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## Ten Characteristics of Servant Leadership

1. Servant leaders are servants first (not leaders first), and consciously choose to lead as a way to serve the development of others.
2. Servant leaders respond to any problem by listening first. Their attitude emulates St Francis: "Lord, grant that I may not seek so much to be understood as to understand."
3. Servant leaders maintain empathy for the essential humanity of other people, even when they cannot accept the other person's acts.
4. Servant leaders utilize both analysis and intuition to develop foresight.
5. Servant leaders cultivate awareness and hone their powers of perception.
6. Servant leaders create change by inspiration and persuasion, not coercion.
7. Servant leaders are highly creative, drawing from their unique strengths to create fresh responses to new situations.
8. Servant leaders remember that healing means "to make whole." They know that to be wholly human, one must joyfully accept both the goodness and the bitterness of life while contributing to the good.
9. Servant leaders recognize that healing actions take place in the context of community.
10. Servant leaders change the world by first changing themselves.

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

May the Lord fill your heart with peace and joy!

I am grateful to all of you for providing me with the opportunity to serve our fraternity as its minister for the past three years. The best part of being Minister of our fraternity is getting to know you, my brothers and sisters, and what extraordinary, faith-filled people you are. You are a special blessing in my life. I appreciate all of your cards, phone calls and words of encouragement.

I am very grateful to the members of our leadership council for giving generously of their time, energy and talent in service to our fraternity. It has been a privilege and honor to work with **Teresa Westbrook-Lienert, Eugene Snyders, Laura Sapien, John Bodell, Patricia Meldrum, Patricia Munafo, Br. Pat McSherry, Anthony Lienert, Stephen Haycox, Beverly Sapien** and **Chuck Sapien**. My special thanks to **John Bodell** who has served as Formation Minister for the past six years, and to **Patricia Meldrum**, who served as Secretary for the past six years. Because of term limits, John and Pat will be leaving the Council. Also, my special thanks to **Frank Kraimer** for serving as the Christian Service Coordinator for the past three years and for heading up the Towel Drive Project.

## CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS

**Our Chapter of Elections will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Solanus Casey Center. All active and permanently excused members are eligible to vote. Please remember that we need a quorum ( 50% + 1) of our members to be present in order to conduct the elections. Please spread the word and encourage members to attend this important event in the life of our fraternity.**

## PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 3.....Transitus of St. Francis.....7:00 p.m. .... Main Chapel  
Thursday, October 4 .....Mass in honor of St. Francis .....7:00 p.m. .... Main Chapel  
Saturday, October 27 .....Mass for our deceased Franciscan brothers and sisters .....10:00 a.m. .... Choir Chapel

I want to inform you that Fr. Larry Webber, Director of the Solanus Casey Center, contacted me in April to inform me that **Marie Amore**, past Minister of our fraternity, was retiring from the Board of the Solanus Center after 30 years of service. Fr. Larry asked if I would consider serving on the board, and I agreed to do so. I was elected to the Center Board at its May meeting. I am looking forward to the next Board meeting on September 28.

## REFLECTION

“...They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith...” (Acts 14:27)

In the Acts of the Apostles we learn that God has opened the door of faith for the early Church. But did you know that God has opened the door of faith for each one of us and he invites us to step through the threshold into a deeper relationship with him. The upcoming **Year of Faith** is an opportunity for every Catholic to turn towards Jesus Christ, to encounter him in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and to rediscover the faith and the Church.

With his Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei* [The Door of Faith], of October 11, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI declared that a **Year of Faith** will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 14, 2013. The first day of the **Year of Faith** — October 11, 2012 — marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, is the

feastday of Bl. John XXIII [himself a Secular Franciscan], and also recalls the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. During the **Year of Faith** Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the *Catechism* in order to deepen their knowledge of the faith.

The upcoming **Year of Faith** is a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world” (*Porta Fidei*, 6). In other words, the **Year of Faith** is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The “door of faith” is opened at one’s baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.” This is what the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops had to say:

During this Year of Faith, my prayer for you is that you will once again open the “door of faith” in your life and experience a deeper relationship with God, who loves you more than you can ever imagine.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,  
maryann

## Divine Mercy Regional Elections



The Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity elections were held on Sunday, August 18 at Conway, Michigan. The new Executive Council for Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity is comprised of:

<b>Minister</b> _____	<b>Jim Howard, OFS</b>	<b>Councilors</b> _____	<b>Marge Krystiniak, OFS</b>
<b>Vice Minister</b> _____	<b>David Seitz, OFS</b>		<b>Bob Bowersox, OFS</b>
<b>Secretary</b> _____	<b>Linda Solis, OFS</b>		<b>Sheri Hafeli, OFS</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> _____	<b>Ray Boisvenue, OFS</b>		<b>Marcia DePauw, OFS</b>
<b>Formation Minister</b> _____	<b>Patti Reynolds, OFS</b>		

In addition, **Sr. Lynne Hartigan, OSF** was welcomed as the new Regional Spiritual Assistant representing the Capuchin Friars.

Congratulations to these newly-elected regional leaders!



### 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.

### Our Deceased:

Bridget McAinsh, OFS († August 21, 2012)

### Members needing prayers:

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	Ilene Manning
Mary Gillen	Joseph Marra
Natalie Grabowski & Family	Sophie Martin
Non Mary Hebert	Mabel Michaels
James Heymes	Hugh Montpetit
Caroline Hojna	Barbara Pardington
Anna May Jezak	Bob Peckham
Gary Johnson	George Pelyak
Donna Marie Johnston	Joseph Pierce
Louis Joseph	Tom Ricard
Mary Klein	Mary Saber
Lorraine Korte	Francis Scallion
Frank B. Kraimer	Alice Vier
	Joseph Wisk

### Relatives needing prayers:

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite  
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys  
 Ted and Judy Hojna  
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis  
 Esther Mae Kelley, wife of Charles  
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston  
 Family of Patricia Long  
 Family of Ilene Manning  
 Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph  
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas  
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary  
 Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom

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

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



**Keshawn**  
 11 years old

Keshawn was a sports enthusiast, active in both baseball and basketball. But in November 2011, he started to slow down. He grew increasingly more tired, and he didn't want to eat. Then he started to run a fever, and he missed a week of school. His parents took him to the doctor. Test results revealed that Keshawn suffered from acute myeloid leukemia. Arrangements were quickly made to send Keshawn to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"We were familiar with St. Jude," said his mother. "We'd even donated in the past." But they never expected their son would ever be a patient here. At St. Jude, Keshawn underwent six rounds of chemotherapy. He handled his treatment much like he plays a game, with grace and determination. His winning smile never waned, and he remained a happy, upbeat kid.

Keshawn's mother remarked, "We're so grateful to God for sending us here. This is a place of angels. The people here are wonderful, so full of compassion for the kids."

Keshawn is now done with treatment. He visits St. Jude for regular checkups and his cancer continues to remain in remission. He's back to playing ball and he sings, too. It's not unusual for him to break into song, his voice light, joyful and sincere.



## Celebrating Therese Joseph, OFS



Therese's parents, Patricia and Jack McCleary, were from Detroit, but she was born in New Jersey, just outside of New York. Her father was transferred to New Jersey by Ford Motor Company. Soon after Therese's birth, the family moved back to Detroit where she attended St. Regis Grade School and Marian High School in Birmingham.

Therese attended Michigan State University and Madonna University where she received a BSN degree in Nursing. Therese worked as a nurse for over 30 years at Henry Ford Hospital. Most of her nursing has been in home care where she has held several positions. Therese is presently a quality assurance nurse.

Therese has been married to Ed Joseph, an attorney, for over 18 years. Ed asked Therese to dance at a benefit dance for Children's Hospital and the rest is history. Fr. Dan Havron, OFM witnessed their marriage at St. Regis on August 13, 1984.

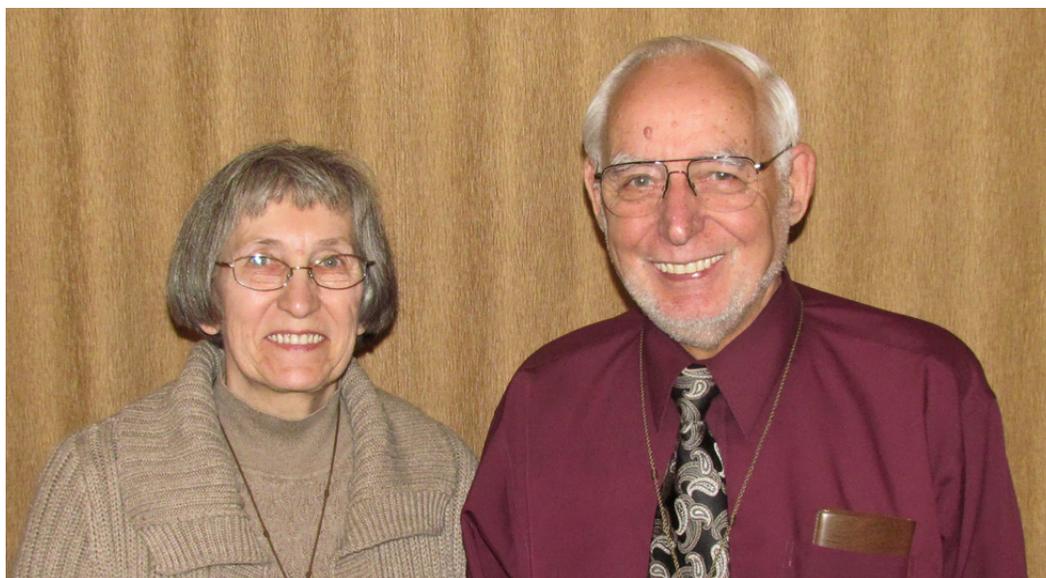
Therese became acquainted with Franciscan spirituality in 1987 when she took a pilgrimage to Assisi and Medugorje led by Fr. Dan Havron. She enjoys going on pilgrimages to holy places. Last year, she went to the Holy Land with Fr. Alex Kratz.

Therese and her husband live in Grosse Pointe Farms and attend St. Paul on the Lake Church. Therese is a member of the Altar Society and a lector. She also served on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council for the last 12 years. Therese is a candidate and is looking forward to being professed in November.

We love you, Therese!



## Welcome Back, Dorothy and Ben Stapel



### New Address:

George Pelyak  
American House East II  
Apt. B 206  
18740 13 Mile Road  
Roseville, MI 48066

## 2012 Nominees for Minister and Leadership Council

### For Minister:



My name is **Maryann Kummer**. I have served as minister for our fraternity for the past three years, as councilor responsible for continuing formation for three years, as chair of the Youth Task Force, and chair of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. My vision for our fraternity during the next three years is: 1) to have a committed and engaged leadership team; 2) to encourage and empower all of our members to be of service to the fraternity; 3) to increase the visibility of our fraternity in the larger community by sponsoring more Gospel Happening events; 4) to ensure that our fraternity gatherings are Spirit-filled, informative, and provide us with practical ideas to use in our daily lives.

### For Vice Minister:



My name is **Teresa Westbrook-Lienert**. I was professed in November of 1995. For the past three years, I have served as vice minister and co-chair of the Hospitality Commission. In the more distant past, I have served as a Third Sunday meeting leader and on the St. Bonaventure OFS council from 2001 to 2003, and as an active participant on the Special Events Committee. When I first became a Secular Franciscan, from 1995-1996, I helped Faye and Joe Boland with evangelization. I wish to lead in St. Bonaventure Fraternity by serving others and sharing ideas and promoting ideas. Also, by servanthood, I can direct others to the true path of peace and brother-/sisterhood.

### For Formation Minister:



My name is **Sylvia Snigier**. I was professed into the Secular Franciscan Order in November of 1993. I joined the formation team in 1995. I help out, when needed, at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and at the Healing Service. I will try my best, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to implement the FUN Manual.

### For Treasurer:



My name is **Laura Sapien**. Since being professed in November of 2011, I have been earnestly learning how to balance accounts, record deposits, and run checks specifically for the fraternity. I enjoy this work and would feel honored to serve in this capacity. I plan to assist our fraternity by accounting for all monies of the fraternity and allowing for full disclosure on all accounts. I served on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. I am currently working with Eileen Smith on planning and organizing Gospel Happening events for our fraternity.

## For Councilors:



My name is **Beverly Sapien**, and I am a retired elementary school teacher. I currently serve on the council as the person responsible for continuing formation. As a council member, I would serve our fraternity by working with the members of the leadership team to make decisions that will continue to develop the life of our fraternity and our apostolic activities according to our Franciscan values. I am willing to serve on any commission that would benefit our fraternity. I served on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. I am currently a member of the formation team.



My name is **Caroline Florescu**. I am interested in serving as a councilor on the leadership team because I think I might be of some help. For the nine years since my profession, I have sewn vestments for the missions with the Eucharistic Mission Band. I also made banners for our fraternity for Work, EMB, and Peace and Justice. I also like to make sandwiches for the monthly meetings, and help to serve. I believe Jesus would like us to go out two-by-two among the members the way he sent his apostles out to do apostolic work. I think the two-team members should not be related, except as sisters or brothers in the fraternity, but by working together we will become closer family members. This I would like to do. If our minister has a special job for me, I would like to try to do it. However, any and all of these things I can do as a member of the fraternity without being a member of the council, so really nobody has to vote for me.



My name is **Melissa Lindow**. I work as a nurse in Unit 34 at Henry Ford Hospital Macomb. I have two children and three granddaughters. I am a captain in the Army Reserve 322 Med Company and am a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Detroit. I have been a member of the St. Bonaventure Fraternity for many years. I volunteer on Monday nights at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen with Faith and Fellowship. I have a degree in Pastoral Ministry from Sacred Heart Major Seminary and am working on a M.A.P.S. (Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies) degree. I drive people to church on Sunday.



My name is **Sheryl Ann Nordstrom** and I was professed in November of 2011 as a Secular Franciscan at St. Bonaventure. I most recently served our fraternity as a member of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee this past spring. I would like to see our fraternity continue to become more active and more visible in the metro-Detroit community as was initiated during this anniversary year: the walk for the St. Vincent De Paul Society, the corporate Communion, assisting in the work at the Capuchin Service Center; in addition to serving at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen and involvement with the various collection drives as needed throughout the year, such as the towel-, sock- and school supplies drives. I wish to help lead and serve our fraternity and assist with our continued growth in living and witnessing the Gospel to each other, our families and our community.



My name is **Ilene Manning**. I am the youngest of eleven children. I was married for 26 years and had seven children. I am blessed to have 15 grandchildren. My oldest son passed away suddenly last year. My husband died 30 years ago. I am retired. I worked in the Finance Department of Sinai Hospital until it merged with Samaritan Grace. From 1990 to 2000, I worked at Harper Hospital in the Public Relations Department. I have been involved in Bible Study for 30 years. I have a strong faith in the Lord and believe that daily prayer strengthens a person's faith. I love to read books about saints, especially St. Francis, the Imitation of Christ, and love spiritual songs and hymns.



My name is **Joseph Sapien**. I have been married to Laura for 34 years. I was professed almost one year ago in November. I serve as a Eucharistic minister, and helped during last year's Transitus celebration. My commitment to the fraternity includes participating in our monthly gatherings. I feel I can have an even greater involvement by serving on the council.



My name is **Patricia Bryce Cardello** I have a husband, Jesse, and five children: Mark, Kristin, Matthew, Jay and Anna Maria. I have nine grandchildren also I am a recent graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy I was professed as a Franciscan two years ago. I am looking forward to contributing to the St. Bonaventure Fraternity in a leadership position. My mother was blessed by Fr. Solanus when she was expecting me and I feel that his blessing was the beginning of my life calling. Hopefully, I can be a part of spreading the word about the Fraternity and the Solanus Casey Center.



My name is **Mary Williams**. I have three children (2 sons and a daughter) and six grandchildren. I was professed in November of 2010. Besides our regular fraternity gatherings, I have participated in several other Secular Franciscan functions such as our annual picnic and our Masses for the deceased. As a councilor on the leadership team, I am looking forward to being of greater service to our fraternity.



My name is **Tony Lienert**. I have served our fraternity as a councilor on the leadership team, co-chair of the Hospitality Commission, and in the past as speaker for our formation program and presenter for various topics at our Third Sunday fraternity gatherings. I was professed in 1996. I view the fraternity as a family in which we accept one another and our differences while remaining united in living the spirit of St. Francis. We accept each others' weaknesses, and acknowledge our own as we accept the Secular Franciscan vocation of continuous conversion. When we live up to our Franciscan calling, we will be witnesses of God's love in our parishes, our workplaces, and in the public square.

## *Calendar of Fraternity events in October 2012*

Wednesday, October 3.....	7:00 p.m. ....	Transitus
Thursday, October 4 .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Mass in honor of St. Francis
Saturday, October 20 .....	1:30 p.m. ....	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, October 21 .....	1:30 p.m. ....	Fraternity Chapter of Elections
Saturday, October 27 .....	10:00 a.m. ....	OFS Mass for Deceased



- 1..... Charles Kelley
- 4 ..... Debra McCann
- 8 ..... Eileen Smith
- 11 ..... Gene Snyders
- 15 ..... Ralph Barnowsky  
Judith Vickerman
- 18 ..... Frank Liccardello
- 20 ..... Tom Ricard  
Joanne Schumacher
- 22 ..... Janet Bodell
- 24 ..... Anna Mary Jezak
- 27 ..... Diane Raymond
- 29 ..... Ralph Marson
- 30 ..... Therese Joseph

## From the Friars' Choir



If you think you're too small  
to make a difference,  
you haven't spent a night  
with a mosquito.

– African proverb

# Handle with *Care*

## HOW TO CARE FOR INTROVERTS

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|---|--|
| <b>1 RESPECT</b><br>THEIR NEED FOR PRIVACY                              | <b>7 GIVE THEM 15 MINUTE WARNINGS</b><br>TO FINISH WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING             |
| <b>2 NEVER EMBARRASS THEM IN PUBLIC</b>                                 | <b>8 REPRIMAND THEM PRIVATELY</b>  |
| <b>3 LET THEM OBSERVE FIRST IN NEW SITUATIONS</b>                       | <b>9 TEACH THEM NEW SKILLS PRIVATELY</b>   |
| <b>4 GIVE THEM TIME TO THINK</b><br>DON'T DEMAND INSTANT ANSWERS        | <b>10 ENABLE THEM TO FIND ONE BEST FRIEND</b><br>WHO HAS SIMILAR INTERESTS & ABILITIES |
| <b>5 DON'T INTERRUPT THEM</b>   | <b>11 DON'T PUSH THEM TO MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS</b>                                      |
| <b>6 GIVE THEM ADVANCE NOTICE</b><br>OF EXPECTED CHANGES IN THEIR LIVES | <b>12 RESPECT THEIR INTROVERSION</b><br>DON'T TRY TO REMAKE THEM INTO EXTROVERTS       |

## HOW TO CARE FOR EXTROVERTS

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| <b>1 RESPECT</b><br>THEIR INDEPENDENCE                | <b>6 UNDERSTAND</b><br>WHEN THEY ARE BUSY               |
| <b>2 COMPLIMENT THEM</b><br>IN THE COMPANY OF OTHERS  | <b>7 LET THEM DIVE RIGHT IN</b>                         |
| <b>3 ACCEPT AND ENCOURAGE</b><br>THEIR ENTHUSIASM     | <b>8 OFFER THEM OPTIONS</b>                             |
| <b>4 ALLOW THEM TO EXPLORE</b><br>AND TALK THINGS OUT | <b>9 MAKE PHYSICAL AND VERBAL GESTURES OF AFFECTION</b> |
| <b>5 THOUGHTFULLY SURPRISE THEM</b>                   | <b>10 LET THEM SHINE</b>                                |

# OCTOBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Transitus of St. Francis 7 PM	<b>4</b> Mass of St. Francis 7 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time Pss Wk III	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> MELDRUM KITCHEN (10:30-1:00)  Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday Pss Wk IV	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Fraternity Council 1:30
<b>21</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Pss Wk I FORMATION: NOON CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS: 1:30 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time World Youth Day Pss Wk II	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween			



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to the OFS Daily

## FAX ET PHONUM

### Minister

Maryann Kummer

### Vice Minister

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

### Treasurer

Laura Sapien

### Secretary

Patricia Meldrum

### Initial Formation

John Bodell

### Councillors-at-Large:

Stephen Haycox

Tony Lienert4

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)

### 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.

&

Healing Service Social

(call for information)

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