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Next Meeting:
Sunday, Nov. 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
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Minister's Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Pax et Bonum!

I had the extreme privilege to attend the Yo Yo Ma performance at the Kimmel Center last night. It was the opening night of the 2010 - 2011 Season and people were dressed in their finery and many wandered the lobby sipping champagne. Hoping to get directions to my seat, I approached a distinguished looking man with an ID tag who, in turn, asked me about the "symbol" I am wearing around my neck. Usually the people who ask about the Tau cross I wear are satisfied with the short and sweet answer. This man was genuinely interested and asked many questions concluding with 'Would you, please, say a prayer for me'. You never know when a conversation will begin or a seed will be planted!

The music was phenomenal! Mr. Ma was accompanied by Kathy Stott, whose talent goes way beyond "playing" the piano. A young woman stood beside the piano and turned the pages for Ms. Stott - who never missed a beat in more than a two hour concert. That's a lot of music to play!

But what struck me the most about the entire night is that when the performance started, Mr. Ma leaned his head back, closed his eyes and played. He never once looked at the music. He is so in tune with his God-given talent that he is able to become one with it and give it back. Imagine what a gift that is to God! What are your God-given talents? And are you using them the way that would please God the most?

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Our November gathering will begin as usual at 1:30 p.m. in Conway Hall with our annual Mass of Remembrance following at approximately 2:00 p.m. (depending on Baptisms) It is a busy weekend with our Annual Regional Meeting the day before (Saturday, November 13) at St. Paul's Church, Stone Harbor, NJ.

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

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Save the Date!! Sunday, May 2, 2011 will be the 30th anniversary of our Fraternity being canonically established. May is the month of our Communion Breakfast which will be a wonderful way of celebrating our anniversary.

The tentative plans are for our entire active Fraternity to attend Mass at St. Francis. A meeting with the pastor will be scheduled to discuss having us process in with the priest, sitting in reserved seats and having our banner carried in and displayed in the Sanctuary. A 30th anniversary is a big milestone and deserves to be celebrated with all of us participating. May 2 is six months from now - please, not only mark your calendar, but clear your calendar for that special day. This gives you plenty of time to find subs for lecturing, cantoring, serving as Extraordinary Minister and CCD.

A catered brunch will follow in Conway Hall. By that time, all the renovations will be complete - including the ramp that will allow many more of our members to join us. Please plan to attend!

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With Padre Pio's feast day being celebrated just last month, there have been several items circulating the internet about this beloved Saint. **Did you know...** that Father Francis Sario, OFM Cap, who is our Regional Spiritual Advisor, is also the National Chairperson for the Padre Pio prayer groups? Both Father Francis and Brother Larry have beautiful reflections and messages on our Regional website. If you are not already a regular visitor to our Regional website, please check it out at <http://skdsfo.org>

Blessings,
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Our November Meeting

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, November 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 our annual Mass of Remembrance at approximately 2:00 p.m.

"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 Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time can be found on page 712.

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.

November Profession Anniversaries

Marie Gilligan 1998

Terry Ritter 1998

Frances Lay 1996

Donna Maroonik 1978

Virginia Drew 2000- 10 yrs

Carmella Patterson 2006

Betty Fanelli 2006

Kate Kleinert 2004

Carmen Lombertino 2004

Robert Mulhern 1947

Adele Malloy 2008

Lee Potts 2008

Robert Santoliquito 2008

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, Rev. Mr. Jim Kane, Carmela Patterson, Betty Schieman and Rose Benner.

November Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

4 St Charles Borromeo

7 St Didacus of Alcala

13 St Frances Xavier Cabrini

14 St Nicholas Tavelic

17 St Elizabeth Of Hungary

18 Bl Salome

19 St Agnes of Assisi

24 Commemoration of All Deceased Of The Franciscan Orders

26 St Leonard of Port Maurice

27 St Francis Anthony Fasani

28 St James of The March

29 All Saints of The Franciscan Orders

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