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Next Meeting:

Sunday, Dec. 13th
@ 12:30 p.m.

No inquirers,
candidates or
professed formation
this month.

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region
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Minister's Notes

"Offer faithfully what you have vowed to God"

~ St. Claire

What beautiful words to carry us through Advent!
What a wonderful gift to give to the Child, Jesus -
being the Franciscan we are supposed to be - being the
Franciscan that we promised Our Lord we would be.

As we approach the magnificent feast of Christmas let
us recommit ourselves to what we offered to Our Lord
on the day we were professed.

- Attending monthly gatherings
- Participating in the sacraments
- Praying the Liturgy

Tie a ribbon around those gifts and present them to
the Baby Jesus. You will be amazed at the return you
receive on your investment!!

Pax et bonum,
Kate

Our December Meeting

The annual Christmas Celebration will take place
beginning at **12:30** p.m. in Conway Hall. We will
begin with the Crib Service followed by a Franciscan
Feast (one that we provide for each other!!). Many
thanks to Antoinette Lightman for heading up the
Party Committee.

*"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

Annual Christmas Gathering

Please remember -- to accommodate as many of
our Brothers and Sisters as possible, our Christmas
gathering will begin promptly at **12:30 for everyone.**

**If you are unable to fulfill your obligation
to attend the monthly meeting, please call
Rita Dourdoufis at 610-352-2413.**

This will allow as many as possible enjoy the
Christmas gathering and still get home before dark.
Set up will start at noon.

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

There will be no formation activities this month..

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

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(Marie Gilligan's daughter-in-law's mother); Cyrilla Pine, Marian McCole, Christine Somers, Father Paul Stenson, Mary Stenson, 4 yr old Evan Nickel, Adele Malloy, Kate Kleinert, Mary Lee.

Francis Inn Needs:

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

December Profession Anniversaries

- Mary Smarowsky 1982
- Marie Bair 1986
- Veda Dugan 1986
- Teresa McHugh 1986
- Shirley Finegan 1989
- Helen Balderston 1965
- Mary Betancourt 1971
- Regina McGarry 1971
- Claire Quinn 1975

December Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 15 Bl Mary Frances Schervier

2010 Guidebooks

The guidebooks for 2010 are in and will be available at the December gathering. The price is \$3.50.

2010 Fair Share

The Fair Share for 2010 will remain at \$25. Payment may be made in installments if necessary.

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/>



Adoration of the Magi
from *Legenda Sanctorum Trium Regum*, Modena 1490.
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