The Poverello

St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans ✠ Detroit, Michigan

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Minister's Letter

My dear sisters and brothers,

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE RITE OF PROFESSION ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th AT 1:30 p.m. This year, five candidates — Doris Allen, Mack Betts, María Soledad Goatley, Jacqueline Hale, and Sharon Krill — 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 the newly-professed a as they join us in living the Gospel way of life according to our Franciscan charism.

I want to express my gratitude to **Hank Forys** and **Ron Kessler** 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 Mass celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, to **Connie Musial**, **Loretta Chmielarczyk**, **Terry Westbrook-Lienert**, **Sharon Krill**, and **Brittney Walendzik** for the delicious scones they prepared for the Transitus, and to **Eileen Smith** for picking up the cake for the reception after the Mass. (Editor's note: and to **Maryann Kummer** for providing the bread for the Transitus!)

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

On the day of your Profession into the Secular Franciscan Order, you publicly proclaimed your 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." . During the next few weeks, I encourage you to take some time to reflect on: 1) your own Profession Day and the feelings you experienced when you publicly expressed your commitment to live the Gospel message; 2) What does that commitment mean to you today? and, 3) In what ways has your life been enriched by your Secular Franciscan vocation, and in what way have you enriched the Secular Franciscan Order?

David Seitz, OFS

- **By the grace of God**, a seed was planted into your heart and mind — a seeking for a greater purpose for your life and drawing you to a deeper relationship with God.
- **By the grace of God**, you were called to the Secular Franciscan Order and God's grace was with you throughout your formation and discernment process.
- **By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit**, you 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**, you were able to respond to God's invitation by saying: "Yes, this is what I want." You committed your life 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.
- **By the grace of God,** we were called to become members of the Secular Franciscan Order and to live the Gospel message in our daily lives. As our relationship with God has grown and deepened through the years and we have remained opened to his grace, God's grace accompanies us on our journey.

- **By the grace of God,** we have been blessed with the gift of the fraternal bond of community.

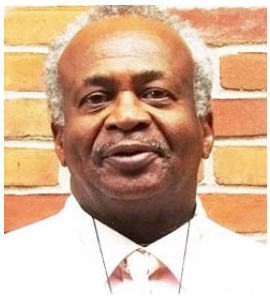
Through active participation in fraternity gatherings and service ministries, our relationships with our brothers and sisters have grown and deepened. We have received strength and encouragement from our brothers and sisters who accompany us on our common journey.

With a grateful heart, I give thanks for you, my brothers and sisters, and for all you do for our fraternity. I wish you and all those you love a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving and a grace-filled Advent season. Looking forward to seeing you at the Profession Mass and dinner on Sunday, November 20th, I remain,

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
Maryann

Candidates to be Professed on November 20, 2016

Doris Allen



Mack Betts

Jacqueline Hale

Sharon Krill

María Soledad Goatley

LUNCHEON AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH (WE'RE HOSTING!)

We are hosting a luncheon on **Sunday, December 4th** at **St. Charles Borromeo Parish** after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We are in need of food donations for the luncheon, volunteers to help cook at St. Charles, and to serve at the luncheon. If you are interested in donating food, please contact Brittney beforehand to see what is still needed and then bring it to the upcoming November Profession Mass.

We are in need of 25-30 pounds of dry ***spaghetti*** noodles, 25 jars of tomato/marinara pasta sauce (1 jar is roughly 24 ounces), 10 pounds of frozen garlic bread, 20-25 pounds of loose/ground Italian sausage, 6-8 bottles of Wishbone Italian dressing, 6-8 bottles of Hidden Valley Ranch dressing, 12 packages of chocolate chip cookies, and 12 packages of Oreo cookies. We would also like to serve salad, but produce would expire between the time of Profession and the luncheon, so we ask that you please consider donating Kroger gift cards for us to purchase the produce closer to the date of the luncheon.

If you are interested in donating food, volunteering to cook, serve, or provide hospitality, please contact **Brittney Walendzik**.

Our Deceased

Fr. Edmond Ertzbischoff (brother of Julia), ✞ Oct. 3, 2016

Members of our Fraternity

Dan and Jan Atkinson
Kay Balas
John Bodell
Pat Cardellio
Mary Gillen
Natalie Grabowski & Family
James Heymes
Caroline and Ted Hojna
Anna May Jezak
Gary Johnson
Donna Marie Johnston
Louis Joseph
Joyce Kaminski
Esther Kelley
Liz and Ron Kessler
Lorraine Korte
Rosalie Liccardello
Teresa Lienert
Patricia Long
Ilene Manning
Joseph Marra
Mabel Michaels
Hugh Montpetit
Stella Mordarski
Barbara Pardington
Bob Peckham
George Pelyak
Diane Raymond
Tom Ricard
Mary Saber
James Schoenherr
Bridget Schultz
Ben Stapel
Anna Tyler
Joseph Wisk

Relatives needing prayers:

Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial
Kate Comizio, Br. Pat's sister (Multiple Sclerosis)

Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
David Kaminski, son of Joyce
Stephanie Kummer, mother of Maryann
Manning Family
Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
Barbara Sienkiewicz, daughter of Connie Musial
Nellie Westbrook, mother of Theresa
Sandra Woods Family

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

Jo Marie Nard

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 …Dorothy Stapel
6 …Mary Saber
7.....Mary Ann Kristensen
11...Ralph Mason
12...Irene Mecha
14...Jacqueline Hale
17...Hank Forys
Leticia Aguilar
20...Chuck Sapian
25...Patricia Meldrum
María Soledad Goatley
29...Lorna Brock
31...Sylvia Snigier

2017 RETREATS AT WASHINGTON, MICHIGAN

January 27-29 for Married Couples
call Chuck & Bev Sapian

February 10-12 for OFS Women
call Mary Myle

April 21-23 for OFS Men
call Stephen Haycox

Pray Daily for Vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order

PLEASE RSVP

At the Leadership Council meeting on September 10th, the Council approved holding a catered dinner following the Profession Mass on Sunday, November 20th. 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 your guests at 313-579-2100, ext. 136 no later than Wednesday, November 9th.

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

At the Leadership Council meeting of September 10th, the Council approved inviting our fraternity members to donate food items to the **Regina High School Food Drive** and donate winter clothing to **Franciscan Ministries** founded by Mike and Kathy Carsten, OFS. As you may recall, through the efforts of Hank Forys, our fraternity has established a relationship with the young ladies of the St. Clare Society. These young ladies have greeted people at the doors to the Chapel and handed out program booklets at our Transitus services, Jubilarian and Profession Masses.

The list of food items 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).

Franciscan Ministries responds to the various needs in the seven square miles of the downtown area that is currently going through revitalization and in the remaining 132 square miles that make up the rest of the City of Detroit. Franciscan Ministries needs: clean, new/gently-used clothing, men and women: ***SHIRTS:*** L, XL, XXL, XXXL; ***PANTS/BLUE JEANS:*** L, XL, XXL, XXL; ***HOODIES:*** L, XL, XXL, XXXL; ***THERMAL TOPS AND BOTTOMS:*** L, XL, XXL, XXXL; ***HEAVY WINTER COATS:*** L, XL, XXL, XXXL; ***WINTER BOOTS:*** sizes 9 to 14; ***STURDY BACK PACKS***, ***SLEEPING BAGS*** for cold weather, ***HAND WARMERS*** as many as possible. ***FOR CHILDREN,*** all sizes: winter coats, hats, mittens, and boots.

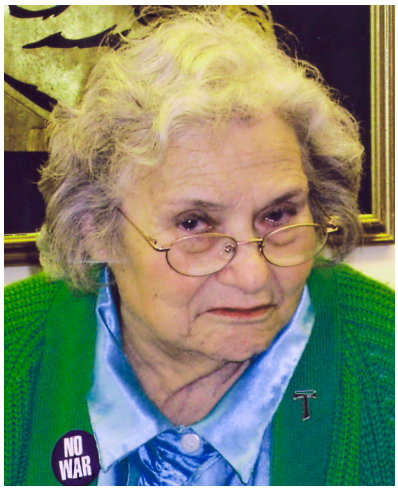
If you are able to donate any of these items to the food and clothing drive, we ask that you bring the items to the Profession Mass on Sunday, November 20th. There will be a blessing of the food and clothing during the OFS Profession Mass. As in past years, food items will be donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, St. Isadore's Baby Food Pantry, St. Patrick's Food Pantry, St. Vincent dePaul, and the MISD Homeless Program.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SOCIAL

All are welcome to our Christmas Concert featuring the Vietnamese Children from St. Vincent on December 18th in the Monastery chapel. As in past years, our fraternity will be hosting a reception after the concert. We ask that you please bring Christmas cookies/finger food and soda for the reception.

CALENDAR OF FRATERNITY EVENTS IN JANUARY 2017

Wednesday, January 4	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Reception after Healing Prayer Service
Saturday, January 7	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Leadership Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 11	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Reception after Healing Prayer Service
Friday, January 13	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Capuchin Soup Kitchen
Sunday, January 15	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Day & Welcoming / Admissions Ceremonies
Wednesday, January 18	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Reception after Healing Prayer Service
Saturday, January 21	10:00 a.m.-12 Noon	Formation Team Meeting
Wednesday, January 25	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Reception after Healing Prayer Service
Saturday, January 28	9:00 a.m.-12 Noon	Capuchin Warehouse



Maxine Piaseczny (2008)

Claire Johnson (2012)

Ray Donohue (2014)

Emma Fratarcangeli (2015)

Alice Vier (2015)

Faye Boland (2010)

Gina Rizzo (2015)

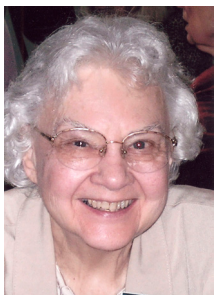
Gertrude Beattie (2012)

Joe Driessen (2014)

Javier Aguilar (2016)

Tony Lienert (2015)

Eleanor Pulido (2013)



Laurie Drobnicki (2009)

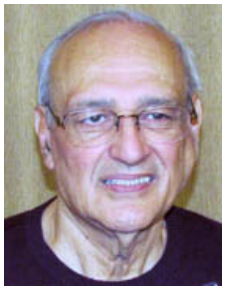
Jennie Oliver (2004), The Joseph Sisters: Anna (1990), Sarah (2005), Mary (1985)

Joe Doeren (2008)

Dr. Jasper Ticconi (2010)

Stephen (2012) and Veronica Yuhase (2011)

Frank B. Kraimer (2014)



Rocco Cesaro (2014)

Sylvia Stanik (2013)

Mary Hebert (2014)

Mary Louise Cotino (2016)

Dolores Peckham (2011)

Fr. Edmond Ertzbischoff (2016)

Br. Sam Ciraulo, OFM Cap (2005)

Daisey (2014) & Edward McSherry (1998)

Michael McSherry, USMC (2016)

Michael Schultz (2016)

Marge D'Hulster (2009)

William Haas (2015)

Rose Longo (2013)

Anthony Brodeur (2009)

Fr. Jogues Constance, OFM Cap (2010)

Francis Scallion (2013)

Terry Pfaendtner (2012)

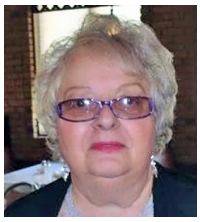
Shirley Ivan (2014)

Chester Wisk (2012)

Frank Liccardello (2016)

Judith Smith (2011)

Fred Dinverno (2008)



Sophie Martin (2014)

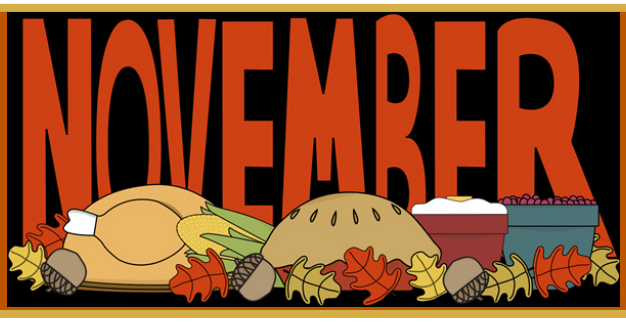
Irene Modrzejewski (2015)

Elnora Allen (2014)

Jesse Cardellio (2015)

Marirose Carrillo (2008)

Fr. Tod Laverty, OFM (2013)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ALL SAINTS (Holy Day) BD: Mary Wiliams	**2** ALL SOULS	**3** BD: Ron Kessler	**4** St. Charles Borromeo, OFS BD: James Heymes	**5** 9:30-11:30 am Council Meeting
6 WEEK 32 Pss Wk 4	**7** St. Mary Pallotta, TOFR	**8** Bl. Duns Scotus, OFM BD: Bob Peckham & Connie Musial	**9** St. John of Signa, OFS & Bl. Carmen, TOFR	**10**	**11** Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00 BD: Dan Gabriel	**12** Capuchin Service Center 9 a.m. - Noon BD: Caroline Hojna
13 WEEK 33 Pss Wk 1	**14** Bl. Mary Louise Merkert, TOFR	**15** Blo. John Cini, TOR & Bl. Marie de Chappotin, TOFR	**16**	**17** Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, OFS	**18**	**19** Profession Retreat 10:30 a.m.
20 Christ the King Proper PROFESSION MASS 1:30 p.m. Food & Clothing Drive	**21** WEEK 34 Pss Wk 2 Bl. Mary Siedliska, TOFR	**22** BD: Caroline Florescu	**23** BD: Norbert Chmielarczyk	**24** Thanksgiving BD: Stella Mordarski	**25** Bb. Luigi and Maria Quattrocchi, OFS & Bl. Elizabeth "the Good", TOFR BD: Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue	**26**
27 ADVENT 1 Pss Wk 1	**28** BD: Paula Jerzy	**29** All Franciscan Saints	**30**	**1**	**2**	**3** 9:30-11:30 am Council Meeting

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Bl. Mary Rose Pellesi, TOFR & Bl. María Clara, TOFR	**2**	**3** 9:30-11:30 am Council Meeting BD: Dorothy Stapel
4 ADVENT 2 Pss Wk 2 Luncheon at St. Charles Borromeo (see p. 3)	**5** Bl. Peter of Siena, OFS	**6** BD: Mary Saber	**7** BD: Mary Ann Kristensen	**8** Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)	**9** Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00	**10**
11 ADVENT 3 Pss Wk 3 BD: Ralph Mason	**12** Bl. Bartolo of San Gimingnao, OFS BD: Irene Mecha	**13**	**14** BD: Jacqueline Hale	**15** Bl. Mary Frances Schervier, TOFR	**16**	**17** BD: Hank Forys & Letty Aguilar
18 ADVENT 4 Pss Wk 4 Christmas Concert & Social 1:30 p.m.	**19**	**20** BD: Chuck Sapian	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**
25 CHRISTMAS Proper BD: Pat Meldrum & María S. Goatley	**26**	**27**	**28** Bl. Catherine Volpicelli, TOFR	**29** BD: Lorna Brock	**30** HOLY FAMILY	**31** BD: Sylvia Snigier

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Laura Sapian
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Mary Myler
Brittney Walendzik

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Br. Patrick McSherry

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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

Our 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

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER
Mary Myler
Teresa Westbrook-Lienert
Peggy Steele
Sophia Cisneros
Paula Jerzy

DECEMBER
Mary Myler
Teresa Westbrook-Lienert
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JANUARY
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