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Next Meeting:
Sunday, August 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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Meditation!

Dear Fraternity brothers and sisters, we are celebrating St. Clare this year, a perfect time to reflect on her Franciscan lectio, the Gaze of Divine Lovers:

Clare counseled her sisters to waste time by gazing on and into the mirror of perfection; Jesus on the cross.

Look into His life, His words and actions and come to realize how much Jesus is truly your lover and you are His beloved.

Learn to gladly waste time in solitude with Him, a place without words, without prayers, saying nothing because here the act of time is the very essence of prayer. Let go of your own agenda, your spiritual agenda and just sit in the stillness and allow God to embrace

Imitate Christ to become what we love. We are little words spoken by God, invited to join the dance of the Trinity, the dance of life. Becoming Jesus is how we take up our cross and follow Him; the foundation of our Franciscan life

Pax et bonum.
Adele

Our August Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, August 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.

Pastoral Visit

Our Pastoral visit this year will be September 8. All members are asked to attend.

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Change of Address

New phone number for Agnes Iacono is 484-947-7182. Please make the change on your members list that was sent to you in January.

If any member has a change of address or phone number please let Marie Gilligan know so that she can update the phone and address list.

Elections

Please pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance in our upcoming elections on January 13, 2013.

St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Cereal
- Sugar
- Disposable Razors
- Deodorant
- Prayers

Aug. Profession Anniversaries

Mary Ellen Gontaryk

August Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 2 Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula
- 4 St John Baptist Mary Vianney
- 7 Bls Agathangelus and Cassian
- 8 Holy Father Dominic
- 11 St Clare of Assisi
- 14 St Maximilian Kolbe
- 17 St Roch
- 19 St Louis of Toulouse
- 21 St Pius X
- 25 St Louis IX

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/>

Our Council

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