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Next Meeting:
Sunday, July 12th
@ 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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As most of you know by now, my beloved Bernie passed away on June 22. His illnesses spanned almost 10 years and brought many tears and just as many blessings.

If God Himself had stood in front of me ten years ago and asked me if I would like to take this journey, I would have beat on His chest with both fists, screaming "NO"!

But as I stand on this side of those ten years, I tell a different story. Although I would not have willingly chosen this road, I have experienced God's unending mercy and love at every turn.

Bernie never lost his sunny personality - no matter how dire the news, no matter how bleak the outcome. Even up to the afternoon before he died, he was still kidding with our pastor who came for one last visit. Within an hour of that visit, he was in a coma - moving towards his paradise.

Along the way, we both learned to re-evaluate our priorities, learned that nothing, nothing, is more important than being together, stood in awe of each other's ability get through this, and rejoiced in God who put us together, for better or worse.

Now, as I stand alone, I want to thank each one of you for your support. For the cards, the phone calls,

so many of you at the funeral Mass, but most of all the litany of prayers that have been raised for both of us - I am grateful. Pure and simple. God has hugged me many times in the last few weeks; very often disguised as a Franciscan!

Pax et Bonum
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Our July Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, July 12, 2009 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 missions, cancelled stamps and caps off of aluminum cans should be given to Rose Marie Gantz.

Formation

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

- Inquirers: Come & See, Chapter 4
- Candidates: ???
- The professed will continue reviewing The Admonitions of St. Francis focusing on Number 5.

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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, 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, Jean Burns.

Please be especially sure keep our Sisters Adele Malloy and Kate Kleinert in your prayers.

July Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 8 St Gregory Grassi
- 9 St Nicholas Pick and Companions
- 10 St Veronica Giuliani
- 12 Sts John Jones and John Wall
- 13 Bl Angeline of Marsciano
- 14 St Francis Solano
- 15 St Bonaventure
- 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi
- 23 St Cunegunda
- 23 St Bridget of Sweden
- 24 Bl Louise of Savoy
- 27 Bl Mary Magdalene of Martinegro

Francis Inn Needs:

- Iced tea mix
- Fruit drink mixes
- Personal size deodorant, soaps, toothpaste
- Diapers
- Baby wipes

July Profzession Anniversaries

- None



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