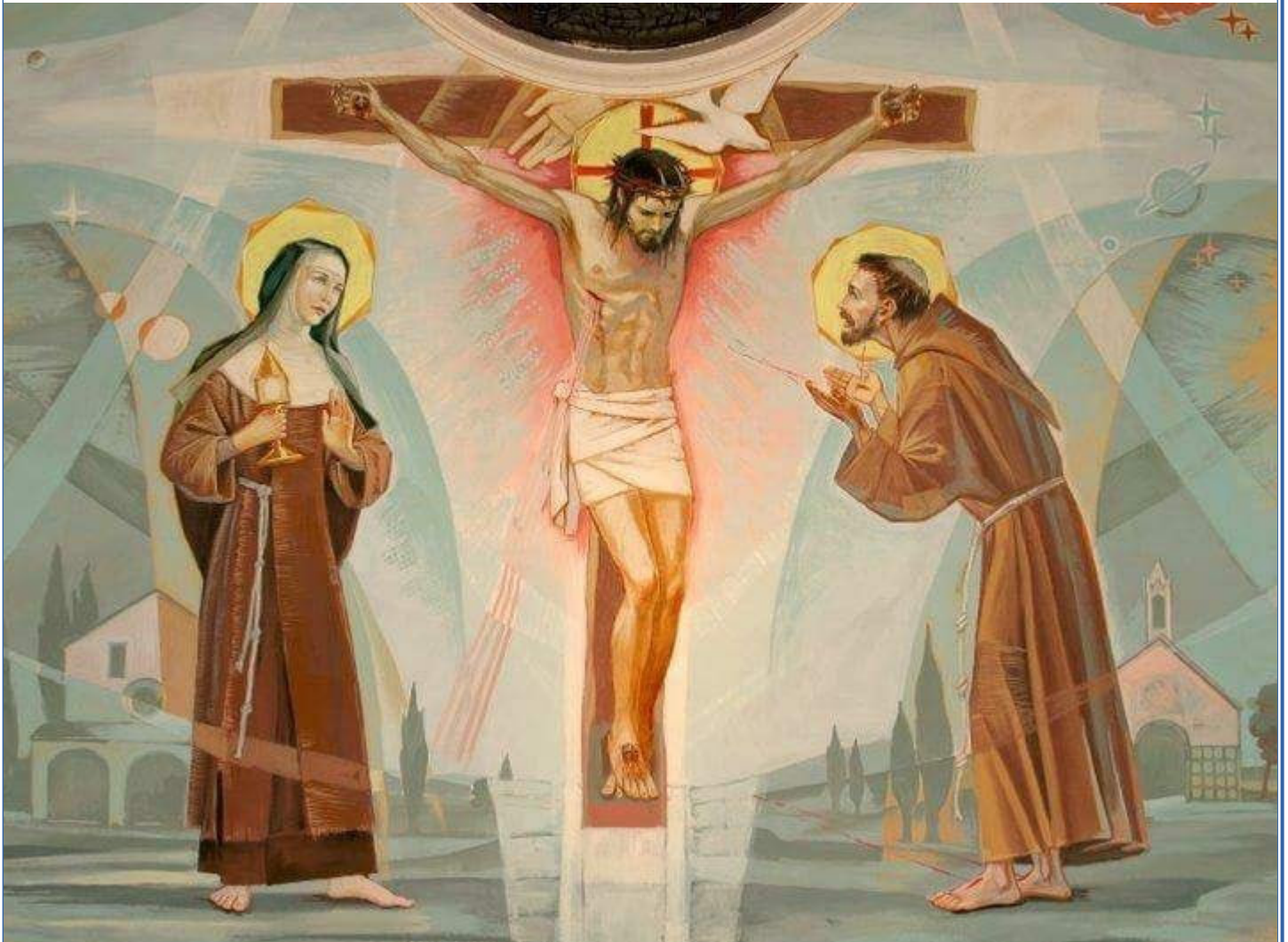


The Poverello

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“May whoever observes all this be filled in heaven with the blessing of the most high Father, and on earth with that of his beloved Son, together with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.”

Blessing of St. Francis from the Testament

Minister's Letter

My brothers and sisters,

May the Lord grant you peace!

FRATERNITY VISION: RELATIONSHIP BUILDING - BRIDGE BUILDING - SERVICE

At our fraternity gathering held on **Sunday, August 19**, we held our first call of nominations for our Chapter of Elections and welcomed into our fraternity: **Joseph Maltese**. Welcome Joe!

I am grateful to **Brittney Walendzik** for coordinating our Gospel Happenings event at the **Conner Soup Kitchen** on Saturday, August 18. The following fraternity members; **Janet Bodell, John Bodell, Sharon Krill, Eileen Smith, Doris Allen, Doug Gordon, Sophia Cisneros, Brittney Walendzik, Sylvia Snigier**, and **I** served lunch to 150 of our brothers and sisters. I am grateful to: **Sam Gordon** (Doug's son), **Nolan** (Sam's friend), and **Marilyn** (friend of Doris Allen) for giving of their time to help us. Great job!

The following fraternity members: **Patricia Meldrum, Mary Myler, Eileen Smith, Lettie Aguilar, Brittney Walendzik**, and **I** attended the "Strangers No Longer" conference on Immigration at the University of Detroit Mercy on August 21.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, September 16 - 11:00 a.m.** - DAY OF REFLECTION – Michael Okragleski, OFS, recently-elected Treasurer of the Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity, will give a presentation on Servant Leadership. Please bring a brown bag lunch and, if you are able to do so, a dish to pass. There will not be a Mass on our Day of Reflection.
- **Sunday, September 23 – 11:30 a.m.** - CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS AND HOSTING OF LUNCHEON FOR THE PARISHIONERS AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH, 1491 BALDWIN, DETROIT, MI 48214
- **Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.** - TRANSITUS SERVICE
- **Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.** - MASS IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
- **Sunday, October 21 at 11:00 a.m.** – CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS
- **Saturday, October 27** – REGIONAL FORMATION MEETING IN SAGINAW
- **Sunday, November 18 at 1:30 p.m.** – PROFESSION MASS
- **Saturday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m.** – MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED FRANCISCAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS
- **Sunday, December 16 at 1:30 p.m.** – CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS

REFLECTION

As you may recall, at our fraternity gathering in May, we began the discernment process for our fraternity elections in October. During our discernment process, one of the areas of focus that was mentioned several times was prayer. For the past few months, I have been re-reading the book *Franciscan Prayer* by Ilia Delio, OSF and want to share a few excerpts from the book that spoke to my heart.

“Franciscan prayer is **dynamic** because it is about participation in the mystical Body of Christ. Prayer in this tradition is decisively incarnational; it is centered on the person of Jesus Christ...Because Franciscan prayer is **focused on the person of Christ**, it is affective. It is **prayer of the heart rather than head**, and it seeks to center one’s heart in God.” (page 2)

“Franciscan prayer is **contemplative and cosmic**. It is a type of prayer that impels one to find God in the vast corners of the universe....Prayer is that relationship with God which **opens the eyes of believers to the sanctity of all life** – from earthworms to humans, from quarks to stars....Prayer is the break of the Holy Spirit within us that opens our eyes to the divine good which saturates our world.” (page 2)

“**Franciscan prayer is evangelizing. It is an awakening to the Good News of Jesus Christ and to the love of God poured out for us in Christ....Prayer centered on relationship with Christ, the Word of God incarnate, cannot help but change the life of the believer and the way one lives. Those who enter into Franciscan prayer, therefore, must be ready for change; they each must be willing to become “another Christ,” for this is where the path of prayer leads, to a new birth of Christ in the lives of the believers.**” (pages 3-4)

“At heart of it all, Franciscan prayer is about **Gospel living**. It is not really concerned with knowledge or intellectual contemplation. It is concerned with the human person and the transformation of the human person in God. It is about living Christ and making the Good News of the Incarnation alive. How desperately this path of prayer is needed in our world today! We seek healing of divisions, hate and violence. We desire wholeness, unity and peace. How shall these things come about? Are they merely ideas or values that must be given flesh and blood? To live the gospel is to put flesh and blood on God and proclaim throughout the universe, the glory of God is fully alive! Without flesh and blood, the Good News that God has become human and healed the divisions of humankind and all creation is not news at all. Christian life demands human participation or it simply does not exit. It is an empty title in a broken world. If we desire justice, peace and love among humankind and throughout creation, then we humans must become justice, peace, and love.” (page 184)

Remember to pray daily for our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world, for Pope Francis, cardinals, bishops, priests and all religious, for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order, and for our fraternity elections in October.

Have a safe and relaxing Labor Day weekend!

Your sister in Sts. Francis and Clare,
Maryann

Prayer for our upcoming election

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.”

FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At our fraternity gathering held on August 19, we held our first call for nominations for the positions on the Leadership Council. The results of the first call for nominations are:

MINISTER
Eileen Smith

VICE MINISTER
Brittney Walendzik

SECRETARY
Doris Allen

TREASURER
Stephen Garcia

FORMATION MINISTER

COUNCILORS
Ona Moore

Next Steps & Leadership Job Descriptions

NEXT STEPS

A second call for nominations will be held at our Day of Reflection on **Sunday, September 16.**

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.

The third call for nominations will be held at our Chapter of Elections on **Sunday, October 21.**

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Chapter of Elections will be held on **Sunday, October 21 beginning at 11:00 a.m.**

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.

MID-WEEK RETREAT “GO AND REBUILD MY CHURCH...”

This year our mid-week Franciscan retreat theme will be “Go and Rebuild My Church.” Our speaker will be Fr. Martin Pable, OFM Cap. He reminds us that St. Francis heard these words when he was praying. He thought the words referred to the little church building where he was. But then he realized that Jesus had in mind the whole Church. Today our Church needs rebuilding; many people are leaving. In this retreat we will seek ways that we can help rebuild the Church today with our Franciscan spirit.

We will be including a Transitus Service on Wednesday evening on **October 3**, instead of a healing service.

We invite you to spend a few days with us at “mid-week” retreat **Tuesday, October 2 - Thursday, October 4, 2018** at the Capuchin Retreat Center, 62460 Mt. Vernon Road, Washington, MI 48094. We welcome people of all faiths. The cost for this retreat is \$170.

To register or for more information, contact **Jo Marie Nardi** or call the **Retreat Center** at **248-651-4826**. You may also register online at the Center website (www.capretreat.org).

COME AND SEE

On **Sunday, September 16**, our fraternity is hosting a new class of orientees. We gather 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 someone 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.



*Please help to keep our prayer list up-to-date. Call:
Jo Marie Nardi at*

Members of our Fraternity

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

Our Deceased

Relatives needing prayers

- Yolando Bango, cousin of Melissa Lindow
- Lee Borycz, wife of candidate Jerry Borycz
- Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
- Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
- David Kaminski, son of Joyce
- Denise Maltese, mother of Brittney Walendzik
- Jerry Maltese, father of Brittney Walendzik
- Patricia Mcleary, mother of Therese Joseph
- Frances Moceri, great aunt of Brittney Walendzik
- Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
- Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
- Jim Smith, grandson of Clarire Boutain
- Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
- Michael Walendzik, father-in-law of Brittney Walendzik
- Sandra Woods Family

**The Rule of the Secular Franciscan
Order is celebrating its 40th
anniversary this year**

The Divine Mercy Region Annual Day of Formation in October will be a Jubilee Day dedicated to the Rule this year.

Mark on your calendar

Saturday, October 27, 2018
at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw, MI.

Everyone is invited to attend!





- 2Rita Collins
4Joyce Brouillette
5Sidney Davis II
15Ray Mylenek
18George Pelyak
24Sheryl Ann Nordstrom
 Br. Pat McSherry
25Joe Gentile

Gospel Happenings Calendar

Sept. 23: Luncheon with St. Charles Borromeo Parish
(11:30-3:00)

1491 Baldwin St.
Detroit, MI. 48214

Oct. 20: Capuchin Warehouse (9:00-12:00)

6333 Medbury St.
Detroit, MI. 48211

Luncheon with St. Charles Borromeo Parish

We will be serving hot dogs, burgers, and bratwursts for the guests at the Luncheon with St. Charles on **Sunday, September 23**. There is Mass at **11:30 a.m.** and immediately after the meal will be served. We are in need of volunteers to help serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are in need of food for roughly 150-200 guests. In the past, we have gone to Gordon Foods to purchase food for the guests. If you decide to donate food, please let the cashier know that the purchase is for **St. Charles Borromeo** in Detroit. If you chose to donate food we are in need of;

- Hot Dogs or Bratwursts: 200 total
- Hot Dog Buns: 200 total
- Hamburger Patties: 200 total
- Hamburger Buns: 200 total
- Chili Sauce: 2 containers
- Cole Slaw: 4 containers
- Macaroni Salad: 4 containers
- Potato Salad: 4 containers
- Cheese Slices: 200 total
- Ketchup: 2 containers
- Mustard: 2 containers
- Relish: 2 containers
- Desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.): 250 total, the desserts can be homemade or store-bought and brought to the luncheon at St. Charles.

Please bring donated food items to the Faternity Gathering on **Sunday, September 16**. If you are able to volunteer and/or donate, please contact **Brittney Walendzik**.

Thank you!

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 am - 11:30 am Council Meeting
2 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 22 Pss Wk 2 BD: Rita Colins	3	4 BD: Joyce Brouillette	5 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service BD: Sidney Davis II	6	7	8
9 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 23 Pss Wk 3	10	11	12 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	13	14	15 BD: Ray Mylenek
16 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 24 Pss Wk 4 FRATERNAL GATHERING 11:00	17	18 BD: George Pelyak	19 1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service	20	21	22
23 11:30 am - 3:00 pm St. Charles Luncheon ORDINARY TIME WEEK 25 Pss Wk 1	24 BD: Sheryl Ann Nordstrom	25	26	27	28	29
30 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 26 Pss Wk 2	BD: Br. Pat McSherry	BD: Joe Gentile	1-4 pm: Social after Healing Service			

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Minister

Maryann Kummer

Vice Minister

Eileen Smith

Treasurer

Laura Sapien

Secretary

Ray Mylenek

Formation Minister

Sylvia Snigier

Councilors:

Joyce Brouillette

Ona Moore

Mary Myler

Brittney Walendzik

Spiritual Assistant:

TBA

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Eileen Smith

Gospel Happenings Coordinator:

Brittney Walendzik

Healing Service Social Coordinators:

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.

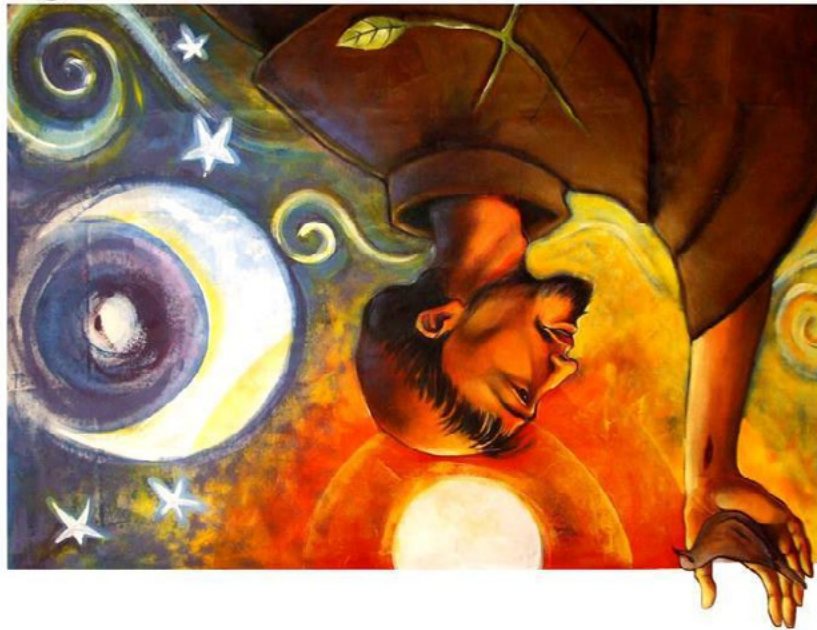
Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius

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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