



# The Herald of St. Francis

**Jan. 2012**  
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**Next Meeting:**  
Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>  
@ 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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## January Meditation

Peace and blessings for the New Year!

As we begin 2012, let us ponder the deep roots and extraordinary legacy of saints, service and public witness built by the faith of generations of Catholic families in our Archdiocese. We must be committed to sustaining this record by our actions in the present.

We as Franciscans have a grave obligation to pray for victims of clergy sex abuse and for their healing; to remember the many hundreds of our priests that have served our people with exceptional lives of sacrifice and character; to pray for decisions that will affect the number and location of parishes, schools and Catholic education of our young people.

Archbishop Chaput calls on each of us to take our baptism seriously; to work to renew our local Church with Christian charity, justice and zeal.

Scripture reminds us: Do not be afraid. God uses poor clay to create grandeur and beauty. He can use us to renew and advance the work of his Church – and he will.

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

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, our meditation is paraphrased from the Dec. 8, 2011 letter from Most Rev. Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia

Pax et bonum..  
Adele

## Our January Meeting

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, January 8th, 2012 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

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## Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for missions and caps off of aluminum cans should be given to Rose Marie Gantz. PLEASE NOTE: Cancelled stamps are no longer being collected.

## Fair Share

There will be an extra small envelope in your January and February newsletters for our Fair Share contribution. This will allow you to pay in 2 installments. The Fair Share has been increased by our national council to \$30 this year. The Fair Share is never meant to be a hardship on anyone. If your financial circumstances makes it hard to pay please let a council member know.

## Guide Books

The Guide for the 2012 Divine Office will be available at our January meeting. The price is \$3.50.

## January Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 3 Holy Name of Jesus
- 7 Bl Angela of Foligno
- 12 St Bernard of Corleone
- 14 Bl Odoric of Pordenone
- 16 Sts Berard And Companions
- 24 St Francis De Sales
- 27 St Angela Merici
- 30 St Hyacinth of Mariscotti
- 31 St John Bosco

## Francis Inn Needs:

- #3, 4, 5, & 6 Pampers
- Wipes
- Travel Size Toiletries
- Feminine Supplies
- Men/Women Socks
- ...and of course, PRAYERS!

## January Profession Anniversaries

Francis Dee 1963

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