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Minister's Letter

My dear sisters and brothers,

May the Lord grant you peace!

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 – As has been our custom in past years, our June fraternity gathering will be held on the second Sunday of the month – June 10 – at 1:30 p.m. to avoid a conflict with Fathers' Day which falls on the third Sunday of June. The elected members of the Leadership Council will give an accounting of their service at the June fraternity gathering. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important fraternity gathering.

SUNDAY, JULY 15 – FRATERNITY PICNIC from 12 Noon-4:00 p.m. at Shelter #2 on Belle Isle. Food will be available at 1:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 – CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS

REFLECTION

During the Easter season, I had the opportunity to read Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad) on the Call to Holiness in Today's World. I am sharing a few excerpts from *Gaudete et Exsultate* to encourage you to read this exhortation on our call to be holy in our world today.

14. To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain. [14]

15. Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in the path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life. When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: "Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making a little bit better." In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love, "like a bride bedecked with jewels" (Is61:10).

17. At times, life presents great challenges. Through them, the Lord calls us anew to a conversion that can make his grace more evident in our lives, "in order that we may share his holiness" (Heb 12:10). At other times, we need only find a more perfect way of doing what we are already doing: "There are inspirations that tend solely to perfect in an extraordinary way the ordinary things we do in life".[15] When Cardinal Francois-Xavier Nguyen van Thuan was imprisoned, he refused to waste time waiting for the day he would be set free. Instead, he chose "to live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love". He decided: "I will seize the occasions that present themselves every day; I will accomplish ordinary actions in an extraordinary way".[16]

18. In this way, led by God's grace, we shape by many small gestures the holiness God has willed for us, not as men and women sufficient unto ourselves rather "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God"(1Peter4:10) The New Zealand bishops rightly teach us that we are capable of loving with the Lord's unconditional love, because the risen Lord shares his powerful life with our fragile lives: "His love set no limits and, once given, was never taken back. It was unconditional and remained faithful. To love like that is not easy because we are often so weak. But just to try to love as Christ loved us shows that Christ shares his own risen life with us. In this way,

our lives demonstrate his power at work – even in the midst of human weakness”.[17]

32. Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity. We see this in St. Josephine Bakhita: “Abducted and sold into slavery at the tender age of seven, she suffered much at the hands of cruel masters. But she came to understand the profound truth that God, and not man, is the true Master of every human being, of every human life. This experience became a source of great wisdom for this humble daughter of Africa”.[30]

33. To the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world. The bishops of West Africa have observed that “we are being called in the spirit of the New Evangelization to be evangelized and to evangelize through the empowering of all you, the baptized, to take up your roles as salt of the earth and light of the world wherever you find yourselves”.[31]

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~~34. Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid~~ to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God’s grace. For in the words of Leon Bloy, when all is said and done, “the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint”.[32]

176. I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary, because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: “Hail Mary..”

177. It is my hope that these pages will prove helpful by enabling the whole Church to devote herself anew to promoting the desire for holiness. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God’s greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. In this way, we share a happiness that the world will not be able to take from us.

During this month in which we honor our fathers, let us give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the gift of the Eucharist and for His loving presence with us. To my dear brothers in the Lord, may our Heavenly Father be your guide and strength on your life’s journey. Happy Father’s Day!

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
Maryann

Prayer for our upcoming election

Please join me in praying the following prayer daily that our fraternity will experience a Spirit-filled election process.

Lord, you know me
even better than I know myself.
Therefore, I come to you
in that same spirit
as our Father Francis and Mother Clare
to know how I can respond
to the many needs of our Fraternity.

I pray with Francis:
“All high, glorious God
cast your light
into the darkness of my heart.
Lord, give me right faith,
firm hope,
perfect charity,
profound humility,
wisdom and insight
so that I may do
what is truly your holy will.”

NEXT STEPS

During the next four months, please pray to discern which leadership position you are willing to be nominated for. If you have any questions about serving on the Leadership Council or have any questions about a specific position, please contact any member of the Leadership Council.

At our fraternity gathering in August, you will be asked to nominate individuals for the various leadership positions.

Please keep in mind:

1. You may not nominate yourself.
2. If you intend to nominate someone, please ask that person before the August fraternity gathering if they are willing to have their name placed in nomination.

A photo of each nominee, a brief statement about the nominee, their past service to the fraternity, and their reason for serving on the leadership council will be published in the October Poverello.

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR: Chapter of Elections will be held on Sunday, October 21.

Leadership Council Job Descriptions

According to Article 51 of the OFS General Constitutions:

MINISTER

While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the council to animate and guide the fraternity, the minister, as the primary person responsible for the fraternity, is expected to make sure that the directions and decisions of the council are put into practice and will keep the council informed about what he or she is doing.

The minister also has the following duties:

1. To call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the fraternity and council;
2. To request in writing to the Regional Executive Council, a Chapter of Elections for fraternity officers. These elections should be held every three years.
3. To represent the fraternity before the ecclesiastical and civil community and within the Secular Franciscan Order.
4. To request in writing Pastoral and Fraternal Visitations upon Council approval, usually every three years.
5. To provide an annual written report to the Regional Fraternity incorporating an accurate overview of the entire fraternity.
6. To be present at the reception and subsequent profession of candidates approved by the Council into the fraternity according to the Profession Ritual.
7. Conducts the Franciscan Vigil Service for deceased fraternity members.
8. As Minister of our fraternity, he/she is serves as a member of the Solanus Casey Center Advisory Board.

VICE MINISTER

The Vice Minister acts as an informed assistant to the Fraternity Minister, ready to handle any and all fraternity operations should the Fraternity Minister be unable to do, whether on a temporary or prolonged basis. The responsibilities are:

1. To assist the Minister in all administrative functions required within the fraternity as requested by the Minister.
2. To represent the fraternity when so delegated by the Minister (OFS General Constitution, Article 52:1)
3. To assume the functions of the Minister when the office remains vacant

SECRETARY

The Fraternity Secretary keeps an accurate and legible account of the minutes of the Council meetings and maintains such records in the fraternity archives.

All communication with the fraternity on behalf of the Council is ordinarily carried out by the Secretary under the direction of the Minister and Council. No official correspondence should be sent out without the prior approval of the Fraternity Minister. (OFS General Constitutions, Article 52.2)

1. To record actions, discussions and approvals at fraternity gatherings.
2. To maintain all fraternity records in a safe storage location.
3. To update active member lists

4. To maintain attendance records for Council meetings and regular fraternity gatherings.
5. To maintain the fraternity's official registry.
6. To collect and maintain all election documentation signed by the President, the Friar Witness or delegate and the Election Secretary and Tellers.

FORMATION MINISTER

The Minister of Formation has the immediate care of those in formation and is usually assisted by others so that a team approach to formation provides for a fullness of instruction prior to Profession.

The Minister of Formation is required:

1. To be familiar with Rule, Constitutions and Statutes of the OFS.
2. To ensure formation of new members is conducted within the guidelines of both the National and Regional Fraternities.
3. To maintain attendance records of Inquirers and Candidates.
4. To direct and lead members of the Formation Team.
5. To request and maintain all required candidate documents.
6. To provide the Council with a summary report with recommendations on each Candidate two months prior to the proposed Profession date. (OFS General Constitution, Article 52.3)

COUNCILORS

Councilors are elected by the fraternity to serve the needs of the fraternity in an advisory position.

Councilors are required to:

1. Attend Leadership Council meetings
2. Make and receive motions on fraternity business
3. Approve the reception of inquirers and profession of candidates by the required vote by secret ballot.
4. In addition to their regular duties, Councilors may be chosen to fill special functions for the fraternity. (OFS General Constitution, Article 50.1-2)

INFIRMARIAN

The Infirmarian is a professed member of the fraternity with the following duties:

1. To maintain contact with the afflicted, hospitalized, aged and confined members of the fraternity.
2. To let them know that they are remembered in prayer and that they are in the hearts of their fraternity brothers and sisters. This may be accomplished by: a get well card with a note, a phone contact, a personal visit
3. Coordinates the Mass for the Deceased Members and the reception following the Mass.

The following are the items that the fraternity asked the future Leadership Council to consider for the upcoming election in October. At May's gathering, the fraternity indicated what areas of focus they would like the Leadership Council consider and also what leadership qualities that they would like their future council to exhibit.

Areas of Focus

- Increase membership with more written material to hand out
- Continue support for Franciscan Ministries and St. Charles Parish
- Set up table to encourage membership at outside events
- More frequent Liturgies
- Keep politics out
- Have an event on the Westside
- Balance service with prayer
- Prayer group to focus on needs of the fraternity
- "Liturgy of the Hours" education and practice
- Importance of service to formation
- Participate in the young adult ministry, Tap Into Life
- Secular Franciscan Procession
- Prayer service for Fr. Solanus
- More support for the Caring Hearts ministry
- More participation at member funeral services
- More "FUN Manual" content at fraternity gatherings
- More prayer at gathers with the friars at their "Liturgy of the Hours" prayer meeting
- Participate in prayer at St. Joseph Church
- Visiting a nursing home at Christmas

Leadership Qualities

- Being flexible
- Have vision
- Diversity
- Open to new ideas
- Good listening skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Deep spiritual intent
- Ability to make the time to read, to fulfill obligation
- Bookkeeping and computer skills
- Knowledge of conducting a meeting



Members of our Fraternity

Our Deceased

., † 18 April 2018, niece of

Relatives needing prayers

- Lee Borycz, wife of candidate Jerry Borycz
- .Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
- Bernadette Haycox, wife of Stephen
- Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
- David Kaminski, son of Joyce
- Patricia Mcleary, mother of Therese Joseph
- Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
- Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
- Nellie Westbrook, mother of Theresa
- Sandra Woods Family

- Dan and Jan Atkinson
- Janet and John Bodell
- Joe Boland
- Claire Boutain
- Joyce Brouillette
- Pat Cardellio
- Mary Gillen
- Stephen Haycox
- James Heymes
- Caroline and Ted Hojna
- Anna May Jezak
- Gary Johnson
- Louis Joseph
- Joyce Kaminski
- Esther Kelley
- Ron Kessler
- Rosalie Liccardello
- Patricia Long
- Ilene Manning & Family
- Mabel Michaels
- Hugh Montpetit
- Mary Ann Montpetit
- Stella Mordarski
- Ray Mylenek
- Barbara Pardington
- George Pelyak
- Diane Raymond
- Marilyn Ricard
- Mary Saber
- Joe Sapien
- Bridget Schultz
- Ben Stapel
- Ruby Thompson
- Anna Tyler
- Terry Westbrook-Lienert
- Joseph Wisk

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

Jo Marie Nardi at



OFS-USA Logo

Our new OFS-USA logo can now be downloaded from the NAFRA website — <https://www.nafra-sfo.org/>. Local and regional fraternities are invited to use this logo widely, helping us create a “brand” for the OFSUSA. It is suggested that any lettering used in conjunction with the logo be in Palatino Linotype font, as featured on our new website.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Gospel Happenings Calendar

2 Jerrold Marsh
4 Hugh Montpetit
5 Joe Sopian
11 Melissa Lindow
15 Claire Boutain
20 Patricia Long
23 Theresa Haas
24 Sandra Sherman
25 Joe Wisk
26 Elizabeth Barnowsky

Aug. 18: Conner Soup Kitchen (10:30-1:00)
Sept. 23: Luncheon with St. Charles Parish (11:30-3:00)
Oct. 20: Capuchin Warehouse (9:00-12:00)
Nov. 10: Conner Capuchin Soup Kitchen (10:30-1:00)
Dec. 15: Capuchin Warehouse (9:00-12:00)



SUMMER DAY CAMP

June 25, 2018-July 20, 2018

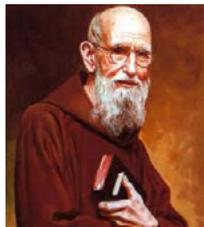
- Two weeks at St. Charles Borromeo Church and two weeks at Nativity Church
- No program on July 4
- Children ages 3 to 13 (those over 13 can volunteer as helpers)
- Need religious education teachers, arts and crafts teachers and supplies
- Food preparation volunteers
- Volunteers will need background check and Protecting God's Children class
- May possibly have Protecting God's Children class at St. Charles

If you are interested in serving as a Summer Day Camp volunteer or need additional information, please contact **Doris Allen**, OFS.

HEALING SERVICE HELP

Fraternity members are needed to assist with set-up and clean-up of the food and beverages for reception after the **HEALING SERVICE** on the second and fourth Wednesdays in June, July, and August. Please contact **Ron Kessler** and let him know which Wednesdays you are able to participate in this fraternity ministry.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:30 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting BD: Jerrold Marsh
3 BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST <i>Pss Proper</i>	4 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 9 <i>Pss Wk 1</i> BD: Hugh Montpetit	5 BD: Joe Sapien	6 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	7	8 SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
10 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 10 <i>Pss Wk 2</i> FRATERNAL GATHERING 1:30 pm	11 BD: Melissa Lindow	12	13 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	14	15 BD: Claire Boutain	16
17 Fathers' Day ORDINARY TIME WEEK 11 <i>Pss Wk 3</i>	18	19	20 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service BD: Patricia Long	21	22	23 BD: Theresa Haas
24 NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST <i>Pss Proper</i> BD: Sandra Sherman	25 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 12 <i>Pss Wk 4</i> BD: Joe Wisk	26 BD: Elizabeth Barnowsky	27 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	28	29 SS. PETER & PAUL	30 BL. SOLANUS CASEY 

Fax et Phonum

Minister

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Vice Minister

Eileen Smith

Treasurer

Laura Sapien

Secretary

Ray Mylenek

Formation Minister

Sylvia Snigier

Councilors:

Joyce Brouillette

Ona Moore

Mary Myler

Brittney Walenzik

Spiritual Assistant:

TBA

APPOINTMENTS

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Eileen Smith

Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Brittney Walenzik

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Ron Kessler

Hospitality co-Coordinators:

Ona Moore

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Infirmarian:

Jo Marie Nardi

JPIC Coordinator:

Joyce Brouillette

Annual Picnic Coordinator:

Ona Moore

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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

Our Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Maryann Kummer

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE SOCIAL

Wednesdays at 2 PM

FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES

2nd Saturday of each month

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius

Contact Joyce Brouillette

FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from 10:45 a.m. until Noon, a Franciscan Book Discussion group gathers in the Solanus Center Library for anyone interested. For more information, contact:

Jacqueline Hale



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