



# The Herald of St. Francis

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**Next Meeting:**

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
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

**The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.**

These words are written on the wall of one of Mother Theresa's orphanages. They are part of a longer, very inspirational prayer.

This one line has a Franciscan ring to it - a whisper of encouragement - to help shake off the dust and keep moving. The good we do doesn't make headline news, but resounds in heaven. We might never see the results, but don't for a minute think it has gone unnoticed by the One who cares the most.

I believe God smiles on the quiet efforts we make to help one another. The widow's mite is much closer to His heart than the overblown gestures of the Pharisee. An anonymous good deed leaves the recipient with no one to thank...but God. What a blessing to the one who gives and the one who receives. So there isn't a news team waiting outside to record our good deeds. Do good anyway. The final line of this prayer goes like this:

**In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.**

## Annual Day of Recollection

It couldn't happen on a better day! Our annual Day of Recollection will take place on Saturday, October 4 - the Feast of our Beloved Francis. Give the gift of your presence to him and reap the benefits of a day spent in prayer and fellowship with your Fraternity.

We will spend the day at the Divine Providence Monastery on the grounds of the Cardinal Krol Center / Don Guanella School next to Cardinal O'Hara High School.

We will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Refectory on the ground floor with refreshments. You will need to bring your Liturgy of the Hours for morning prayer and your **lunch**. There is refrigeration available. Drinks will be provided. Mark your calendars!!

## Our September Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, September 14, 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

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## 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

Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, page 1256

## St. Francis Inn Needs:

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

## September Profession Anniversaries

Patricia Dougherty

*Please pray for the happy repose of our sister, Helen Balderston, who entered eternal life in July.*

## Formation

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

- **Professed** will be reviewing the chapter Sister Humility of Christ
- **Candidates:** "Catch Me A Rainbow Too", Chapters, 19, 20, & 21
- **Inquiry:** "Come & See", Chapters 5 & 6
- **Orientation:** "Come & See", Chapters 3 & 4

## 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.

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