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Next Meeting:

Sunday, Feb. 14th
@ 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
Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saxer Ave. & Rolling Rd., Springfield Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064
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Minister's Notes

The dust has settled on our elections and all the nominees are safely blessed into their positions. Terry Ritter is the new Vice Minister and brings her many gifts to this position. Terry's friendly personality and willingness to help are a perfect fit!

Betty Fanelli graciously agreed to run for Secretary and will add her own deep spirituality to this new Council.

I am extremely happy that Marie Bair agreed to run for a second term as Treasurer. Her unending focus on detail has kept the books in "down-to-the-penny" condition and every request in the last three years has been met with a smile and a readiness to help.

Many thanks to Rose Benner who continues on as Formation Director. And what would Formation be without Marian McCole?? These two Sisters have ushered in some wonderfully formed new members!

During the actual election process, the Fraternity voted on including a Councilor-at-Large to the Council. There were so many votes for both Carmella Patterson and Marie Gilligan that they both agreed to a three year term as Councilors-at-Large. We are grateful for your willingness to serve!

Many thanks to our two outgoing Council members - Carmen Lombertino, Vice Minister and Mary Ellen Gontaryk, Secretary. Carmen - my "Profession buddy" - has been a great source of strength and quiet Franciscanism. He will be the first to say he didn't do a thing, but that's what makes him a great Franciscan!

Mary Ellen, in spite of her own serious health issues, has given her all to the position of Secretary, and kept all of us straight with her great notes!

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

Many thanks to all of you who supported the outgoing Council for the last three years and I know will continue to support the new Council.

Pax et Bonum,

Kate

Minister - for another three years!

Our February Meeting

We will hold our monthly meeting on Sunday, February 14th, 2010 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

Liturgy of the Hours

Evening prayer for Sixth Sunday of ordinary time can be found on page 786.

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.

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Formation

Formation sessions begin at 12:30 p.m. in Conway Hall for Inquirers, Candidates, and Professed. Please contact your formation leader if you need to know the readings.

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, Stella Viola, Joseph Santoliquito, Anna Vecchiolli.

Francis Inn Needs:

- Hot Chocolate mix
- Warm gloves, knit hats, scarves
- Instant Coffee
- Instant soup

Our Council

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February Profession Anniversaries

- Jean Burns 1955
- JoAnne Troup 2003
- Josephine Mays 1967

February Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 4 St Joseph of Leonissa
- 6 Sts Peter Baptist, Paul Miki, and Companions
- 7 St Collette
- 19 St Conrad of Piacenza

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/>

