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Next Meeting:

Annual Day of
Recollection

October 10th,
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

On Saturday, October 10, we will come together for our annual Day of Recollection.

Before we take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will have the opportunity to participate in a Franciscan Examination of Conscience. Any examination of conscience is nothing more than taking an honest look at ourselves. The Franciscan Examination takes a closer look at our Franciscan hearts.

Our Day of Recollection is not unlike the Chapter of Mats where St. Francis called all his brothers to come back and gather as a community. So many of them showed up that there was no room big enough to hold all of them! They spread their mats on the mountainside and listened to their Seraphic Father.

Our Day of Recollection is a wonderful occasion for us to live as a community even for one day. We are able to renew our hearts and minds and reconnect with all the reasons we entered the Secular Franciscans.

If St. Francis were here to conduct our Chapter of Mats, how would he find us? A truly committed religious order...or a group of lukewarm folks spending the day together?

Pax et bonum,
Kate

Our October Meeting

Since it is our Annual Day of Recollection, we will hold our monthly meeting on **Saturday, October 10, 2008** 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 gather at **9:00 a.m.** in the Refectory. Please remember to bring a brown bag lunch. There is plenty of refrigeration available to keep the lunches cold. Soft drinks will be provided. You will also need to bring your Liturgy of the Hours for morning prayer.

"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

Elections

Regional elections will take place in March, 2010. The instructions for nominating either yourself or any other professed Secular Franciscan will be available at our next few meetings. Remember, these are for Regional positions - Minister, Vice Minister, Treasurer, Secretary and Formation Director.

Our own Fraternity elections are scheduled early in 2010. Please continue to pray and discern if you are called for a position in our own Fraternity. If so, please give your name to any of our Council members.

Liturgy of the Hours

Evening prayer can be found on page 916.

Formation

Formation sessions will continue at the November meeting.

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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.

Prayer Requests

"You are to help your brothers until the Lord gives them rest."
-- The Book of Joshua

Please help keep this list current. Let me know if anyone should be removed or needs to be added. You can let me know at the meeting or use the contact information at the bottom of the page. Thanks, Lee.

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; Betty Downey, JoAnne Troup and her family, Jeanette Anderson (Rose Marie Gantz'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, Adele Malloy, Kate Kleinert. Mary Lee's daughter called and asked that we especially keep her in our prayers.

October Profession Anniversaries

Joanne McManus 1978

Rita Dourdoufis 2003

Mary Ann Palmer 2003

Francis Inn Needs:

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

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

On the Web

Don't forget that the fraternity newsletter is available at our web site as soon as it is finished (usually about a week before our next meeting). The web address is: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.com/>

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