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# MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

*May God's peace and joy reign in your heart!*

## Welcome

At our fraternity gathering on January 15, **Joe Gentile** was welcomed into the inquiry phase of formation. Welcome to our fraternity, Joe.

## Please note on your calendar

Please plan to attend the Mass for deceased Secular Franciscans on Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m. Article 24 of the SFO Rule states that: "This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them." Our Franciscan vocation calls us to pray for one another including all of our brothers and sisters who are experiencing the joy of eternal life.

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our fraternity. The members of the planning team are: **Maryann Kummer, Janet Bodell, Joe Boland, Mary Hebert, Maryanne Kristensen, Sheryl Nordstrom, Bev Sapien, Chuck Sapien, Laura Sapien** and **Eileen Smith**. The first planning meeting will be held on Saturday, January 28. Look for more details about this special celebration in the life of our fraternity in next month's *Poverello*.

## Lenten Towel Drive

As announced at our January Chapter, there will be a white towel drive during Lent. Details will be announced in the March *Poverello*.

## Reminder

If you have not sent in your portion of our *Fair Share* and *Poverello* expenses, please send them in by the end of the February.

## Reflection

"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" (SFO Rule, 7).

On February 22, we will begin our Lenten journey. As with any journey we embark upon, a time of preparation is needed to ensure that we derive the most benefit from the journey. The same is true of our Lenten journey.

For our Lenten journey to result in an interior change of heart, we cannot wait until Ash Wednesday to decide what we intend to do during the next forty days. During the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday, we need to take the time to create an action plan for our Lenten journey. Perhaps we can begin by reflecting upon how we have experienced a radical interior change in the past, how the power of God's Word has transformed our lives, and to seek God's guidance on what needs changing in our lives.

In our busy, fast-paced lives, our Lenten journey provides us with a valuable opportunity to reflect upon our habits and attitudes, to pray more deeply, to prepare ourselves for rebirth and spiritual growth. Because each of us is a special and unique person, none of us will experience Lent in the same way. God has created a special plan for each of us to move us forward on our spiritual journey.

I remember, as I'm sure many of you do, when Lent was viewed as a time of giving something up – desserts, watching television, etc. – and a time for fasting and more prayer. As soon as Easter arrived, we could not wait to

have some chocolate candy. We returned to our old habits and nothing changed. When I was in college, Lent was still a time of giving up something, but the thing I gave up was the precious gift of some personal time in order to devote time to read and reflect on Scripture and to allow God's Word to speak to my heart. This was the beginning of my daily quiet time to focus on developing a personal, intimate relationship with God.

In more recent years, the focus of my Lenten journey has changed from giving something up to focusing on an interior change of heart in order to become a new creation in Christ. It is learning over and over again to die to old ways of being and doing to become more Christ-like in interacting with others.

The radical interior change we, as Secular Franciscans, are called to is not easy. With so many activities clamoring for our attention and the fast pace of life, it is a daily struggle to choose to keep a commitment to a daily quiet time, to choose to live according to Gospel values, to treat family members with love and kindness, to live simply in a world where success is often measured by the things a person has acquired, to choose to give more generously to all those in need. Yet, with the grace of God, the power of God's Word, and the prayers of others, we can experience a change of heart.

Let us commit ourselves to praying for each other on our Lenten journey.

Looking forward to seeing you at our fraternity gathering on February 19. Please pray daily for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,  
maryann



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> — St. Bonaventure Secular Fraternity is hosting an **orientation session**. The gathering begins at 12 Noon in the second floor conference room of the Solanus Casey Center.. Orientees 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).



**Members needing prayers:**

Wilhelmina Adkins	Frank & Rosalie Liccardello
Peter Aluzzo	Tony Lienert
Kay Balas	Rose Longo
Gertrude Beattie	Ilene Manning
Mary Lou Catino	Joseph Marra
Rocco Cesaro	Sophie Martin
Mary Gillen	Mabel Michaels
Natalie Grabowski & Family	Clara O'Keefe
James Heymes	Barbara Pardington
Caroline Hojna	Bob Peckham
Anna May Jezak	Terry Pfaendtner
Donna Marie Johnston	Joseph Pierce
Beverly & Louis Joseph	Mary Saber
Mary Klein	Francis Scallion
Lorraine Korte	Alice Vier
Mary LaBudie	Helen Wardowski
Les and Josie Lafata	Joseph Wisk
	Steve Yuhase

**Relatives needing prayers:**

- Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
- Ted and Judy Hojna
- William Pierce Hunter, great-grandson of Mary Hebert
- Denise Joseph, daughter of Beverly & Louis
- Esther Mae Kelley, wife of Charles
- Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
- Albert P. Long, Sr., husband of Patricia
- Albert P. Long, Jr., son of Patricia
- Jerome & Tristan Manning, grandsons of Ilene
- Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
- Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
- Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom
- Lori Roberts, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue
- 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.

**Memorials by Jo Marie Nardi:**

- Veronica Yuhase
- Mark Zito
- David Vallelunga
- Thelma Marotta

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

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

**Kiley  
2 years old**



Even at this early stage of life, tests revealed the presence of tumors in both of Kiley's eyes.

At St. Jude, doctors confirmed the diagnosis of retinoblastoma. Kiley underwent 11 rounds of chemotherapy and several laser surgeries. Sadly, she has lost the sight in her right eye, but the vision in her left eye has been spared. Kiley is now finished with treatment, but visits St. Jude every four weeks for checkups.

Kiley's mom is grateful for everything St. Jude provides. "I knew St. Jude covered treatment-related costs," she said. "But I just had no idea they would cover housing, mileage and meals when we're here. Everything is taken care of for us, and that's a huge weight off of our shoulders."

Kiley is an outgoing, funny girl. She loves to play with her baby dolls and color, and she's close to her big sister. "St. Jude is a wonderful place," said her mom. "Kiley has stayed happy. They do everything they can for her."



## Celebrating Eileen [St. Germain] Smith



Eileen was born on October 8, 1962 to Margaret (deceased) and Valaire St. Germain at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan. Eileen's three siblings and their spouses are: Patrick (Melinda), David (Christina) and Carol (Val) Krawczyk. Her birth order is after David. Eileen has nine nieces and nephews.

Eileen has a Bachelors Degree in Information Systems from the University of Michigan – Dearborn and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Wayne State University. Eileen has been employed at the Ford Motor Credit Company since January 2, 1985, and has held several positions within the company. She is presently the supervisor for the Plan and Rate Management Team.

Eileen and Ray Smith were married on October 27, 1987 at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Allen Park. They have been blessed with two wonderful sons: Raymond is 15 years old

and Matthew is 12 years old.

Eileen and her family are members of St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Allen Park where Eileen teaches seventh grade religious education. She participates in Eucharistic Adoration, a MOMS Prayer and Sharing Group, and volunteers for campus ministry activities with the high school and junior high youth groups.

Eileen learned about the Secular Franciscan Order from her hair stylist, Mary. Mary heard **Janet** and **John Bodell** speak at Our Lady of the Woods Parish. Mary thought of Eileen as they spoke about the SFO and encouraged Eileen to look into the SFO. Eileen did as Mary suggested and spoke with John about her interest. John invited her to an orientation meeting and here she is 2½ years later.

Eileen is enjoying candidacy and is looking forward to being professed into our fraternity in October. She has met many wonderful people who have welcomed her with open arms. Candidacy is allowing her to grow in her spiritual life and to develop meaningful relationships. She is experiencing concretely the meaning of “other” and “communion”. “Joy” is the best word she can think of to express her experience. She is thankful for all of the wonderful brothers and sisters in her life.

In her free time, Eileen enjoys spending time with her family, swimming, teaching religious education, volunteering and knitting. She wants us to know that she has been blessed with a wonderful husband, Ray. It is with his continuous love and support that she can pursue her love for God and Franciscan spirituality with all of us.

*We love you, Eileen!*



### From the Friars' Choir



**Focus on where you're going,  
but don't regret where you've been.  
Every smile and every scar  
added to who you are.**



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

# TEE TIME

address to the 2012 Chapter by Br. Pat McSherry, OFM Cap

It's become tradition at our annual January Chapter for the spiritual assistant to share some independent reflections on the state of the local fraternity. My thoughts this year are few in number, but vital for our future.

I am very grateful that you took to heart the process of Appreciative Inquiry this past year. We spent a number of months going through this process, and from the feedback I've received from a number of you, it was not only well-received but greatly appreciated. I am quick to remind you that I was only a facilitator in the process; *you* did all the work!

From my experience with Appreciative Inquiry, I can say that most people who go through the process enjoy it. By its nature, it's affirming, up-lifting and hopeful. Many people, however, never reach the goal of the process, i.e., implementing a concrete plan for their future. I have come to believe the axiom: "If you want to be creative, hang around creative people." We witnessed that during the process. The sharing of one person's ideas gave momentum to the creative thinking process in others. Good ideas snowballed.

Let me remind you that Appreciative Inquiry involves four phases:

1) the **Discovery Phase** in which you – as Secular Franciscans – expressed your sense of being called by God and Spirit-led; you acknowledged that this fraternity was a support group for living the Gospel; that we have among ourselves a great sense of belonging and camaraderie. We left feeling proud, grateful and truly blessed.

2) Then we entered into the **Dream Phase**. Do you remember our three dreams?

First, to **increase membership**, especially with younger members.

Second, to get the message out: **Who are the Secular Franciscans, and what do we do?**

Third, to **develop collaborative inter-Franciscan outreach programs**, especially those for younger people.

3) When we moved into the **Design Phase** we came up with a number of concrete possibilities, many of them widely shared by our members. The goal was to formulate a **plan of action** for our fraternity. We entrusted the ongoing planning and implementation of our plan to small groups and the minister with her council.

In my opinion, we are now at a very critical point. We still have one foot in the Design Phase [we're still talking] and we're trying to move the other foot into the **Destiny Phase**, which calls for **concrete action**. So it's time to ask ourselves what has the Appreciative Inquiry process produced concretely thus far? We carried through on SFO hats and shirts. We have the kernel of a relationship with the young ladies of the St. Clare Society at Regina High School. But I think we still have a long way to go to move our dreams and plans forward.

What we also have is a great deal of excitement and desire. People, I think, are genuinely enthused about the prospects for our future as a fraternity. Enthusiasm is absolutely necessary for moving forward, but it's not enough. Many people who get so excited about the Appreciative Inquiry process never see its fruition because they sit and talk more than they follow through. They are left with a good feeling, but also with empty dreams. We have talked enough. Now we need to see some concrete action.

This, my friends, is **TEE** time. If our dreams and plans are to move into concrete reality we need members who have **TIME - ENERGY - ENTHUSIASM** for our cause.

We will be celebrating two great events during 2012, the "Year of Faith". The first harkens back to **May 29, 1887** and marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our fraternity. The second is our Chapter of Elections.

If each one of us decides to dedicate more time, energy and enthusiasm to making our shared dreams come true, then our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary will not simply be an occasion to look back, but to look forward.

As we look ahead to our elections, we know that we need leaders who have the **time, energy and enthusiasm** – not to do all the work – but to continue to inspire, animate and prod us on.

This year is a golden opportunity for our fraternity. So I'll close with the paraphrased exhortation of St. Francis: **"I have done what is mine to do, now you do what is yours to do"** (Second Life of St. Francis by Thomas of Celano, 214).

# 2012 CALENDAR OF FRATERNITY EVENTS

- Saturday, Jan. 14 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, Jan. 15 – 1:30 p.m. .... Fraternity Gathering – Chapter & Welcoming Ceremony
- Saturday, Feb. 18 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, Feb. 19 – 1:30 p.m. .... Fraternity Gathering  
Saturday, Feb. 25 – 10:00 a.m. .... SFO Mass for Deceased
- Saturday, Mar. 17 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, Mar. 18 – 11:00 a.m. .... Fraternity Gathering - Day of Reflection
- Sunday, Apr. 8 – Easter Sunday  
Saturday, Apr. 14 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council Meeting  
Sunday, Apr. 15 – 1:30 p.m. .... Fraternity Gathering – Orientation begins – Jubiliarian Mass
- Saturday, May 19 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council Meeting  
Sunday, May 20 – 1:30 p.m. .... Fraternity Gathering – 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our fraternity
- Saturday, June 2 - 10:00 a.m. .... SFO Mass for Deceased  
Saturday, June 9 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, June 10 – 1:30 p.m. .... Fraternity Gathering (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday because of Father's Day)
- Saturday, July 14 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, July 15 – 1:30 p.m. .... Fraternity Picnic on Belle Isle – Welcoming Ceremony
- Saturday, Aug. 18 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, Aug. 19 – 1:30 p.m. .... Fraternity Gathering – Admissions Ceremony
- Saturday, Sept. 15 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, Sept. 16 – 1:00 a.m. .... Fraternity Gathering – Orientation begins – Day of Reflection
- Wednesday, Oct. 3 – 7:00 p.m. .... Transitus  
Thursday, Oct. 4 – 7:00 p.m. .... Mass in honor of St. Francis  
Saturday, Oct. 20 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, Oct. 21 – 1:30 p.m. .... Fraternity Chapter of Elections  
Saturday, Oct. 27 – 10:00 a.m. .... SFO Mass for Deceased
- Saturday, Nov. 17 – 9:30 a.m. .... Formation Education meeting  
Saturday, Nov. 17 – 10:30 a.m. .... Profession Retreat  
Saturday, Nov. 17 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, Nov. 18 – 1:30 p.m. .... Profession Mass
- Saturday, Dec. 15 – 1:30 p.m. .... Leadership Council meeting  
Sunday, Dec. 16 – 1:30 p.m. .... Christmas Concert and Reception



### **Prayer for Quinquennial 2012**

Dear and gracious, loving Lord and Father,  
 We bring to you the upcoming Quinquennial.  
 We thank you for the gift of our vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order,  
 and for our brothers and sisters whom you have also called.  
 Thank you for the example and inspiration of Francis and Clare,  
 And grant us a new understanding and vision of their calling, and ours.  
 Prepare our hearts to hear your call anew,  
 and enkindle in us a new spirit of conversion and dedication.  
 Bless those who will share with us,  
 Bless those who will attend in person,  
 Bless those who will attend in spirit.  
 Let your Holy Spirit be poured out on our entire National Fraternity,  
 That through this Congress we may together discern your heart,  
 and become all that you want us to be,  
 In order "to bring about a more fraternal and evangelical world,"  
 bringing to life more fully the Kingdom of God.  
 We pray in the holy and blessed Name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

# XVIII QUINQUENNIAL

JULY 3-8, 2012

## REGISTRATION FORM

Congress begins on Tuesday, July 3rd with dinner at 5:00 pm – Opening Liturgy is at 7:30 pm.

### Important Instructions:

1. Please TYPE or PRINT all information clearly.
2. Only one participant or married couple per registration form.
3. Payment must accompany this form and is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
4. Make your check for registration and meals payable to **NAFRA**.
5. Mail this form with payment to: **Cecilia Maljan, SFO**  
**1111 Freyburg Street**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15203-1211**  
**cylmaljan@earthlink.net**
6. **Hotel reservations must be made separately by each person (see bottom of this form).**

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Early Registration: # of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 275. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (After June 1, 2012 the fee is \$325. pp)

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The Group Code for Skokie is: **FRO** • The Group Name is: **Quinquennial Congress 2012**

NAFRA has arranged for a **discounted room rate** of \$ 87 (plus Illinois hotel tax) per night. Each room has twin double beds with 1 to 4 occupants possible. You should **make your own room arrangements directly** with the hotel **prior to June 9** in order to get this reduced rate. *In the event that the Holiday Inn North Shore, the location for all conferences and activities, has been filled, additional rooms will be made available at the nearby Holiday Inn, O'Hare. The hotel will provide timely shuttle service between the two hotels.*

**The Hotel provides free shuttles to and from O'Hare Airport based upon scheduled runs.**

# FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Sunday V Ord. Time Pss. Wk. I	6	7	8	9	10 MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	11
12 Sunday VI Ord. Time Pss. Wk. II	13	14 Valentines Day 	15	16	17	18 Fraternity Council 1:30
19 Sunday VII Ord. Time Pss. Wk. III SFO GATHERING Formation: Noon ALL: 1:30 PM	20	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY	23	24 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	25
26 LENT I Pss. Wk. I	27	28	29			

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Tony Lienert

Beverly Sapien

Chuck Sapien

### Spiritual Assistant:

Br. Patrick McSherry

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Infirmarian:

Jo Marie Nardi

#### Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sapien (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 Sapien

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

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

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

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

Connie Musial

### FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.

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Healing Service Social

(call for information)

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