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Next Meeting:

Annual Day of
Recollection

October 4th, 9:00 a.m.

Divine Providence
Monastery

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region
Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saxer Ave. & Rolling Rd., Springfield Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064
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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

It is October again - when the days are filled with rich color and the cleansing cooler, crisper weather. What a perfect time for our Annual Day of Recollection!

To align it even more perfectly, this year, our Day of Recollection falls on Saturday, October 4 - the Feast of St. Francis. As Secular Franciscans, it is our feast day as well. It is a day when we would naturally recall - *or recollect* - our Franciscanism and give thanks for the very gift of our calling.

Come share this day with your Brothers and Sisters. For a few hours, you will be able to step away from your busy secular life and live in quiet Community with your Fraternity.

We will gather in the Refectory on the ground floor at 9:00 a.m. for refreshments and fellowship. Have a cup of coffee and a doughnut and get to know a Brother or Sister who you normally wouldn't spend time with. Catch up with someone you haven't seen in a long time or introduce yourself to one of the Candidates who will soon join the ranks of the Professed.

There is an elevator available for anyone who needs to use one. There will be someone stationed by the front door to direct you.

Please remember to bring your lunch! There is refrigeration available in the Refectory. Soda and iced tea will be provided.

The Financial Crises is affecting everyone these days including the coffers of the Saint Francis Fraternity. There will be a donation jar to help defray the costs of our Day of Recollection. *If you are able to make a donation*, it will be greatly appreciated.

May God continue to bless you and may He smile on our day together.

Our October Meeting

Since it is our Annual Day of Recollection, we will hold our monthly meeting on **Saturday, October 4, 2008, 9:00 a.m.** 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 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!!

"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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Liturgy of the Hours

Feast of Our Holy Father Francis, page 341* (707).

* In the Proper Offices of Franciscan Saints and Blessed

October Profession Anniversaries

Joanne McManus 1978

Rita Dourdoufis 2003

Mary Ann Palmer 2003

October Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 4 Our Holy Father Francis
- 6 St Mary Frances of the Five Wounds
- 10 Sts Daniel & Companions
- 12 St Seraphin of Montegrano
- 20 Bl James of Strepar
- 20 Bl Contardo Ferrini
- 21 Bl Josephine Leroux
- 22 St Peter of Alcantara
- 23 St John of Capistrano
- 26 Bl Bonaventure of Potenza
- 30 Anniversary of Dedication in Consecrated Franciscan Churches

Formation (for November meeting)

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

- **Professed** will be reviewing the chapter D4 -- "Fraternity for Franciscans"
- **Candidates:** *Catch Me A Rainbow Too*, Chapters 21, 22, 23, & 24
- **Inquiry:** *Come & See*, Chapters 5 & 6
- **Orientation:** *Come & See*, Chapters 4 & 5

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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