercy Hospital as Unit Secretary/Nurses's Aide, and at the St. John Anesthesiologist Group in the Billing Office. She is now unemployed but keeps busy as a volunteer Eucharistic Minister at St. John Hospital and Courtney Manor Nursing Home in Bad Axe. She helps out once a month at the social after the Wednesday healing services. Julia is a certified Religious Education Instructor for small children.

Julia met Raymond Donahue in 1996, and they were married on May 8, 1999 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Detroit. They are parishioners of St. Jude's in Detroit and Our Lady of Lake Huron in Harbor Beach.

Julia believes that she became a Secular Franciscan solely by the grace of God. While looking into the Carmelites she found out about the lay Third Order of St. Francis! She felt driven to go to St. Bonaventure's and was helped with information on how to become a candidate by then Secretary, Mary Poole. Julia was accepted into the candidacy program on October 2002 by then Minister Richard Hulan. She made her profession on November 14, 2004 before then Minister Janet Bodell. Remembering her profession vividly, Julia states, that when Br. Pat McSherry asked, "What are you going out into the world to do?" Julia exclaimed, "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace!"

Julia's interests include collecting crosses, writing, drawing, making Rosaries, reading religious materials, watching true life stories of people, walking, and on occasion ice skating. She also loves spending time baking and cooking especially for her family and members.

We love you, Julia!



FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 WEEK 5 ORD TIME Pss Wk 1 SFO COUNCIL: 2:30 PM	8	9 St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	10	11	12 CHRISTIAN SERVICE MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM (Bourgeaus')	13
14 WEEK 6 ORD TIME Pss Wk 2	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 EMB Board: 10 AM	19	20
21 LENT 1 Pss Wk 1 FRATERNITY GATHERING Candidates - 12 ALL: 1:30 PM	22	23	24	25	26 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM Interfaith Justice & Peace Meeting	27 SFO MASS for DECEASED: 10 AM
28 LENT 2 Pss Wk 2						

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Beverly Sapien

Chuck Sapien

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Sylvia Stanik

Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sapien (chairs)

Christian Service Commission:

Patricia Munafo (chair)

Hospitality Commission:

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

& Tony Lienert (chairs)

Vocations Ministry Commission:

Janet Bodell (chair)

Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

MEETING CONTACTS

(for Locations and Times of Meetings)

Fr. Solanus Cell (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Faye Boland

St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2nd Tuesday, 1 pm):

Frank Liccardello

Third Sunday General SFO Meeting:

Chuck & Bev Sapien

Bl. Luchesio Cell (4th Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

Patricia Munafo (contact)

OTHER SFO-AFFILIATED GROUPS:

Interfaith Justice & Peace Group:

Jo Marie Nardi

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