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Minister's Letter

My dear sisters and brothers,

May God's peace and joy be with you!

I want to express my gratitude to **Hank Forys** and **Ray Mylenek** who did an outstanding job of reading the account of the final days of the life of St. Francis at the *Transitus*; to **Br. Pat McSherry** for preparing the worship aids for both the *Transitus* and *Vespers Service*; and to **Connie Musial, Loretta Chmielarczyk, Joe Boland** and **Terry Westbrook-Lienert** for the delicious scones they provided for the *Transitus*.

Please plan to attend the Mass for all deceased Franciscans, our relatives, and benefactors on Saturday, November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints, at 10:00 a.m. in the friars' choir.

Please note on your calendar and plan to attend the Eucharistic Celebration which will include the Rite of Profession on Sunday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m. This year, six candidates (**Joyce Brouillette, Dan Gabriel, Ron and Elizabeth Kessler, Ona Moore and Mary Myler**) completed the initial formation process and will make their permanent commitment to live the Gospel Way of Life in the Secular Franciscan Order. I invite all fraternity members to participate in this joyous celebration in the life of our fraternity and to show our love and support to Joyce, Dan, Ron, Elizabeth, Ona and Mary as they join us in living the Gospel Way of Life.

Reflection

By the grace of God, I renew my baptismal promises and consecrate myself to the service of God's kingdom. Therefore, in my secular state, I promise to live all the days of my life the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its Rule of Life. May the grace of the Holy Spirit, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our holy father St. Francis, and the fraternal bonds of community always be my help, so that I may reach the goal of perfect Christian love.

– from the OFS Rite of Profession

By the grace of God, a seed was planted into our hearts and minds drawing us to a deeper relationship with God and a more meaningful way of life live.

By the grace of God, we were called to the Secular Franciscan Order and his grace was with us throughout your formation and discernment process.

By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we were gifted with the grace of Profession into the Gospel way of life.

By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we were able to respond to his invitation by saying: "Yes, this is what I want." We committed our lives to embracing the Gospel Way of Life by following the example and words of St. Francis of Assisi, to give witness to the Kingdom of God, to be of service to others, and to rebuild the ecclesial community.

The grace of God is a gift freely given to us out of God's unconditional love for us. Grace is God's unmerited favor. Grace is God giving me a blessing that I haven't earned and do not deserve. Grace is the free and undeserved help that God gives us.

How truly blessed we are that God has chosen to bestow upon us the grace of Profession into the Secular Franciscan Order!

When we are professed into the Secular Franciscan Order we are called to a deeper, more intimate relationship with God; to contribute to the building of the Kingdom of God in our world today; to proclaim by our words and actions God's love, mercy, forgiveness to others; to promote Gospel values and attitudes and not to be influenced by the *dis*-values and *un-godly* attitudes so rampant today; to be of greater service to those in our community who are most in need; to care for and respect of all of creation; and to live a simpler lifestyle.

Our call to the Gospel Way of Life can at times seem like a difficult overwhelming task. On those days, when meeting the Gospel challenge seems too daunting and impossible, we must remember that God's grace accompanies us on our journey. God's grace continues the transformation of making us more and more into his image and likeness. God's grace is sufficient. As St. Paul says (**see 2 Cor 12:9**): "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me." And again, in **2 Cor 9:8**: "Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."

As I have strived to live the Gospel Way of Life, I have learned the importance of the following:

- **Calling upon the Holy Spirit** who called me to the Gospel Way of Life and who continues to accompany me on the journey, to provide me with the necessary graces to live the promises I made on the day of my Profession.
- **The fraternal bond we share.** Your faithfulness in living *our* Franciscan vocation, your presence and sharing at our monthly fraternity gatherings, your prayers and encouragement, your service to our fraternity and in the community, and the sharing of the joys and struggles of your faith journey are a source of strength and inspiration *for me*.
- **Taking the time to reflect on my life** to see what behaviors and attitudes need to change, and where I fall short in living the Gospel message. The radical interior change of heart in our Rule of Life is not easy, but by the grace of God and the support of others, change is possible.

On Thursday, November 27, we will gather together with family and friends to celebrate **Thanksgiving**. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, and in light of our Secular Franciscan vocation to live the Gospel, I want to share with you one of my favorite Scripture passages, **Colossians 3:12-17** (*Living Bible translation*):

Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently. Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony. Let the peace of heart which comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body. And always be thankful. Remember what Christ taught and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise; teach them to each other and sing them out in psalms and hymns, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, and come with him into the presence of God the Father to give him your thanks.

With a grateful heart, I give thanks for you and for all you do for our fraternity. I wish you and all those you love a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
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Our Deceased

Steve Gulock, brother-in-law of Ilene Manning

Members of our Fraternity

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| Dan & Jan Atkinson | Frank & Rosalie Liccardello |
| Kay Balas | Patricia Long |
| Mary Lou Catino | Joseph Marra |
| Mary Gillen | Sophie Martin |
| Grabowski Family | Mabel Michaels |
| Nona Mary Hebert | Hugh Montpetit |
| James Heymes | Barbara Pardington |
| Caroline Hojna & Family | Bob Peckham |
| Anna Marie Jezak | George Pelyak |
| Gary Johnson | Mary Saber |
| Donna Marie Johnston | James Schoenherr |
| Louis Joseph | Michael & Bridget Schultz |
| Joyce Kaminski | Gene Snyders |
| Esther Kelley | Ben Stapel |
| Mary Klein | Alice Vier |
| Lorraine Korte | Joseph Wisk |
| Josie Lafata | |

Relatives needing prayers:

- Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial
- Kate Comizio, sister of Br. Pat
- Fr. Edward Ertzbischoff, brother of Julia
- Ann Forys, mother of Hank
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
- Veronica Gulock, sister of Ilene Manning
- Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
- David Kaminski, son of Joyce
- Stephanie Kummer, mother of Maryann
- Irene Kutchev, daughter-in-law of Julia Ertzbischoff
- Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
- Barbara Musial, daughter of Connie
- Vance Nardi, sister-in-law of Jo Marie
- Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
- Teresa Poole, mother of Mary

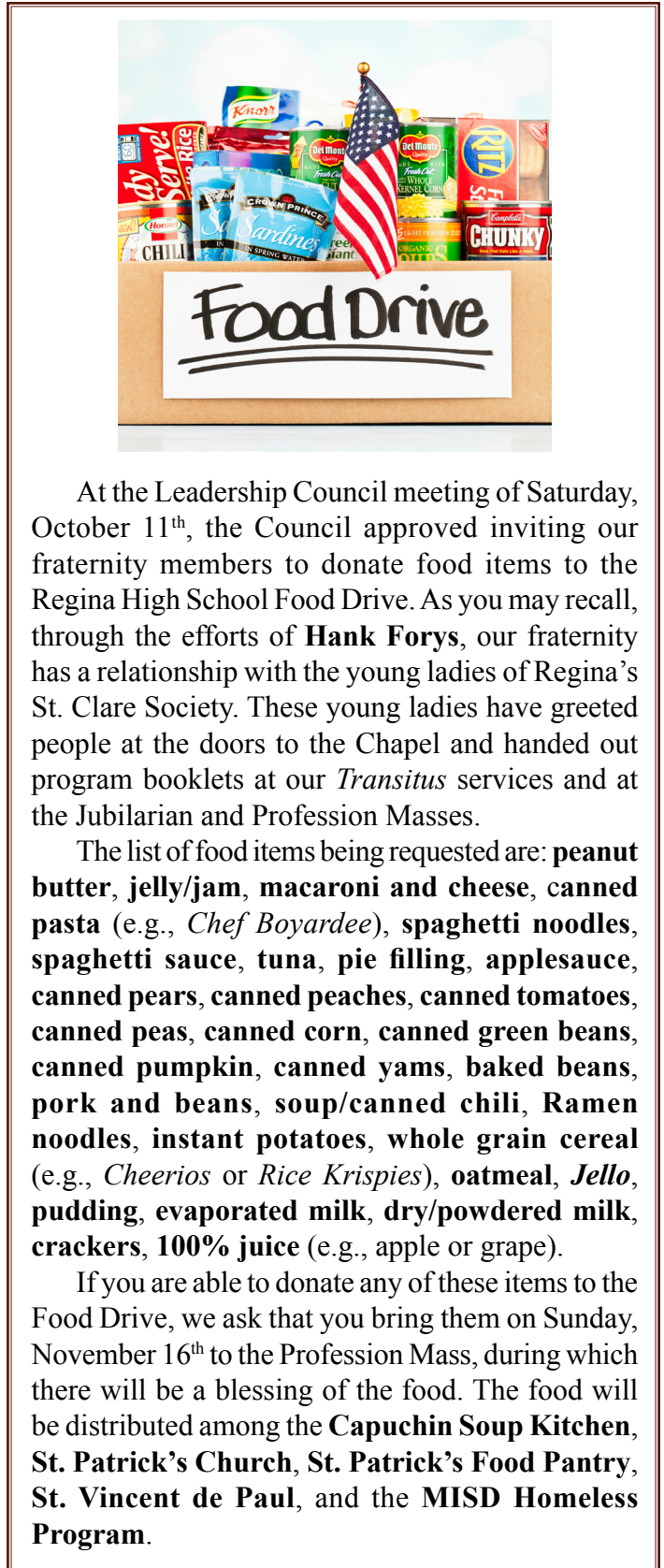
Memorials (all by Jo Marie Nardi):

- Yeong Wook Kim
- Kathleen Kim
- Marilynn Sepich
- Fr. Valentine Gattari
- Myra Rodgers

Dorothy Kail

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

Jo Marie Nardi



At the Leadership Council meeting of Saturday, October 11th, the Council approved inviting our fraternity members to donate food items to the Regina High School Food Drive. As you may recall, through the efforts of **Hank Forys**, our fraternity has a relationship with the young ladies of Regina’s St. Clare Society. These young ladies have greeted people at the doors to the Chapel and handed out program booklets at our *Transitus* services and at the Jubilarian and Profession Masses.

The list of food items being requested are: **peanut butter, jelly/jam, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta (e.g., Chef Boyardee), spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, tuna, pie filling, applesauce, canned pears, canned peaches, canned tomatoes, canned peas, canned corn, canned green beans, canned pumpkin, canned yams, baked beans, pork and beans, soup/canned chili, Ramen noodles, instant potatoes, whole grain cereal (e.g., Cheerios or Rice Krispies), oatmeal, Jello, pudding, evaporated milk, dry/powdered milk, crackers, 100% juice (e.g., apple or grape).**

If you are able to donate any of these items to the Food Drive, we ask that you bring them on Sunday, November 16th to the Profession Mass, during which there will be a blessing of the food. The food will be distributed among the **Capuchin Soup Kitchen, St. Patrick’s Church, St. Patrick’s Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, and the MISD Homeless Program.**

Celebrating Daniel McBride



Daniel McBride was born to Joseph (deceased) and Rita McBride on January 5, 1951 in Detroit. Dan has a brother, Chris, who is a judge in Phoenix; a sister-in-law, Mary; three nephews, and two great-nephews and one more on the way.

Dan belongs to St. Matthew's Church on the east side, the same parish he grew up in, although he was away from the parish for 40 years. Dan serves as a lector at the church.

Dan graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and then worked in banking and insurance sales for eight years. He graduated from Purdue with a Master of Science (actually like an MBA) degree in Finance. He taught at Northern Illinois for one year and then worked for an insurance company in Des Moines for seven years.

Dan attended law school full time at New York University. He worked as a lawyer for one year, was laid off, and then worked at temporary jobs for several years before being hired as an investment analyst at a stock brokerage (originally known as Olde Discount) downtown where he worked for 10 years before retiring. Dan has worked at a couple of temporary jobs in the last year and may work for several months a year at these kinds of jobs for the next several years.

Dan has known about the Secular Franciscans so long that he forgot how he originally heard about us. His grandmother was one of those people who went to see Fr. Solanus for advice and reassurance as she was a young widow. Dan has attended many Capuchin retreats and talks at the monastery.

Dan's main hobbies include golf, reading and traveling a little, too. Dan has been to Israel and would like to go back again. He loves to read about history and religion, and sometimes the history of religion. His favorite topics are Scripture and apologetics; his favorite authors include Raymond Brown, Romano Guardini, Fr. Barron, Fulton Sheen, St. Augustine and, of course, St. Francis.

We love you, Dan!



There will be a catered dinner following this year's Profession Mass on November 16.

In order to ensure that we have a sufficient amount of food, we ask that you **please RSVP by leaving a message with your name and the number of guests at 313-579-2100, ext. 136 before Monday, November 3.**



- 1.....Mary Williams
- 3.....Ron Kessler
- 4.....James Heymes
- 8.....Robert Peckham
Connie Musial
- 11.....Daniel Gabriel
- 12.....Caroline Hojna
- 15.....Mary Klein
- 22.....Caroline Florescu
- 23.....Norbert Chmielarczyk
- 24.....Stella Mordarski
- 25.....Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ALL SAINTS Mass for our Deceased 10 AM
2 ALL SOULS WEEK 31 Pss Wk 3	3	4 St. Charles Borromeo, OFS	5	6	7	8
9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica WEEK 32 Pss Wk 4	10	11	12	13	14 Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00	15
16 WEEK 33 Pss Wk 1 PROFESSION MASS & DINNER 12 - FORMATION 1:30 - MASS	17 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, OFS Patron Solemnity	18	19	20 Bl. Anacleto González Flóres & Companions, OFS Martyrs in Mexico	21	22
23 CHRIST THE KING	24 WEEK 34 Pss Wk 2	25 Bb. Luigi Beltrame Quattrocchi and Maria Corsini, OFS spouses	26	27 THANKSGIVING	28	29 ALL FRANCISCAN SAINTS
30 ADVENT 1 Pss Wk 1						



Pray Daily for Vocations to the OFS

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Caroline Florescu

Melissa Lindow

Beverly Sapian

Joseph Sapian

Mary Williams

Spiritual Assistant:

Br. Patrick McSherry

APPOINTMENTS**Infirmarian:**

Jo Marie Nardi

Continuing Formation:

Beverly Sapian

Healing Service Coordinator:

Melissa Lindow

Soup Kitchen Coordinator:

Joseph Sapian3

Hospitality Coordinator:

Pat Cardello

Annual Picnic Coordinators:

Terry Westbrook-Lienert

and Tony Lienert

Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Laura Sapian

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

Maryann Kummer

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

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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