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Minister's Letter

CONGRATULATIONS JUBILARIANS!! JUBILARIAN MASS MAY 21 AT 1:30PM MAY 21--12pm ORIENTATION CLASS

Hail, holy Lady, most holy Queen,
Mary, Mother of God, ever Virgin.

You were chosen by the Most High Father in heaven,
consecrated by Him, with His most Holy Beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.
On you descended and still remains all the fullness of grace and every good.

Hail, His Palace.

Hail His Tabernacle.

Hail His Robe.

Hail His Handmaid.

Hail, His Mother.

and Hail, all holy Virtues, who, by grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are poured into the hearts of the faithful so that from their faithless state, they may be made faithful servants of God through you. Amen. (St. Francis)

Sisters and Brothers,

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUBILARIANS!!

30 Years:

Sophia Cisneros

Sylvia Snigier

25 Years:

Stephen Haycox

20 Years:

Caroline Florescu

10 Years:

Joseph Gentile

Ray Mylenek

Jubilarian Mass May 21 at 1:30pm Solanus Center Chapel

(Mass fulfills Sunday obligation)

Hospitality Following: POTLUCK -- Bring a Dish to Pass!

May 7 – St. Charles Luncheon after 11:30am Corporate Mass; We are hosting the luncheon. Everyone please wear your fraternity apparel and let's fill the pews at St. Charles. **Contact Sharon Kessler for more information.**

SUNDAY May 21 ORIENTATION CLASS AT NOON. There is still time to invite friends, family and fellow parishioners to our Franciscan way of life. Our fraternity depends on us to promote our way of life to others and facilitate vocations. **For more information contact Sylvia Snigier at sylviasnigier@gmail.com.**

Volunteer Opportunities:

Wednesday Healing Service – Contact Ron Kessler

Vocations Committee – Contact Doug Gordon

Greeters wanted for Sunday Healing Services from 1 to 3pm.—Contact Eileen Smith

April 29 Regional Gathering Re-Cap

It was good to get together with everyone from the various fraternities. The last time we met in person was before COVID. The Spring Gathering focused on dialogue and our OFS Rules 19 and 8; and Rules 13 and 14. Following are my notes from the Gathering:

- Are we intentional in what we say? The peace of our heart should come out of our mouth.
- We are born with divine seed in us – peace is a part of us. Gentleness draws us to peace.
- Is our fraternity conversation meaningful, impactful conversation?
- Always work toward fraternal harmony. In the exchange of ideas and opinions are we listening to body language, person's concerns and feelings.
- Avoid personal certainty, be willing to enter a conversation at the beginning not at the end.
- Don't try to change minds, try to understand each other's position.
- Be curious – unpack your own feelings; be open and available; be cautious in ascribing motives
- Assume the best of the other person and that they are coming from the best place they have.
- Trusting in the divine presence in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.
- Try to be a messenger of perfect joy in every circumstance; Strive to bring joy and hope to others.
- Perfect Joy – perfectly humble even if being cast aside.
- Not to engage in arguments, but to be subject to God's creature for God's sake.
- "You can disagree without being disagreeable" Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Fraternity commonalities: Common Bond Faith, Love for Francis and Clare and Love of Fraternity.
- Important to have humility and listen respectfully.
- We each bring our own gifts to good of fraternity, church and world.
- "Start by doing what's necessary then do what's possible and suddenly your doing the impossible."

Brittney Walendzik gave two presentations. One on Francis and the Sultan and the other on "How to do an elevator pitch?" Both were excellent. What's an elevator pitch your ask? Well, it's like giving a 45 second infomercial. What would you say in 45 seconds to somebody who didn't know anything about being a Secular Franciscan? Well, we had to come up with your own elevator pitch and practice it on those in attendance. So, what do you say? Can you give a short interesting 45 second talk on being a Secular? It's not as easy as you think. Try it and be sure to time yourself. I tended to go longer than 45 seconds...no surprise there.

The presentation slides from the Gathering will be on the Regional Website in the near future. I have included a handout in this issue on dialogue. It is worth reading and pondering. Today's culture is all about debate. Dialogue is a respectful sharing of ideas. As Secular Franciscans dialoguing is our way of life. Let's live Gospel to Life and Life to Gospel!! Dialogue with Love!!

"11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Peace and Blessings,
Eileen

REFLECTION – May the Month of Mary

A Salutation of the Virtues (Francis of Assisi “The Saint” Early Documents)

As suggested in the introduction to A Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the manuscript tradition suggests that Francis saw these virtues as hers; yet they are clearly those of any Christian who has died to sin. Francis greets each virtue in a fashion typical of a medieval troubadour, describes the predisposition which each Christian must have before possessing them, and concludes by interpreting the function of each.

¹Hail, Queen Wisdom!^b
May the Lord protect You,
with Your Sister, holy pure Simplicity!
²Lady holy Poverty,
may the Lord protect You,
with Your Sister, holy Humility!
³Lady holy Charity,
may the Lord protect You,
with Your Sister, holy Obedience.
⁴Most holy Virtues,
may the Lord protect all of You
from Whom You come and proceed.
⁵There is surely no one in the whole world
who can possess any one of You
without dying first.
⁶Whoever possesses one
and does not offend the others
possesses all.
⁷Whoever *offends* one ^{Jas 2:10}
does not possess any
and offends all.c
⁸And each one confounds vice and sin.

⁹**Holy Wisdom** confounds
Satan and all his cunning.
¹⁰**Pure holy Simplicity** confounds
all the wisdom of this world ^{1 Cor 2:6}
and the wisdom of the body.
¹¹**Holy Poverty** confounds
the desire for riches,
greed,
and the cares of this world.
¹²**Holy Humility** confounds
pride,
all people who are in the world
and all that is in the world.a
¹³**Holy Charity** confounds
every diabolical and carnal temptation
and every carnal *fear*. ^{1 Jn 4:18}
¹⁴**Holy Obedience** confounds
every corporal and carnal wish,
¹⁵binds its mortified body
to obedience of the Spirit
and obedience to one’s brother,
¹⁶so that it is
subject and submissive
to everyone in the world,
¹⁷not only to people
but to every beast and wild animal as well
¹⁸that they may do whatever they want with it
insofar as it *has been given* to them
from above ^{Jn 19:11} by the Lord.

Principles of Dialogue

1. **We should recognize that no single group or viewpoint in the church has a complete monopoly on the truth.** While the bishops united with the Pope have been specially endowed by God with the power to preserve the true faith, they too exercise their office by taking counsel with one another and with the experience of the whole church, past and present. Solutions to the church's problems will almost inevitably emerge from a variety of sources.
2. **We should not envision ourselves or any one part of the church a saving remnant.** No group within the church should judge itself alone to be possessed of enlightenment or spurn the Catholic community, its leaders, or its institutions as unfaithful.
3. **We should test all proposals for their pastoral realism** and potential impact on individuals as well as for their theological truth. Pastoral effectiveness is a responsibility of leadership.
4. **We should presume that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.** They deserve civility, charity, and a good-faith effort to understand their concerns. We should not substitute labels, abstractions, or blanketing terms—"radical feminism," "the hierarchy," "the Vatican"—for living, complicated realities.
5. **We should put the best possible construction on differing positions,** addressing their strongest points rather than seizing upon the most vulnerable aspects in order to discredit them. We should detect the valid insights and legitimate worries that may underlie even questionable arguments.
6. **We should be cautious in ascribing motives.** We should not impugn another's love of the church and loyalty to it. We should not rush to interpret disagreements as conflicts of starkly opposing principles rather than as differences in degree or in prudential pastoral judgments about the relevant facts.
7. **We should bring the church to engage the realities of contemporary culture,** not by simple defiance or by naive acquiescence, but acknowledging, in the fashion of *Gaudium et Spes*, both our culture's valid achievements and real dangers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Marguerite Brannigan	May 7
Sheila Barstad	May 17
Jo Marie Nardi	May 21
Steve Wasko	May 22
Esther Kelly	May 29

Franciscan Holy Days

May 9 – St. Catherine of Bologna
 May 11 – St. Ignatius of Laconi
 May 12 – St. Leopold Mandic
 May 16 – St. Margaret of Cortona
 May 17 – St. Paschal Baylon
 May 18 – St. Felix of Cantalice
 May 20 – St. Bernadine of Siena
 May 23 – Pentecost; St. Crispin of Viterbo
 May 24 – Dedication of Basilica of St. Francis
 May 28 – St. Mariana of Jesus De Paredes
 May 30 – St. Ferdinand, King
 May 31 – St. Camilla Baptista Varano



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

Laura Sapien

Members of our Fraternity

Doris Allen	Gary Johnson
Dan and Jan Atkinson	Joyce Kaminski
Claire Boutain	Esther Kelley
Joyce Brouillette	Mary Krempasky
Jerry Borycz	Ilene Manning & Family
Sophia Cisneros	Mary Poole
Norb Chmielarczyk	Barbara Pardington
Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue	Bridget Schultz
Daniel Gabriel	Ben Stapel
James Hymes	Terry Westbrook-Lienert

Our Deceased

Relatives needing prayers

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
 Ron Gray, friend of Melissa Lindow
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
 David Kaminsky, son of Joyce Kaminsky
 Frances Krempasky, daughter of Mary Krempasky
 Luke, grandson of Mary Krempasky
 Patricia McCleary, mother of Therese Joseph
 Thomas McCleary, brother of Therese Joseph
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski
 Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
 Karen Plousse, daughter of Joyce Kaminsky
 Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain
 Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
 Sandra Woods Family
 Students, Faculty, and Staff of Regina High School

May 2023 Prayer Request for Priests

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rev. T. Donahue, C.C.	2 Rev. G. Donatelli, S.J.	3 Rev. J. Dorr, S.J.	4 Rev. N. D'Souza, S.A.C.	5 Rev. J. Dudek	6 Rev. J. Dumas
7 Rev. S. Eckert	8 Rev. F. Ejimadu	9 Rev. M. Ellis	10 Rev. S. Esack, S.A.C.K.	11 Rev. K. Esenther, S.J.	12 Rev. John Esper	13 Rev. Joseph Esper
14 Rev. A. Espinoza	15 Rev. R. Essman	16 Rev. J. Fabian	17 Rev. E. Fedewa	18 Rev. P. Fennessy, S.J.	19 Rev. S. Fernandes, S.A.C.	20 Rev. A. Fernandes, S.A.C.
21 Most Rev. R. Fisher	22 Rev. R. Flack, S.J.	23 Rev. J. Foley, S.J.	24 Rev. J. Folzenlogen, S.J.	25 Rev. B. Forintos	26 Rev. A. Fornwalt, FHS	27 Rev. Charles Fox
28 Rev. C. Fricke	29 Rev. P. Fulton, C.S.B.	30 Rev. J. Gagnon	31 Rev. A. Galos			





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER	2	3	4	5	6
7 BD: Marguerite Brannigan <i>Pss I</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting
14 MOTHER'S DAY <i>Pss II</i>	15	16	17 BD: Sheila Barstad	18 ASCENSION	19	20
21 FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. BD: Jo Marie Nardi <i>Pss III</i>	22 BD: Steve Wasko	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Pss IV</i>	29 BD: Esther Kelley	30	31			

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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

Eileen Smith.....

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE SOCIAL

Wednesdays at 2 PM

FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES

2nd Saturday of each month

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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