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Next Meeting:

Sunday, Sept. 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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Minister's Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Pax et Bonum!

Pax et Bonum! At our gathering this month, we have the privilege of welcoming Stella Viola into the fullness of our Secular Franciscan Fraternity. Stella has been an inspiration during her candidacy with her strong faith and solid commitment. During Stella's Mass, please keep her in prayer and let us also pray for our own vocations, that they may be as strong and vibrant as they were on the day of our own Profession.

The Regional Executive Council met for two days at the Friary in Wilmington. During our time together, we discussed what our focus would be over the next three years. One of the first things we decided on was to create a prayer that every one of us could pray daily to draw us back to the covenant we entered into with our God and Father on the day of our Profession. The prayer is being printed on a card for each of us. In the mean time, here is a copy:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of my Secular Franciscan vocation. Help me to value it as much as You do. Bring my heart back to the day of my Profession when my love for You burned brightly.

St. Francis, pray for me in my struggle to live up to the covenant I entered into. Remind me each day of the promises I made at my Profession - to live the Gospel all the days of my life in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule - knowing that doing this involves: faithfully attending my Fraternity's monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community; developing a greater awareness, understanding and responsiveness to the needs of my sisters and brothers in Fraternity; and wearing the Tau as a symbol of my commitment to the Secular Franciscan order.

Dear Father of mercies, I pray for Your grace through Jesus Christ to enable me to daily renew the precious gift of this vocation. Amen

Blessings,
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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.

Our September Meeting

Our gathering will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Conway Hall. We will recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and after a very short meeting, we will go over to church for our Mass and Professions. After Mass, refreshments will be served back in Conway Hall.

Formation will take place prior to the regular meeting as usual.

"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 the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time can be found on page 931 (629).

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 for Inquirers, Candidates, and Professed. Please contact your formation leader if you need to know the readings.

September Profession Anniversaries

- Patricia Dougherty 1993

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September Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

- 1 Bl Beatrice of Silva
- 2 Bls John Francis Burte, Severin Girault & Companions
- 4 St Rose of Viterbo
- 17 Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis
- 18 St Joseph of Cupertino
- 20 St Francis Mary of Camporosso
- 23 Finding The Body of St Clare

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: Grace Holley and her granddaughter Michelle Davis, Frances Bellew, Kimberly Gilligan (Niece of Marie Gilligan), Marie Frantini's daughter (Marie Dolores), Christine Truitt, 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, Mary Lee, Stella Viola, Joseph Santoliquito, Anna Vecchiolli, Claire Quinn, Genevieve Sullivan, Rev. Mr. Jim Kane, Lee B. Potts (Lee's Father), Carmela Patterson, SFO.

Francis Inn Needs:

- Pampers size 6
- Travel size deodorant
- Baby formula
- Baby wipes
- Sweetened dry cereal
- Sweetened drink mixes
- Prayers!

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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