



The Herald of St. Francis

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Next Meeting:
Sunday, May 6th
@ 11:15 a.m.

No 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: This month's gathering will be held a week early on May 6th and we will be celebrating our annual Communion Breakfast.

May Meditation

Let us come together as a Fraternity family to honor Mary in a special way during the month of May. Not only did Jesus give us his mother to be our mother also at the foot of the cross, he asks us to follow her example in bearing Christ into the world. Our joy is that Mary did this as a human, a lay person, through the ordinary daily life that we all live.

May is a perfect time to attend May Processions, come together to recite the Rosary, take time to attend Holy Hour in Mary's honor. But it is also a special time to look for Jesus in our friends, family and strangers. Just quietly send up an extra Hail Mary for someone we meet each day.

Let us sow seeds of Franciscan peace and blessings by honoring our earthly mothers and our Heavenly Mother each day this month with special devotion to Mary.

Pax et bonum,
Adele

Our May Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, **May 6th, 2012 (please note change from the regular date)** and will be celebrating our annual Communion Breakfast.

We will meet at 11:15 a.m. in Conway Hall and before attending 11:30 Mass. There will be no formation activities.

The Communion Breakfast will take place after Mass around 12:30. We will Crown our Blessed Mother but there will be no rosary. Our speaker will be Fr. Quan Tran.

"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

May Profession Anniversaries

Christine Truitt 1954

Jim McDonnell 1961

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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.

May Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

- 9 St Catherine of Bologna
- 11 St Ignatius of Laconi
- 16 St Margaret of Cortona
- 17 St Paschal Baylon
- 18 St Felix of Cantalice
- 20 St Bernadine of Siena
- 24 Dedication of Basilica of St Francis
- 28 St Mariana of Jesus de Paredes
- 30 Bl Baptista Varano
- 30 St Ferdinand, King

Francis Inn Needs:

- Coffee
- Sugar
- Cereal

- Toilet Paper
- Metal Soup Spoons
- PRAYERS

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/>

The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to His every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

~Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, Article 9

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