



# The Herald of St. Francis

**April 2012**  
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**Next Meeting:**  
Sunday, April 1<sup>st</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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**Please note: April gathering will be held a week early on April 1st and we will celebrate the Profession Mass of Frances Urso, Francis Urso, and Pat Simon.**

## **April Meditation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

It all began in a garden.

When Jesus left the upper room on Holy Thursday, He went with his disciples where there was a garden where Jesus prayed a sorrowful prayer, was betrayed by one of his own, arrested and abandoned by his disciples.

It all began in the garden and ended there, too. Jesus' body was taken to a grave in the place where he had been crucified to a garden tomb, ". . . in which no one had yet been buried. So they placed Jesus there. . .," Jn 19:41-42

The burial garden is also the garden of new life where Mary Magdalene came Easter Sunday morning and found the tomb empty. After going and telling the disciples, she returned to the garden alone where the risen Lord appeared to her. She thought he was the gardener.

In fact, everything began in a garden. "The

Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and he placed there the man whom he had formed." Gen 2:8

As spring blossoms pop in our gardens, let us rejoice in Jesus' Resurrection, the promise that began in the Garden of Paradise where we shall be again with the Lord.

"Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God. . . . Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever. Amen" Revelation, last chapter.

Pax et bonum and blessed Easter.

(Meditation taken in part from the Lenten Little Black Book based on the writings of Bishop Ken Untener, edited with the help of Sr. Nancy Ayotte IHM, director of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.)

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## Our April Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, **April 1st, 2012 (please note change from the regular date)** at 1:30 p.m. in Conway hall. There will be no 12:30 formation activities.

After reciting the Franciscan Crown Rosary we will proceed to St. Francis Church for the Profession Mass of Frances Urso, Francis Urso, and Pat Simon. Refreshments will be served after Mass in Conway Hall. Coffee and cake will be provided, please feel free to bring a beverage or finger food if you like.

*"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

## April Profession Anniversaries

Dorothy Leaf, 1950

## April Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 3 St Benedict the Black
- 16 St Bernadette Soubirous
- 17 St Benedict Joseph Labre
- 21 St Conrad of Parzham
- 23 Bl Giles of Assisi
- 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- 28 Bl Luchesius

## 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.

## Francis Inn Needs:

- 13 Gallon & 30 Gallon Trash Bags
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Sugar
- PRAYERS

## Our Council

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