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Next Meeting:
Sunday, August 10th
1:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.
for Inquirers,
Candidates and
Professed Formation

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region
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If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Rita Dourdoufis at 610-352-2413.

Minister's Notes

I heard a wonderful homily today after the gospel story of the loaves and fishes. Father asked the congregation "Who does God go to for help when things go bad?"

The answer, of course, is us. Not that we can do more than God, or solve problems when He can't, but when He needs some action taken, He relies on us to be His extension. The beautiful prayer of St. Theresa says it magnificently: Christ has no body now but yours.

Are you part of the problem, or part of the solution? The apostles went to Jesus and said dismiss the crowd, Lord, the hour grows late and they are hungry. Jesus said: You give them something to eat. Not, stand back and watch while I take care of it. He said YOU give them something to eat.

Jesus is waiting to bless our efforts to help our Brothers and Sisters. He will multiply our time and talent and ability to help someone in need if we are just willing to extend ourselves. What a beautiful Franciscan virtue.

There are so many opportunities right under our nose for us to live the Franciscan charism. With

just a little effort, God will multiply our loaves and fishes, too!

Blessings,
Kate

Our August Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, August 10, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Conway hall. We will recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and after our regular meeting and prayers, we will proceed to St. Francis Church for Benediction.

"And we will be involved in the monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community."

--from The Lay Franciscan Monthly Pledge

Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for the missions, cancelled stamps and caps off of aluminum cans should be given to Rose Marie Gantz.
- Please save any free religious articles you receive in the mail for Mary Ellen Gontaryk.

Liturgy of the Hours

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, page 861 (623-624).

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Formation

Formation sessions begin at 12:30 p.m. in Conway Hall.

- **Candidates:** "Catch Me A Rainbow Too", Chapters, 16, 17, & 18
- **Inquiry:** "Come & See", Chapters 4 & 5
- **Orientation:** "Come & See", Chapters 1 & 2

Prayer Requests

"You are to help your brothers until the Lord gives them rest."

-- The Book of Joshua

Please remember in prayer:

Santa Ricci, Grace Holley and her granddaughter Michelle Davis; Frances Bellew, Kimberly Gilligan (Niece of Marie Gilligan); Marie Frantini's daughter (Marie Dolores); Christine Truitt; Antoinette Iorio; Jean Cannon; Betty Downey, JoAnne Troup and her family, Bernie Kleinert (Kate Kleinert's Husband), Mary Ann Palmer, Rev. John M. Quinn, O.S.A. (Rose Benner's Brother); Jeanette Anderson (Rose Marie Anderson's daughter-in-law), Mary Betancourt, Lisa Davis (Marie Gilligan's daughter-in-laws mother); Cyrilla Pine, Marian McCole, Christine Somers, Father Paul Stenson, Mary Stenson, 4 yr old Evan Nickel.

St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Powdered juice or iced tea mix
- Any individual toiletries (soap, deodorant, powder, toothpaste)
- Toothbrushes
- New Tee shirts any size

August Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 2 Our Lady Of The Angels Of Portiuncula
- 4 St John Baptist Mary Vianney
- 7 Bls Agathangelus and Cassian
- 8 Holy Father Dominic
- 11 St Clare of Assisi
- 14 St Maximilian Kolbe
- 17 St Roch
- 19 St Louis of Toulouse
- 21 St Pius X
- 25 St Louis IX

August Profession Anniversaries

Mary Ellen Gontaryk

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