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ST. BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCANS ✦ DETROIT, MICHIGAN

ST. FRANCIS' HABIT



“Trusting in the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God’s children. Thus, in the spirit of the Beatitudes, and as pilgrims and strangers on their way to the home of the Father, they should strive to purify their hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power” (SFO Rule, no. 11).

“Secular Franciscans should pledge themselves to reduce their own personal needs so as to be better able to share spiritual and material goods with their brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. They should give thanks to God for the goods they have received, using them as good stewards and not as owners. They should take a firm position against consumerism and against ideologies and practices which prefer riches over human and religious values and which permit the exploitation of the human person” (SFO Constitutions, Art. 15, no. 3).

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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace be with you!

The Leadership Team meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 16 has been cancelled.

If you have not already done so, please send your **Poverello (\$20)** and **Fair Share (\$32)** contributions as soon as possible to: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, c/o Gene Snyders, Treasurer, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Remember to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.

REFLECTION

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light” (Mt 11:28-30).

In this scripture passage we have two simple invitations from Jesus, first, “Come to me.” Jesus invites us to come to him for he desires to spend time with us. This invitation is extended to “all who labor and are burdened,” which means that the invitation is open to everyone because, who among us is not burdened with some problem (illness, unemployment, family problems, the hectic pace of life, financial problems, addiction, overwork, etc.). Jesus promises that when we come to him, he will give us rest. Our problems will not disappear, but as we come to him and call upon his grace, our spirit will be freed from worry and anxiety.

When God created us, he did so knowing that we could not keep going and going and doing and doing and going faster and faster forever, but that we needed time to rest. On the seventh day, God rested from the labors of creation, and commanded that we follow that example. “Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work.... Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it” (Ex 20:9-11). In Genesis 14:16, we read: “God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night.” God created the cycle of light and darkness to provide for our daily rest.

Jesus spent some of his precious time on earth in rest and refreshment from his active life. Jesus himself often withdrew to lonely places. “Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed” (Lk 5:15-16). During their active ministry, Jesus urged his disciples to “come aside and rest a while” (Mk 6:31).

All of us need a daily time to rest in the Lord. It's not a time to present a laundry list of our needs, because God already knows what we need. It is a time to come just as we are and rest in his loving arms and allow his grace to replenish our weary spirit.

The second invitation from Jesus is to “take my yoke upon you and learn from me... and you will find rest for yourselves.” A yoke is a wooden beam with two recessed areas on the underside to fit over the necks of a pair of oxen to harness them together to pull a plow, a cart or some other load. The oxen are bound together to walk side by side in order to share the load equally. God is inviting us to take his yoke which is “easy, and the burden to light”. God knows the struggles, pains, weaknesses, fears and challenges we face and offers to walk with us and share the burden.

As I reflected on the life of St. Francis of Assisi, I realized that he said yes to both of these invitations. Francis accepted the invitation to draw closer to Christ and, in turn, developed an intimate personal relationship with Jesus which radically transformed his life. Francis was yoked with Jesus, learned from him, and experienced the fullness of rest in the Lord. Following the example of St. Francis, let us open our hearts and say yes to Jesus' invitations and live in the rest of the Lord. During this month, take time to rest in the Lord and to enjoy the beauty of his creation.

Your sister in St. Francis,
maryann

7TH ANNUAL FRATERNITY PICNIC



Fraternity Picnic
Sunday, July 17, 2011
1:30 P.M.

Shelter # 8 on Belle Isle

(Please see map above for location.)

We need volunteers to assist with the set up at 11:00 a.m. and with the clean up after the picnic. If you are able to help with either the set up or clean up, please call Theresa Westbrook-Lienert at 313-867-1144. Terry is planning to be at the shelter at 10:30 a.m. on July 17. Hot dogs, hot dog buns and baked beans will be provided. If you are bringing a dish that contains mayonnaise or cream in it, please remember to pack it in ice. Even though there are plenty of picnic tables under the shelter, you may want to bring your own lawn chair.



From the Friars' Choir

**The Constitution only gives people the right
to pursue happiness.
You have to catch it yourself."**

— Ben Franklin



Members needing prayers:

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| Wilhelmina Adkins | Frank & Rosalie Liccardello |
| Peter Aluzzo | Tony Lienert |
| Kay Balas | Rose Longo |
| Gertrude Beattie | Fr. Malcolm Maloney, Cap. |
| Evelyn Bishop | Joseph Marra |
| Rocco Cesaro | Sophie Martin |
| Clara Falzone | Maria McNally |
| Wesley Faust | Mabel Michaels |
| Marie Fontanive | Genevieve Ochenkowski |
| Mary Gillen | Eleanor Pulido |
| Natalie Grabowski & Family | Rosie Patin |
| James Heymes | Bob Peckham |
| Caroline Hojna | Theresa Pfaendtner |
| Dora Sue Jay | Joseph Pierce |
| Anna May Jezak | Eleanore Pulido |
| Donna Marie Johnston | Mary Saber |
| Denise Joseph | Francis Scallion |
| Mary Klein | Gene Snyders |
| Lorraine Korte | Alice Vier |
| Jerry and Helen Koslowski | Helen Wardowski |
| Mary Ann Kristensen | Joseph Wisk |
| Mary LaBudie | Stephen Yuhase |
| Les and Josie Lafata | Veronica Yuhase |

Relatives needing prayers:

- Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Shannon Ertzbischoff, niece of Julia
 John Gold, husband of Rose
 Veronica & Steve Gulock, sister & in-law of Ilene Manning
 Ted and Judy Hojna
 William Pierce Hunter, great-grandson of Mary Hebert
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
 Madison, granddaughter of John and Janet Bodell
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Steven Matusin

- Sal Militello, great grandnephew of Jo Marie Nardi
 Cindy Rose Murphy, niece of Dan and Jan Atkinson
 Janet Nassen
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Family of Joanne Schumacher
 Victoria Snigier, mother of Sylvia
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

- Andrew Arcznski
 Christopher Beattie
 James Anthony Brannigan
 Thomas Chmielarczyk
 Thomas Greenia
 Michael Manning
 John Marra III
 Joseph Marra, Jr.

Please help to keep our list up-to-date. Call:

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335



Katelyn

7 years old
 acute lymphoblastic leukemia

A day after 4-year-old Katelyn participated in a fundraiser for St. Jude Children’s Hospital, she woke with a fever and leg pain. Her doctor ordered blood work. Katelyn was referred to St. Jude for further testing where doctors determined that Katelyn suffered from the most common form of childhood cancer. Katelyn immediately started on a two-and-a-half year chemotherapy treatment plan.

Katelyn’s family is grateful for the donors who support St. Jude. Her mom said, “You shouldn’t ever, as a parent, be in that situation where you’re thinking should your money go to the mortgage or to your child’s treatment? I just can’t imagine that.”

Katelyn completed treatment and continues to return to the hospital for regular checkups. “I’ve never known a place where everyone is so completely wonderful to kids.”



Celebrating Rose Longo



Rose Longo has been a member of the Secular Franciscan Order for over 45 years. She has been and still is a prayerful person. For many years, Rose lived at the Travoli Apartments located at Twelve Mile and Hoover in Warren. Fr. Dominic Rossi (PIME) also had a residence there so Rose was able to attend morning Mass and receive Holy Communion daily. I've known Rose for many years going back to the 70s and 80s and knew her as a very caring and spiritual person.

A few years ago, Rose was aware of having dementia and knew one day she would be in a nursing home. Several years ago, she entered Lakepointe Nursing Home on Harper in Clinton Township and is still living there today.

A few weeks ago I visited Rose and was quite surprised to see her in such a failing condition. Rose's nurse told me that about three months ago, Rose fell and broke her left leg. She was in the hospital for several weeks and then in therapy for about two months.



When I stopped by to visit Rose more recently, the nurse told me that Rose was sleeping. The nurse woke Rose up and told her "Gina Rizzo is here to see you." At first Rose did not respond to my name but by the time I left, I felt that she recognized me. I talked about the SFO meetings and that people were praying for her and she said to say hello.

As I left, Rose smiled at me and I felt that she recognized me. I told her that I would come back to visit. She smiled and her eyes were also smiling at me. We love you, Rose!



– Gina Rizzo



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 14TH WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. II	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 15TH WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. III	11	12	13	14	15 ST. BONAVENTURE SOLEMENITY MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	16 NO Council Meeting this month
17 16TH WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. IV FRATERNITY PICNIC at Belle Isle 1:30pm	18	19	20	21	22 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	23
24 17TH WEEK ORD. TIME Pss. Wk. I	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 18TH WEEK Pss. Wk. II						

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Tony Lienert

Beverly Sopian

Chuck Sopian

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Br. Patrick McSherry

APPOINTMENTS

Infirmarians:

Jo Marie Nardi

Sylvia Stanik

Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sopian (chairs)

Christian Service Commission:

(call for information)

Hospitality Commission:

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

& Tony Lienert (chairs)

Vocations Ministry Commission:

To be announced (chair)

Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

The entire St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Chuck & Bev Sopian

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in small groups:

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

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit8

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

(call for information)

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