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Minister's Letter

My dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace and joy be with you!

Sunday, January 20, 2013 was a very special day in the life of our fraternity. We held welcoming and admissions ceremonies and the rite of profession in the main chapel. Immediately following those ceremonies, we completed our Chapter of Elections in the dining room.

Matthew Kosch and **Onakapoma "Ona" Moore** formally began the Inquiry Phase of our initial formation program. *Welcome Matthew and Ona!*

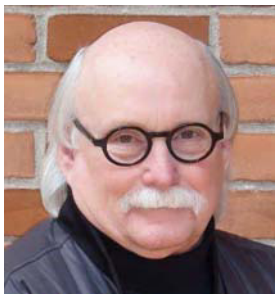
Joyce Brouillette, **Dan Gabriel**, **Elizabeth and Ron Kessler**, **Jackie Martin**, **Mary Myler** and **Eleanor Pulido** were admitted into the Candidacy Phase of formation. *Congratulations, sisters and brothers!*

Javier Aguilar made his public, permanent commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order. *Congratulations, Javier!*

Congratulations, also, to the members of our newly-elected Leadership Council:

Minister ..... Maryann Kummer
Vice Minister ..... Teresa Westbrook-Lienert
Treasurer ..... Laura Sapian
Secretary ..... Anthony Lienert
Formation Minister ..... Sylvia Snigier
Councilors-at-large:
Bev Sapian
Mary Williams
Joe Sapian
Patricia Cardellio
Melissa Lindow
Caroline Florescu

On behalf of our entire fraternity, I wish to express our appreciation to **John Bodell** and **Patricia Meldrum** for their six years of dedicated service on the Leadership Council and to **Stephen Haycox** and **Chuck Sapian** for their three years of service on the Leadership Council. *Thank you, John, Pat, Stephen and Chuck!* I also want to thank **Frank Kraimer** for his dedicated service as coordinator of Christian Service for the past nine years. *Thank you Frank!*


Ray Mylenek

During my announcements at the fraternity gathering, I introduced **Ray Mylenek**, who recently transferred to our fraternity, and is now participating in the Candidacy Phase of formation. *Welcome, Ray!*

I want to express my appreciation to **Br. Pat** for preparing the worship aides for our ceremonies, for providing us with an inspiring homily, and for developing the logistics for our fraternity elections; to **Teresa Westbrook-Lienert**, **Stella Mordarski** and to everyone who helped with the set-up and clean-up of the reception; to everyone who brought snacks for the reception; to **Hugh Montpetit** and **Letty Aguilar** for taking photos during the ceremonies and group photos after the elections. My heartfelt gratitude to all of you for making that extra effort to come out on a bitterly cold Sunday afternoon to celebrate these special occasions in the life of our fraternity.

[*editor's note:* Thanks once again to **Maryann Kummer** for providing the fraternity with daily Lenten reflection booklets.]

Please Note on Your Calendar

Join us on **Saturday, February 23 at 10:00 A.M.** for a Mass in remembrance of our deceased brothers and sisters in the friars' choir. A social will immediately follow in the dining room.

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 calls conversion. Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily."
>
> – OFS Rule, 7

On February 13, we will begin the Season of Lent, a time in the Church year for conversion and reconciliation with God and one another. As Secular Franciscans this call to conversion and reconciliation is at the very heart of our Franciscan way of life. Lent is an opportunity for growth by going without something we enjoy, by giving more of our time to others, by spending more time in prayer, and reflecting on those areas in our lives where we need conversion, a change of heart.

During the Lenten season, God invites us to an interior conversion of our heart. Not only does God invite us to change, but he also walks with us on our journey and provides us with the strength to begin anew with the gift of his grace.

As you take time to listen to God and to seek his guidance on what needs to change in your life, I want you to know that God is with you and is guiding you along the path to becoming a new creation in him.

All of us are bearing a cross of illness, financial challenges, the loss of a loved one, I want you to know that God is with you, that he knows what it feels like to carry a heavy burden, and that he wants you to be gentle with yourself as you face these challenges.

As you journey through this season of change, I want you to know that God is with you and when you struggle with letting go of control, of old ways of thinking and old patterns of behavior, know that his grace is sufficient.

As you journey through this Lenten season, may you experience anew God's unconditional and faithful love for you.

May our hearts be opened to receive God's abundant graces during our Lenten journey.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
maryann

February Birthdays

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

From the Friars' Choir

Surround yourself with people who make you a better person.

Our Deceased:

Evelyn G. Olden (✞ Dec. 28, 2012)

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins
Dan & Jan Atkinson
Kay Balas
Claire Boutain
Mary Lou Catino
Rocco Cesaro
Joe Driessen
Mary Gillen
Natalie Grabowski & Family
Nona Mary Hebert
James Heymes
Caroline Hojna
Dora Sue Jay
Anna Marie Jezak
Gary Johnson
Donna Marie Johnston
Louis Joseph
Esther Kelley
Mary Klein
Lorraine Korte
Frank B. Kraimer
Les and Josie Lafata
Frank & Rosalie Liccardello
Patricia Long
Rose Longo
Ilene Manning
Joseph Marra
Sophie Martin
Mabel Michaels
Hugh Montpetit
Barbara Pardington
Bob Peckham
George Pelyak
Joseph Pierce
Tom Ricard
Mary Saber
Francis Scallion
Alice Vier
Joseph Wisk

Relatives needing prayers:

Richard Boutain, son of Claire
Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
Kate Comizio, sister of Br. Pat
Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
Ted and Judy Hojna
Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
Family of Patricia Long
Family of Ilene Manning
Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
Joan Nagel, sister of Joe Driessen
Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom
William Thomas, Jr, brother-in-law of Joe Driessen

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

AIDAN
4 years old

Aidan is a blur of motion. One moment he's drawing on the chalkboard in his room. The next minute he's crouched down in front of his train table, lining up train cars. And then he's out the backdoor with his older brother, racing toward the swing set. Aidan's parents delight in their son's zest for life. For a while, they worried about what his future might hold.

In 2010, Aidan seemed to stop developing as quickly as his siblings. His parents had difficulty understanding him and his balance was off. That June, Aidan was found to suffer from a disorder that causes tumors to grow on the nerves. Scans revealed a tumors growing on both of Aidan's optic nerves.

At St. Jude, Aidan underwent chemotherapy for 18 months. Since the tumors are inoperable they will eventually grow, and Aidan will again undergo chemotherapy. His cancer will never go into remission; he'll have chemotherapy on and off for the rest of his life.

Despite this daunting outlook, his parents are grateful for those who support St. Jude. "When you have a child who is going to have a lifetime of treatment, this means so much." Aidan returns for regular checkups. He loves to see his doctors and nurses, and he especially loves playing with the trains in the playrooms.

Celebrating Mary Myler

Mary Myler was born on April 1, 1931 to James and Edrie Myler in Grosse Pointe Farms. She is the oldest of four siblings: James, Alicia, Stephen and Kristin. Mary attended Wheat Elementary School in St. Clair Shores and Denby High School in Detroit. She graduated from Marygrove College in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education (Special Education). She has worked as a secretary, teacher, group home manager, and a rural carrier.

Mary was raised Episcopalian and converted to Catholicism while living in California. She entered a religious order. One of the missions of the order was to care for girls with special needs in residential schools. After leaving the convent, Mary spent time managing group homes for mentally- and physically-handicapped people. She ended her working years as a rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Mary was introduced to the Secular Franciscans through Sandy McConnell at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington, Michigan. Mary was admitted to the Secular Franciscan Order on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at St. Bonaventure Monastery. Please pray for Mary and all of our candidates as they discern their Secular Franciscan vocation.

Mary is a parishioner of Ss. John and Paul Catholic Church in Washington where she serves as a Eucharistic minister for the sick, MCREST volunteer, and as a driver delivering food to the needy and providing rides to those in need. Mary enjoys traveling, music and volunteering at her parish and at the Capuchin Retreat Center.

Mary's favorite Scripture passages are: The Lord's Prayer and John 14:16 "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

We love you, Mary!

Franciscan Series at Cap Retreat

The Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington, Michigan is offering the following Franciscan series:

Saturday, February 16 — 1 PM to 4 PM
The Conversion of Francis by Sr. Helen Therese Bodzick, OSF

Saturday, March 23 — 1 PM to 4 PM
Francis and the Passion of Christ – a meditation on the Prayer of St. Francis before receiving the wounds of Christ by Fr. Larry Webber, OFM Cap

Saturday, April 20 — 1 PM to 4 PM
Details will be forthcoming

Saturday, May 18 — 1 PM to 4 PM
Without Anything of My Own by Fr. Dan Crosby, OFM Cap

Sunday liturgy will be available after each program.

The suggested donation for each program in the series is **$30**, including refreshments. To register for the programs, call **Rose Ann Miller at 248-651-4826** or you may register online at **http:www.capretreat.org/**

Gospel Happenings

Capuchin Services Warehouse Visit

Eleven Secular Franciscans volunteered at the Capuchin Services Warehouse in January. Because the warehouse doesn't get a large number of volunteers during this season of the year, our help was greatly appreciated. We had a wonderful time folding clothes, filling 270 food boxes and bagging 2,000 pounds of potatoes. We worked side-by-side with another group to complete the tasks. We wore our brown shirts giving a wonderful outward sign of our Franciscan community.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23: MASS FOR OUR DECEASED

Join us at the 10 A.M. Mass for our deceased. Mass will be held in the friars' choir. This is a beautiful way to foster communion and encourage everyone to a life in fraternity. We continue this communion especially when praying for our deceased. A little social will follow in the dining room.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, NOON-3PM: WORK MEETING TO IDENTIFY EXCUSED MEMBERS

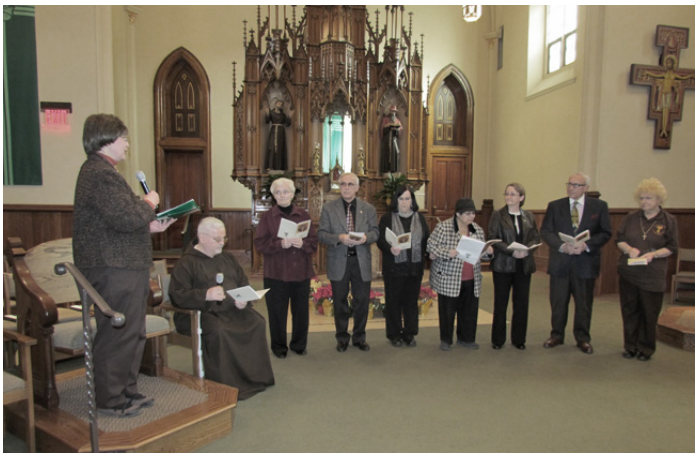
Laura Sapian, **Eileen Smith** and **Ruby Thompson** will be compiling a list of the excused members of our fraternity in order to contact them throughout the year with cards or phone calls or perhaps a visit. They could use some help in identifying the excused members and compiling an up-to-date list of where they live. If you can help, please join us in the 2nd floor conference room of the Solanus Casey Center.

JANUARY 20, 2013

RITE OF WELCOME RITE OF ADMISSION RITE OF PROFESSION FRATERNITY ELECTIONS

Matt Kosch and **Ona Moore**

Mary Myler, Elizabeth and **Ron Kessler**, **Eleanor Pulido, Joyce Brouillette**, **Dan Gabriel** and **Jackie Martin**



Maryann Kummer accepts the candidates.

Javier Aguilar receiving the candle.

Br. Pat, Matt, Ona and **Maryann**

back: **Ray Mylenek, Mary Myler, Ron** and **Elizabeth Kessler**, **Maryann Kummer, Br. Pat** *front:* **Eleanor Pulido, Jackie Martin, Joyce Brouillette**, **Dan Gabriel**

David Seitz and Barbara McClure presiding over our elections.

The council members who were present.

Congratulations, Javier!

Mass with Fr. Tod Laverty, OFM

For those who may wish to visit with Fr. Tod Laverty, OFM, our regional spiritual assistant, he would welcome seeing you at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 24, at Saint Aloysius Church, 1234 Washington Blvd, Detroit. On-street parking is free on Sunday and those who wish to park at Detroit City Apartments, 1413 Washington Blvd (across the street and down a block), can have their parking ticket validated if they bring it to Mass. We will not know until that day whether Fr. Tod will be able to preside at the Mass, but he plans to be with us regardless. Some people will go for breakfast/lunch with Fr. Tod after Mass at a nearby restaurant, Louie's Ham and Corned Beef, 3570 Riopelle St., Detroit. Join us if you can.

Lenten Day of Recollection

(open to the public)

Saturday, March 2, 2013 — 9 AM to 3 PM — Solanus Casey Center

Fr. Jim Hast, OFM Cap, associate director of the Solanus Casey Center will lead this Lenten Day of Recollection.

9 AM ..... Registration
9:30 AM .. Rosary
10 AM ..... Conference
11 AM ..... Confession and Quiet time
Noon ..... Catered Lunch
1 PM ..... Conference
2 PM ..... Mass
3 PM ..... Departure

Donation: **$25.** - Checks payable to the **Solanus Casey Center**. ***Please include your telephone number on the check.***

Payment and Reservations: By Friday, February 23. All correspondence should be addressed to:

Day of Recollection
c/o Sally McCuen, Hospitality Coordinator
Solanus Casey Center
1780 Mount Elliott St.
Detroit, MI 48207

For additional information, call Sally at **313-579-2100, ext. 149**.

BIBLE STUDY

Fridays from Noon to 1 PM
(starting Friday, February 8, 2013)
Solanus Casey Center Dining Room

The weekly study will focus on the Scripture readings for the up-coming Sunday's liturgy. Bring a Bible. We will be using the **New American Bible (Catholic Edition)**. Feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Sally McCuen, Solanus Casey Center staff member, will facilitate the Bible study. Sally holds an MA in Systematic Theology from the University of Notre Dame and a BA in Religious Education from St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake.

Contact Sally McCuen for more information at **313-579-2100, extension 149**.

New addresses

Lorraine Korte
American House
17255 Common Rd, B205
Roseville, MI 48066

George Pelyak
18740 Thirteen Mile Rd
Apt B206
Roseville, MI 48066

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Joint Fraternity Council meeting 9:30 am - 11 am
3 Week IV of Ord. Time Pss Wk 4	4	5	6	7	8 Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 20:30-1:00 Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM (Ricards')	9
10 Week V of Ord. Time Pss Wk 1 World Marriage Day	11	12	13 ASH WEDNESDAY	14	15	16
17 LENT I Pss Wk 1 Formation: Noon Everyone: 1:30	18	19	20	21	22 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	23 Mass for Deceased 10 AM Gospel Happening Noon-3 PM (see p. 6)
24 LENT II Pss Wk 2	25	26	27	28		

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FAX ET PHONUM

Minister
Maryann Kummer
Vice Minister
Teresa Westbrook-Lienert
Treasurer
Laura Sapian
Secretary
Tony Lienert
Formation Minister
Sylvia Snigier
Councillors-at-Large:
Patricia Cardellio
Caroline Florescu
Melissa Lindow
Bev Sapian
Joe Sapian
Mary Williams

Spiritual Assistant:
Br. Patrick McSherry

APPOINTMENTS
Infirmarian:
Jo Marie Nardi

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

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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