



The Herald of St. Francis

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Next Meeting:
Sunday, Sept. 9th
@ 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

From the writings of St. Louis Guanella, S.C.:

Our Divine Savior said: "Be perfect as my heavenly Father is perfect."

Francis, the little poor man of Christ, imitated these examples of his Divine Master. He wanted the perfection for himself, and he achieved it to the eighth degree of blessedness, which includes suffering and being despised for God.

He longed for Christian perfection for others and he obtained it for many during his pilgrimages throughout Italy, France, and Spain. In the abundance of his love, he wrote to people all over the world as follows:

"To all Christians, Priest, Religious, Laity, men and women who live on earth. How fortunate and blessed are those who love God, and act as Jesus Christ says in his Gospel:

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and your neighbor as yourself'

Let us love God, then, and adore him with a pure heart, with an innocent mind,

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because God himself asked for it above all when he said: 'True worshipers will worship God the Father in spirit and truth.' Those who worship him, therefore, must do it in spirit and truth. Greetings in the Lord"

Our September Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, September 9th, 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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In Loving Memory

Our dear sister Elizabeth Fanelli, OFS went to be with the Our Lord on August 7, 2012.

Pastoral Visit

September 9, 2012 will be our Pastoral visit. All members are expected to attend if they are able.

Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for missions and flip tops off aluminum cans will be given to Marie Gilligan for now. If anyone would like to deliver monthly to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent in Morton please let council know. Thank you.

Annual Day of Recollection

Our annual Day of Recollection is on Saturday October 6th at Don Guanella House of Formation. Father Paul will be our Celebrant and Retreat Master. We will gather at 9 am. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Refrigeration is available. Please bring your rituals book and Liturgy of the Hours.

Elections

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

St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Coffee
- Sugar
- Sweet Cereal
- Drink Mix

- #5, 6 Pampers Only
- Pull-Ups
- Baby Wipes
- Small Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Disposable Razors
- 3/30Gal Trash Bags
- Prayers

Sept. Profession Anniversaries

Patricia Dougherty

September Franciscan Saints and Blessed

- 1 Bl Beatrice of Silva
- 2 Bls John Francis Burte, Severin Girault & Companions
- 4 St Rose of Viterbo
- 17 Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis
- 18 St Joseph of Cupertino
- 20 St Francis Mary of Camporosso
- 23 Finding The Body of St Clare
- 26 St Elzear of Sabran & Bl Delphine

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/>