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MINISTER'S LETTER

My brothers and sisters,

May the Lord grant you peace!

My heart was filled with overwhelming joy to see so many of you at the 125th anniversary celebration of the founding of our fraternity on Sunday, May 20. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the 125th anniversary planning team who devoted their time and effort over the past four months to the planning of this milestone event in the life of our fraternity: **Janet Bodell, Joe Boland, Mary Hebert, Sheryl Nordstrom, Bev Sapien, Chuck Sapien, Laura Sapien, Eileen Smith, Ruby Thompson, and Mary Williams**. Because of their enthusiasm, their follow through on tasks, their creative ideas, the 125th anniversary celebration was a huge success. I enjoyed working with all of them on this event. I also want to express my thanks to **Br. Pat McSherry** for preparing the liturgical aids, to **Janet Bodell, Mary Hebert, Hugh and Mary Ann Montpetit, and Br. Leo Wollenweber** for preparing the historical DVD, to **Hugh Montpetit** for serving as the photographer for the event, to **Pat Meldrum** for working on registration, to **Joe Gentile** for contributing the fraternity business cards, to **Connie Musial, Loretta Chmielarczyk, Joe Boland and Bridget Schultz** for baking scones for our enjoyment, to **Ken Boland**, son of **Joe Boland**, for producing the fraternity banners without charge, and to anyone else who was called into service on the day of the celebration.

Please note on your calendar and plan to attend the **Mass for our deceased Franciscan brothers and sisters on Saturday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Choir Chapel and the social which will follow immediately after Mass.

As has been our custom for a number of years to avoid a conflict with Fathers' Day which falls on the third Sunday of June, **our June fraternity gathering will be held on the second Sunday of the month — June 10** — with formation meeting at noon and the entire fraternity at 1:30 p.m. At our June fraternity gathering, we will begin preparing for our October elections by identifying qualities and skills needed in our fraternity's leaders and priorities for the next three years.

REFLECTION: PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit!

Replace the tension within us with holy relaxation.

Replace the turbulence within us with sacred calm.

Replace the anxiety within us with quiet confidence.

Replace the fear within us with strong faith.

Replace the bitterness within us with the sweetness of grace.

Replace the darkness within us with gentle light.

Replace the coldness within us with loving warmth.

Replace the night within us with your light.

Replace the winter within us with your spring.

Straighten our crookedness. Fill our emptiness.

Dull the edge of our pride. Sharpen the edge of our humility.

Light the fires of our love. Quench the flames of our passions.

Let us see ourselves as you see us.

We praise and honor you our God forever and ever. Amen.

Looking forward to seeing you at our fraternity gathering on Sunday, June 10 at 1:30 p.m. Please remember to pray daily for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
maryann

JULY PICNIC



Fraternity Picnic
Sunday, July 15, 2012
11:00 a.m.



Food will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m.
Woodside Shelter on Belle Isle

All members of the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, their families and friends are invited to attend our fraternity picnic. In order to ensure that we have enough hot dogs and hot dog buns, **please RSVP no later than Friday, July 6, by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 136, and leave a message with your name, the number of guests you are bringing, and any food or beverages you plan to bring.**

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, please call **Terry Westbrook-Lienert** at 313-736-1659 or 313-867-1144. Terry is planning to be at the shelter at 9:00 a.m. on July 15. Hot dogs, hot dog buns and baked beans will be provided. If you are bringing a dish that contains mayonnaise or cream, 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. If you have a card table, please bring it.

If you plan to attend the Patronal Feast of St. Bonaventure on July 15 at the 9 AM Mass at St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel, you will be able to place your dish, if it needs to be refrigerated, in the refrigerator in the Solanus Center kitchen beginning at 8:30 a.m. (Please see the article entitled *Gospel Happenings* [page 7] for more information about the Corporate Mass.)



Our Deceased:

Gertrude Beattie († May 4, 2012)
 Fr. Ken Reinhart, capuchin († May 22, 2012)

Members needing prayers:

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| Wilhelmina Adkins | Les and Josie Lafata |
| Peter Aluzzo | Frank & Rosalie Liccardello |
| Dan Atkinson | Tony Lienert |
| Kay Balas | Patricia Long |
| Mary Lou Catino | Rose Longo |
| Rocco Cesaro | Joseph Marra |
| Mary Gillen | Sophie Martin |
| Natalie Grabowski & Family | Mabel Michaels |
| James Heymes | Clara O’Keefe |
| Caroline Hojna | Barbara Pardington |
| Anna May Jezak | Bob Peckham |
| Donna Marie Johnston | Joseph Pierce |
| Beverly & Louis Joseph | Mary Saber |
| Mary Klein | Francis Scallion |
| Lorraine Korte | Alice Vier |
| Mary LaBudie | Joseph Wisk |

Relatives needing prayers:

- Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forsys
 Ted and Judy Hojna
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Beverly & Louis
 Esther Mae Kelley, wife of Charles
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Family of Patricia Long
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom
 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 (offered by Jo Marie Nardi):

Grace Fix Sleziński

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

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335



Fr. Ken Reinhart, director of Washington Retreat, passed away on May 22. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Washington Retreat on **Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 7 PM.** All are welcome.



Easton
1 year old

When Easton was just 6 weeks old, there was an odd glare in his eyes when the light hit them just right. A pediatrician immediately referred them to an ophthalmologist. Tests revealed a mass behind his eyes and one of his retinas was detached. At St. Jude, doctors confirmed that Easton suffered from bilateral retinoblastoma, and had tumors present in both of his eyes. He underwent six months of chemotherapy, as well as laser treatments and cryotherapy to control tumor growth. “The moment we got here”, recalled Easton’s mom, “I felt everything was going to be okay.” “St. Jude gives me hope. I’m so grateful for the care we’re receiving.” St. Jude not only provides treatment at no cost to the family, they also provide transportation, food and housing during treatment. Easton returns to St. Jude every four weeks for continuing laser therapy and cryotherapy. Despite everything he’s been through, he’s a happy little boy who loves to play outside.



Celebrating Paul and Shirley Ivan



Paul Peter Ivan was born at home on June 29, 1925, in Cleveland, Ohio, with a midwife in attendance. Most babies were delivered at home in those days, and his mother chose a midwife because, unlike doctors, they would also prepare dinner for the family while the mother was in labor! Paul was somewhere in the middle of nine siblings: Mary, Catherine, Michael, Steve, Robert, William and a set of twins who died at birth. Paul was baptized in Cleveland, and came to Detroit when he was nine years old. He made his First Communion at St. Bonaventure Monastery (along with his brother

Robert), and was confirmed at Our Lady of Sorrow. He attended Bellevue School, Cass Tech, Wayne State and the University of Detroit, where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He trained as a fighter pilot and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1947, following his discharge, he joined what was then known as the Junior Third Order on the advice of a co-worker at U.S. Rubber Corporation. Growing up, Paul lived in the shadow of the monastery on Meldrum where the present Soup Kitchen is. He came to know many of the friars, and especially remembers Fr. Cyril Langheim, who formed a group of neighborhood boys called the “Soldiers of Christ”. He took them on picnics and got them some surplus World War I uniforms to wear. They had many happy hours together. Br. Leo Wollenweber was a young Capuchin back then; he, too, belonged to this group and became one of the Ivan family’s closest friends.

Paul met his future wife, Shirley, in the Third Order Hall, over a game of ping pong! They were married by Fr. Gabriel Diefenbach at St. Charles Borromeo Church on June 17, 1950, and have been blessed with four sons: Paul, William, Jerome and Joseph [three of whom attended the Capuchin-run high at Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin]. Their great daughters-in-law Roberta, Darlene, Theresa and Karen, and all their grandchildren and great-grandson are added blessings.

Paul enjoys flying airplanes and traveling. He and Shirley have visited many countries together, and have gone camping and cruising over the years. Paul has his own airplane which he shares with another flying enthusiast. He is especially happy to have inspired one of his grandsons to become a pilot as well. He also has a granddaughter who hopes to become a pilot one day.

One of the highlights of Paul’s life was visiting Slovakia three times to meet relatives he had never known before. But his main hobby over the years has been building their home in Algonac.

Paul has served on his parish council and “run the dishwasher” after funeral luncheons. Going to the Solanus Center gives him a real sense of “coming home”.

Shirley Marie Mathias Ivan was born on November 15, 1929 — the opening day of deer hunting season — at Eastside General Hospital in Detroit. Her father had planned on going deer hunting but instead of a deer he got a darling daughter! Her mother, Louise, died at the age of 48 when Shirley was nine years old. Her father, Nicholas, never remarried and raised the family in a one-parent home, even though he was very sickly himself.

Shirley was the “baby” of the family of five, all of whom are now deceased. Her brother, Eugene, died at six months’ old; her sister, Virginia, passed away at 39; Betty died at 68 from asthma; and her brother, William, was killed during World War II. So, Shirley is the sole survivor of her immediate family.

Shirley was baptized, made her First Communion, Confirmation, attended school for all 12 years and was married at St. Charles Borromeo in Detroit. She was graduated from Marygrove College and then attended Wayne State University, where she earned a Master’s Degree in Education. She taught third grade at Our Lady of Good Council Parish in Detroit, and also worked at Alexander Blain Hospital for several years.

Shirley came to the Third Order on the advice of her confessor, Capuchin Fr. Lambert Roessner. She was professed in 1946. She remembers the Tuesday Night Study Club, the juke box, the coffee, the days of recollection and the many brothers and sisters who became life-long friends, including Mary Hebert and Sylvia Stanik who were among the first. There were picnics at Chandler and Homestead Parks, ice skating at Belle Isle, bingo on Fridays, and

all the spiritual help you wanted or needed from those wonderful Capuchins.

One of Shirley's special childhood memories took place when she was just five years old and her mother took her down Kercheval on the street car to visit Fr. Solanus. He reached in his desk drawer and gave her a piece of candy. In her teen years she was privileged to serve the coffee at his 25th Jubilee. Later, her husband, Paul, visited Fr. Solanus in Huntington, Indiana to ask him if God would ever bless his marriage with a family. He told Paul not to worry, and in 1954, their first son, Paul Stephan, was born. So, the Solanus Center is very special in their lives for two reasons: it sits on the holy ground of the old Third Order Hall, and it is a tribute to Fr. Solanus.

In June of 2010, Shirley and Paul celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a Mass and dinner at St. Bonaventure's and the Solanus Casey Center. Joining in the celebration were their sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and Paul's brothers, nieces and nephews. It was truly a day to remember! Being a Franciscan has been one of the greatest blessings of their lives. God has been very good to them — their cup is full.

We love you, Paul and Shirley!



Calendar of Fraternity events in June-July 2012

Saturday, June 2	10:00 a.m.	OFS Mass for Deceased
Saturday, June 9	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, June 10.....	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering (moved due to Father's Day)
Saturday, July 14	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, July 15 (<i>St. Bonaventure Day</i>) ..	9:00 am	Patronal Mass at St. Bonaventure Monastery
	12 noon	Initial Formation classes as usual
	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Picnic at Belle Isle – Welcoming Ceremony



- 2 Jerrold Marsh
- 4 Hugh Montpetit
- 5 Joe Sapien
- 11 Melissa Lindow
- 12 Mary Morawa
- 14 Elda Scabich
- 15 Clair Boutain
- 20 Patricia Long
- 20 Joe Portugal
- 23 Theresa Haas
- 24 Sandra Sherman
- 25 Joe Wisk
- 26 Elizabeth Barnowsky
- 29 Paul Ivan

From the Friars' Choir



**Making your mind up to move on is easy.
The hardest part may sometimes be
convincing your heart.**

GOSPEL HAPPENINGS

As we celebrate 125 years of our Fraternity's existence, we have focused not only our past, but we also look to the continuing journey. In an effort to increase our group or corporate exposure to the greater metro-Detroit community, events have been planned with the hope that as many of our members as possible would participate in these events and give a visible sign of our Fraternity to the metro-Detroit community. We are also initiating an on-going series of articles entitled, Gospel Happenings, to keep all our members abreast of what, when and where these corporate/group events are happening. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in each event whenever you are able.

1. Sunday, July 15, 2012: Corporate Mass

This is the feast of our patron, St. Bonaventure. We invite all Secular Franciscans to celebrate our fraternity's patronal feast by attending 9 AM Mass at St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel. We encourage you to wear some identifiable sign of your being a Secular Franciscan, e.g., your brown logo shirts, a tau, etc. Sitting together also would be an impressive corporate sign. Br. Pat will be presiding at that liturgy. The Mass will be followed by coffee and donuts in the Solanus Center with the regular St. Bonaventure's Sunday worship community. That is also the day of our annual Fraternity Picnic at Belle Isle. Any picnic food you bring can be placed in the refrigerator in the kitchen until we leave for the picnic.

2. Sunday, July 29, 2012 - Corporate Mass

A second corporate Mass will be held at St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, July 29, 2012. Again, please wear something that visibly identifies you as a Secular Franciscan. Sitting together would be an added visible group sign. Coffee and donuts will be offered in the dining room of the Solanus Casey Center following Mass.

Many other events and types of activities are being planned for the future. Three different activities will be taking place on Saturday September 29, 2012 – so you might want to mark that date in your calendar.

More information will be forthcoming. Any questions, call **Laura Sapian** or **Eileen Smith**.



Mass for our OFS Deceased

Saturday, June 2

10 AM

Friars' Choir

St. Bonaventure Monastery

Social to follow.

125TH GRACE

by Br. Pat McSherry, OFM Cap

I am the latest in a long line of Capuchins who have had the privilege of being part of the life of this Secular Franciscan fraternity. I don't know how many of you know this, but the paths of the Secular Franciscans in Detroit and the Detroit Capuchins crossed even before the first brick of St. Bonaventure Monastery was ever laid. You see, it was two Swiss priests who founded our Capuchin Province: **Fr. Francis Haas** and **Fr. Bonaventure Frey**. They came to America and established houses first in Wisconsin and then in New York City. They wanted to establish a monastery at a critical junction on the railroad line between Milwaukee and New York. They thought Detroit would be desirable. So it was determined in early 1883, that Fr. Bonaventure would come to Detroit to seek the necessary permission of Bishop Burgess.

Now it happened that the other founder, Fr. Francis Haas, had some relatives living in Detroit – cousins on his mother's side. Fr. Francis' first assignment after ordination was as associate pastor in the small Swiss village of Liesberg, under the direction of his uncle, Fr. Joseph Karrer – his mother's brother. When Fr. Bonaventure came to Detroit to talk with Bishop Burgess, he didn't know anyone in Detroit, so he stayed with Fr. Francis' relatives – the Karrer family – who lived at 340 Meldrum – it's on the other side of Jefferson Avenue, almost to the end of Meldrum.

Fr. Bonaventure met with the bishop who gave his permission for a new monastery on May 8, 1883. At the same time he acknowledged the right of the Capuchins to establish a Secular Franciscan Fraternity attached to the monastery. Now, there already was a Secular Franciscan Fraternity downtown at Old St. Mary's, which was served by the Friars Minor. Six members of the downtown fraternity decided to found a Third Order Fraternity at St. Bonaventure's. If you look in our membership roster, the second person listed as a member of our Fraternity was **Christina Karrer** who lived at 340 Meldrum – a cousin of Fr. Francis Haas. Two years later — number 10 on our membership roster — is another cousin, **Maria Karrer**. So from the beginning, the Capuchins and the Secular Franciscans of this Fraternity have been linked not only *by brick and mortar*, but *by blood*.

The eleventh member of our Secular Franciscan was **Elizabeth Fetha**. Her husband was Anton Fetha, a plasterer. The Fetha's lived at 472 Mt. Elliott – that would be in what is now the parking lot of Walgreen's Pharmacy at Mt. Elliott and Jefferson. Their son, Anthony, would become a Capuchin – **Fr. Fabian Fetha**. **Br. Sam Ciraulo** – a member of this Third Order Fraternity – joined the Capuchins, as did **Br. Francis Benoit**. On our part, generations of Capuchins have promoted the Secular Franciscan way of life – many of you knew **Fr. Jogues Constance** who was just one example. We, friars, recently heard the necrology of **Fr. Conrad Polzer** who was so dedicated to the Secular Franciscans that he became known as “Fr. Third Order”. So over the course of our history, we have been linked *by a certain life-giving and life-sustaining mutuality* – promoting each other's way of life.

Ninety-five years ago, a group of Secular Franciscan women of this Fraternity took out their sewing machines and began the **Eucharistic Mission Band** – and have ever since faithfully supported our missions and missionaries, and the friars of St. Bonaventure's in particular. After the Great Depression began, when the monastery was being overwhelmed by the need for food for working class and poor people, through **Fr. Herman Buss** – the Third Order Director of this Fraternity – a partnership formed between the Capuchins and this Secular Fraternity to feed the hungry – and the **Soup Kitchen** was born.

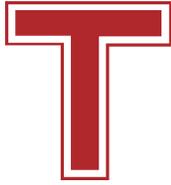
In 1940, one of your members – **Sam [Salvatore] Badalamenti** who was a friend of the Third Order Director of the time, **Fr. Alvin LaFeir**, volunteered to become a missionary with Fr. Alvin and the other Capuchin missionaries in Guam. When the Imperial Japanese forces captured Guam at the start of World War II, they were all imprisoned in Kobe, Japan. *Br. Gabriel Badalamenti*, as he was then known, heroically and repeatedly risked his life for our friars. You can see how, for generations, the Capuchins and this Secular Fraternity have been bound *by mission*.

I have been asked to offer grace. By far it is not enough to give thanks for the food we are about to share. We give thanks for all that has bound us together in the past — *by blood, by brick and mortar, by mutual support and by mission*. And we pray that God's grace will bind us together in the future as *the journey continues*, to the glory of God, through Christ our Lord.



JUNE 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Holy Trinity Sunday Proper	4 9 th Week of Ordinary Time Pss Wk II	5	6	7	8 MELDRUM KITCHEN (10:30-1:00) Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM	9 Fraternity Council 1:30
10 Body & Blood of Christ Proper FRATERNITY GATHERING FORMATION: NOON ALL: 1:30 PM	11 10 th Week of Ordinary Time Pss Wk III	12	13 St. Anthony of Padua	14 Flag Day	15 Sacred Heart of Jesus	16 Immaculate Heart of Mary
17 Fathers' Day 11 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Pss Wk IV	18	19	20 First Day of Summer	21	22 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	23
24 Birth of St. John the Baptist Proper	25 12 th Week of Ordinary Time Pss Wk I	26	27	28	29 Ss. Peter & Paul	30



Pray for Vocations
to the OFS Daily

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(call for information)1

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& Tony Lienert (chairs)

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 (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

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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