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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear sisters and brothers,

May God's peace and joy be with you!

I am grateful to **Eileen Smith** for arranging for Kathy Crombie, Director of Minority Outreach and Gift Planning at *Right to Life*, to speak at our fraternity gathering on August 18. Ms. Crombie gave a very thorough and informative presentation on the *Right to Life* issues facing our nation.

At our fraternity gathering on August 18, **Matthew Kosch** and **Onaicapoma (Ona) Moore** were admitted to the candidacy phase of the formation process. Welcome Matt and Ona! Please pray for Matt and Ona as they discern their vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order.

On Sunday, September 15, our **Day of Reflection will begin at 11:00 a.m.** Our topic will be **Dreams Revisited**. We will review our fraternity goals which we agreed upon in 2011, receive an update on the work that has been accomplished thus far and what work still needs to be done, and share any additional ideas. Please remember to **bring a brown bag lunch** and, if you are able, a dish to share. There is **no Mass**.

As they have for hundreds of years, Franciscans throughout the world will gather on October 3 to recall the Passing of St. Francis from earthly life to eternal life. The **Transitus** service is more than a remembrance of the death of the poor man from Assisi, it is also a celebration of the Franciscan spirit that is alive today within each of us. I hope that you, your family and friends will attend the Transitus service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3 and the Mass in honor of St. Francis on Friday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Reflection

On October 11, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI declared in his Apostolic Letter, ***Porta fidei*** (The Door of Faith), that a "Year of Faith will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013." In his Apostolic Letter (n. 6), Pope Benedict said that the Year of Faith is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world." "The Year of Faith is intended to contribute to a renewed conversion to the Lord Jesus and to the rediscovery of faith, so that the members of the Church will be credible and joy-filled witnesses to the risen Lord in the world of today – capable of leading those many people who are seeking it to the 'door of faith.'"

On July 5, 2013, the Vatican released Pope Francis' first encyclical, ***Lumen fidei*** (The Light of Faith). During the past few weeks, I have been reading and meditating on parts of this encyclical. To motivate you to read this encyclical, I would like to share a few excerpts.

Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfillment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time. On the one hand, it is a light coming from the past, the light of the foundational memory of the life Jesus which revealed his perfectly trustworthy love, a love capable of triumphing over death. Yet since Christ has risen and draws us beyond death, faith is also a light coming from the future and opening before us vast horizons which guide us beyond our isolated selves towards the breadth of communion. We come to see that faith does not dwell in shadow and gloom; it is a light for our darkness.

– *Lumen fidei*, 4

In God's gift of faith, a supernatural infused virtue, we realize that a great love has been offered us, a good word has been spoken to us, and that when we welcome that word, Jesus Christ the Word-made-flesh, the Holy Spirit transforms us, lights up our way to the future and enables us joyfully to advance along that way on wings of hope. Thus wonderfully interwoven, faith, hope, and charity are the driving force of the Christian life as it advances towards full communion with God.

– *Lumen fidei*, 7

There is a section in the encyclical chronicling the story of Abraham, our father in faith. As I read this passage and meditated on it, I thought about my own faith story and how we all have a faith story to share with others. I stand on the shoulders of my grandparents, parents, brother, uncles, aunts, cousins, friends, all of whom were/are incredible people of faith, and provided me with a strong foundation of faith. Throughout my life, my faith life has been enriched and strengthened by interactions with my parish family, coworkers and you, my Franciscan brothers and sisters. Who are the people who have been your companions on your faith journey? My grandparents, my Dad, my uncles and aunts left me with a wonderful legacy of faith. What will be the legacy of faith that you are passing on to others?

Nor does the light of faith make us forget the sufferings of this world. How many men and women of faith have found mediators of life in those who suffer! So it was with St. Francis of Assisi and the leper, or with Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her poor. They understood the mystery at work in them. In drawing near to the suffering, they were certainly not able to eliminate all their pain or to explain every evil. Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light. In Christ, God himself wishes to share this path with us and to offer us his gaze so that we might see the light within it. Christ is the one who, having endured suffering, is “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith [Heb 12:2].

– *Lumen fidei*, 57

When life is going along smoothly, it is easy to have faith. When the storms of life (the loss of a job, a natural disaster, illness, the death of a loved one, financial problems, etc.) turn our world upside down, it is much harder to trust and have faith. I have learned, during those times of struggle, to lean on the strength of other people of faith and to hold tight to the promise of God that he is with me always, to accept God’s invitation to come to him when I am weary and burdened because he will provide me with rest, and to trust him that he has a plan for my life, and though I may not understand his ways, all things work for good for those who love [Rom 8:28]. God is always faithful in keeping his promises.

The encyclical concludes with the following prayer:

Let us turn in prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith.

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God’s word and to recognize his voice and call.

Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially in times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

– *Lumen fidei*, 60

Your sister in Ss Francis and Clare,
maryann



Our Deceased:

Dora Sue Jay († Dec. 15, 2012)
Sylvester Lafata († Aug. 14, 2013)

Lisa DeAngelis

Gary Schumacher († June 16, 2013), husband of Joanne
Fr. Edward Ertzbischoof, brother of Julia

Lorie Roberts, cousin of Julia

Joan Nagel, sister of Joe Driessen

William Thomas, Jr., brother-in-law of Joe Driessen

Bill Meldrum, brother of Patricia

Anthony Vallelunga, cousin of Jo Marie Nardi

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins

Dan & Jan Atkinson

Kay Balas

Claire Boutain

Mary Lou Catino

Rocco Cesaro

Joe Driessen

Mary Gillen

Grabowski Family

Nona Mary Hebert

James Heymes

Caroline Hojna & Family

Anna Marie Jezak

Gary Johnson

Donna Marie Johnston

Louis Joseph

Joyce Kaminski

Esther Kelley

Mary Klein

Lorraine Korte

Frank B. Kraimer
Josie Lafata
Frank & Rosalie Liccardello
Patricia Long
Ilene Manning & Family
Joseph Marra
Sophie Martin
Mabel Michaels
Hugh Montpetit
Barbara Pardington
Bob Peckham
George Pelyak
Tom Ricard
Mary Saber
Michael & Bridget Schultz
Ben Stapel
Alice Vier
Joseph Wisk

Memorials (by Jo Marie Nardi):

Anthony Vallelunga, Kathleen Labateille, Kathy Sheeren

Relatives needing prayers:

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial
Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
Bonnie Holler, niece of Jo Marie Nardi
Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
David Kaminski, son of Joyce
Al Long (in Hospice Care)
Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
Barbara Musial, daughter of Connie
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



Reagan

Three-year-old Reagan is an outgoing little girl, always on the move. She loves to play with her sister and is the apple of her mother's eye. Last fall, doctors confirmed that Reagan suffered from high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Reagan's type of leukemia is particularly difficult to treat.

At St. Jude, Reagan began a two-and-a-half year chemotherapy plan, and she recently underwent a bone marrow transplant. Reagan's mom knows their treatment team is fighting right along with them. "Reagan's doctor is not going to give up," she said. Because the majority of St. Jude funding comes from the public, St. Jude has the freedom to focus on what matters most—saving kids regardless of the financial situation. Reagan's mom is grateful. "That's such a relief," she said. "It's a blessing."

At times, Reagan's treatment has been difficult, but she's remained upbeat. She still finds the energy to run down the halls, her IV pole trailing behind her. "I'm extremely proud of Reagan," her mom said. "For Reagan, there's a lot of hope now."

Celebrating Matthew Kosch



Matthew was born to Robert and Nancy Kosch on January 25, 1983 in Wyandotte, Michigan and grew up in Dearborn. He has a younger brother, Michael. Matt was baptized and confirmed at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Lincoln Park. He is a former parishioner of St. Martha's Church in Dearborn. Matthew is currently part of the Sunday faith community at St. Bonaventure's Monastery.

Matt attended Christ the Good Shepherd Grade School in Lincoln Park, graduated from Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Michigan – Dearborn.

Matt was employed as a High School Social Studies teacher at Professional Educational Services Group – Wayne County, and served our country as an Infantry Rifleman in the Marine Corps (Oorah!) He is currently employed as an Account Manager for Qualigence International in Livonia. Matt and his fiancée, Amanda Skalski, plan to get married in July 2014.

Matt is a member of the candidate formation class and is scheduled to be professed into the Secular Franciscan Order in November 2014.

While attending the prayer service for the sick on Wednesdays at St. Bonaventure's, Matt learned about the Secular Franciscan Order. He inquired about the OFS and decided to join our fraternity's formation program. With the life of St. Francis as his guidepost, along with a need to act in accordance with spiritual and corporal works of mercy, the OFS was a perfect fit for Matt to work with and for the community.

In his free time, Matt enjoys photography, back country camping and hiking, playing the drums and bass guitar. Matt volunteers at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Gleaners Food Bank, and in the past has volunteered at the Rosa Parks Youth Center's Art Therapy Program and the Capuchin Service Center with Roy Hoelscher...and hopes to get involved again!

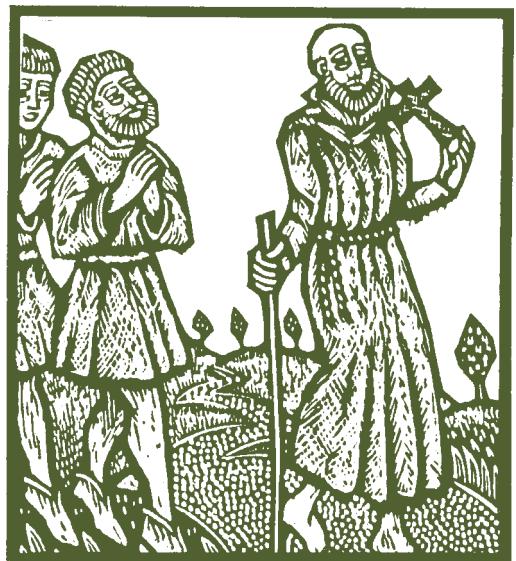
We love you, Matt!



COME AND SEE

On Sunday, September 15, the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity is hosting a new class of orientees. The gathering begins at 12 Noon in the second floor conference room of the Solanus Casey Center. Orientees are invited to remain for the fraternity gathering and social, if they wish.

Please consider inviting even just one person to come and see what we are about. We are looking for practicing, dedicated Catholics. Invite them, and let them decide if they want to pursue the Gospel way of life for themselves.





1	.....	Theresa Coschino
2	.....	Rita Collins
4	.....	Joyce Brouillette
8	.....	Mary Burghardt
14	.....	Mary Schalm
18	.....	George Pelyak
24	.....	Sheryl Ann Nordstrom
24	.....	Br. Pat McSherry
26	.....	Lorraine Korte

From the Friars' Choir

Stop the glorification of
busy.

Gospel Happenings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 RIGHT TO LIFE'S 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Early Registration is \$50

Please contact **Eileen Smith** if you are interested.

The 40th Annual Conference will feature two outstanding general sessions. The first general session, "Beyond the Bumper Sticker: Human Dignity and our Common Humanity," will be presented by Paige Comstock Cunningham, executive director of the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity. The second general session, "A Rape Survivor's Story of Birth and Life," will feature author, attorney and pro-life advocate Shauna Prewitt. Shauna will be sharing her stereotype-defying story of becoming pregnant through sexual assault and her struggle with her attacker for custody of her baby daughter.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK FOR THE POOR

Please contact Joyce Brouillette for more details.



Some Secular Franciscans join the St. Bonaventure Sunday Worship Community to cheer on the Tigers.



Mary Hebert shares some wisdom.



Kathy Crombie of Right to Life of Michigan

Ora et Labora — Pray and Work

Just as St. Francis spoke about “the grace of working,” in St. Benedict’s vision of a balanced life no one is able to run away and hide from the challenges of life, not even for prayer. There is work to be done and someone must do that work and hiring “people” is not a viable option. That’s not because there isn’t money, but because getting our hands dirty is just as important as clasping them in prayer. There is something honest and quite noble about hard work done for the sake of the community, whether that be for the other monks in the monastery, or for your family at home, or for your parish, or even for the folks in your town. We are called to pray, but we are also called to pour ourselves out for others. And sometimes, if we get things just right, we pray and work at the same time.

Can you pray where you work? Does your labor benefit someone besides yourself? Can you strike a balance?
Happy Labor Day!



Interfaith Prayer Service to Celebrate International Peace Day

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 PM

St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel,
1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit, Michigan

Join with people throughout the world on this day to pray for peace and to bless places that especially need our prayers for peace. People of all faiths and cultures are invited to a prayer service to celebrate ***International Day of Prayer for Peace***. The evening will be sponsored by the Capuchin ministries, including the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. Security and lighted parking will be available.

The work of peace will be commemorated through dance, song and testimony. Bishop Thomas Gumbleton will be the featured speaker. Also featured will be the Detroit Dearing Dance Company and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir. This service has been planned by members of local Catholic and Protestant churches, as well as representatives from local mosques.

Churches, groups or community centers that RSVP by September 19 and then bring a delegation of at least 10 people to the service will receive Batik Peace Hangings, suitable for doors or hallways. The peace hangings will serve as a constant reminder to continue to work for world peace. To reserve your peace art and to register for participation, contact Sally McCuen at 313.579.2100, ext.149. [Maybe the Secular Franciscans could get at least 10 of our members to attend, wearing their brown Tau shirts, and also request beforehand a Batik Peace Hanging...]

Pope Francis and Vatican Council II

Saturday, November 9, 2013

1 - 4 pm

Capuchin Retreat
62460 Mt Vernon Rd
Washington, MI 48094
(Sunday Mass available after the program)

Close to Pope Francis' heart is Vatican II and all that it stands for. The Pope has said repeatedly that the Council was the work of the Holy Spirit. He also noted that we, the Church, have a long way to go to meet the goals of Vatican II. Blessed Pope John XXIII (soon to be canonized) opened the Council on October 11, 1962 in a public session by reading the declaration *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia* ["Mother Church Rejoices"] before the Council Fathers.

You may recall that in October 2011, Pope Benedict XVI established the **Year of Faith** to be celebrated from October 2012 through November 2013 precisely to mark the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Vatican II.

As part of the celebration of the **Year of Faith**, this afternoon program will focus on Pope Francis and Vatican II, 51 years since the start of Vatican II. The presenter will be Capuchin **Fr. Bill Cieslak** who taught liturgy and sacramental theology at the Franciscan School of Theology for 25 years and served as its president for 12 years. He is currently serving as director of the Capuchins' preaching and evangelization efforts.

The suggested offering for the program is \$30 (thirty dollars) which includes, snacks. To register for this program, please call 248-651-4826 or register on-line at www.capretreat.org.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ordinary Time Wk. 22 Pss Wk 2	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Ordinary Time Wk. 23 Pss Wk 3	9	10	11 9-11 Remembrance	12	13 Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00	14
15 Ordinary Time Wk. 24 Pss Wk 4 DAY of RECOLLECTION 11:30 - Everyone 12 pm -Orientees	16	17 Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis	18	19	20	21
22 Ordinary Time Wk. 25 Pss Wk 1 AUTUMN begins at 4:44 PM EDT	23 St. Padre Pio	24	25 Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace 7 PM Monastery chapel	26	27 GOSPEL HAPPENING: Right to Life Details on p. 6	28 GOSPEL HAPPENING: Walk for the Poor Details on p. 6
29 Ordinary Time Wk. 26 Pss Wk 2	30					



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and Tony Lienert

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Laura Sapien

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 a small group.s:

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

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

Wednesdays at 2 PM

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