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Next Meeting:
Sunday, Feb. 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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February Meditation

With Ash Wednesday fast approaching February 22 this year, let us contemplate that God our Father brings us to the blessing and beginning of Lent. We pray that in this time of salvation He will fill us with the Holy Spirit, purify our hearts and strengthen us in love.

Let us join St. Francis in his prayer before the crucifix at San Damiano, "Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart; give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy and true command."

As we work to renew the church in the spirit of St. Francis, let us begin with ourselves, looking deep into our souls, promising to spend the season of Lent preparing our hearts and minds for the awesome and glorious celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, lover and redeemer.

Pax et bonum..
Adele

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

Our February Meeting

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, February 12th, 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

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.

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Liturgy of the Hours

Evening prayer for Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time can be found on page 786.

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. The price is \$3.50.

February Profession Anniversaries

JoAnne Troup 2003

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

Francis Inn Needs:

- Coffee
- Tagless Tea Bags
- Men's & Women's Hats & Gloves
- #4, 5, 6 Pampers
- Laundry Detergent

On the Web

Don't forget that the fraternity newsletter is available at our web site as soon as possible after it's finished (usually about a week before our next meeting). The web address is: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.com/>

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