



The Herald of St. Francis

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Next Meeting:
Sunday, Jan. 13th
@ 12:30 p.m.
10:30 a.m. for
Inquirers and
Candidates
Formation

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region
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Our January Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, January 13th, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Conway Hall. **IMPORTANT: Please note that we begin with our new schedule at this month and we will now gather at 12:30.** A detailed outline of the new schedule is to the right. The ongoing formation session that was previously optional is now a regular part of our gathering and everyone is expected to attend.

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Pat Simon at 610-352-5390

"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

In Loving Memory

Our dear sister Mary Ellen Gontaryk OFS went to be with Our Lord on December 21, 2012. A Mass and Franciscan Wake service was held at St. Alice Church in Upper Darby on December 29, 2012.

Beginning in January, we will be changing the schedule of our meetings as follows:

10:30 to 12:30	Initial formation for inquirers and candidates
12:30 to 1:30	Mandatory ongoing formation (includes those in initial formation)
1:30 to 2:00	Social time (light snacks)
2:00 to 3:00	Communal prayer & announcements
3:00 to 3:15	Break & move to church for benediction
3:15 to 3:45	Benediction
3:45 to 4:45	Council meeting

Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for missions and flip tops off aluminum cans

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Fair Share

There will be an extra small envelope in your January and February newsletter for our Fair Share Contribution to allow you to pay in two installments. The Fair Share will remain the same at \$30. The Fair Share is not ment to be a hardship on anyone. If your financial circumstances makes it hard to pay please let a council member know.

St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Sugared Cereal
- Coffee
- #13 Gal. Trash Bags
- Metal Soup Spoons
- Toilet Paper
- Sm. Size Toiletries
- #5 & 6 Pampers
- Prayers

Formation Quotations

I, N.N.,
by the grace of God, renew my baptismal
promises
and consecrate myself to the service of
his kingdom.

Therefore, in my secular state
I promise to live all the days of my life
the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the
Secular Franciscan Order
by observing its rule of life.

~ *Rites for Entering the Secular Franciscan
Order*

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They, by promising to live the gospel
life, make themselves entirely available
to God and place their own bodies (per-
sons) on the altar of Christ's sacrifice as a
holy victim pleasing to God.

~ *Profession in the SFO: Gift and
Commitment*, Fr. Felice Cangelosi OFM
Cap

**Please note: There will be some
changes made to our ongoing forma-
tion program beginning in January.**

First, as you may have noticed from the
new schedule on the previous page, our
gatherings now begin at 12:30. Ongoing
formation will now be considered an in-
tegral part of the meeting rather than an
optional preface to the meeting.

Second, we are going to shift gears a bit
and begin the new year by reviewing, over
a few months, selected readings from a
really powerful presentation called *Profes-
sion in the SFO: Gift and Commitment* by
Fr. Felice Cangelosi OFM Cap.

Copies of this presentation will be avail-
able at our January gathering and is also be
available on our website's Ongoing Forma-
tion page (follow link on the menu on top
of each page of the site).