



# The Herald of St. Francis

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Next Meeting:  
Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
@ 12:30 p.m.

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region  
Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saxer Ave. & Rolling Rd., Springfield Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064  
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## Our April Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Conway Hall

**IMPORTANT: Please remember that we now gather at 12:30. And please try to get there a little early so we can begin on time.**

Meg Curner has completed the period of Orientation and we will be also be holding a Ceremony of Welcoming for her during our April gathering.

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

## Don't Forget

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

## 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

## April Profession Anniversaries

Dorothy Leaf, 1950

Patricia Simon, 2012

Frances Urso, 2012

Francis Urso, 2012

## Communion Breakfast

Don't forget, May will be our annual communion breakfast and it will be the first Sunday of the month instead of the usual second. We will, of course, attend Mass before a potluck breakfast. Details to follow in the newsletter and at the April Meeting.

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## St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Laundry Soap
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Travel-Size Toiletries
- Disposable Razors
- 13 gal. & 30 gal.
- Trash Bags

## Regional Chapter of Election Results

- Minister: Mattie Ward, OFS
- Vice-Minister: Kate Kleienrt, OFS
- Formation Director: Rose Viragh, OFS
- Secretary: Madge Peroni, OFS
- Treasurer: Stephnaie Wiecer, OFS
- First Councillor: Kathy Aagosto, OFS
- Second Councillor: Daivd Misilewich, OFS

## Formation Information

Our April ongoing formation session will focus on Parts 13 and 14 of the Cangelosi paper (*Profession in the SFO: Gift and Commitment*), "The promise to live the gospel life" and "After the manner of St. Francis." You should already have the Cangelosi paper and if you were at the March meeting you should have gotten a copy of the handout with all the information you need to prepare. If you don't have the handout or the paper but have web access, you can download them from this page on the fraternity's website: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.org/ongoing-formation>. If you don't have internet, contact Lee and he'll try to get it to you before the meeting.

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Excerpt from *Profession and the Secular Franciscan: Theological and Liturgical Foundations* by Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM

(<http://www.sfo-online.com/funone/12-16/chap16/16-PROFESSION.pdf>)

**There is no doubt that from the earliest times the Church has regarded the Order of Penitents to be a serious thing. The promise to live the Gospel life was taken so seriously that one could not leave the**

**Order unless to go to something higher – of "greater intensity." Profession contains an obligation contracted before God. This is both personal and communal – something to which the fraternity, the congregation, at the Profession rite witnesses. As we have seen previously, Profession also contains a commitment to observe a form of life or Rule. By means of Profession there is also the definitive incorporation into the Order. All this not only suggests but confirms the fact that "...Profession in the Secular Franciscan Order has the dignity of a solemn and religious commitment entered into with God and the Church, and it cannot be considered inferior to that of 'religious'..." (Cangelosi).**

**So you begin to see that Profession is not a reward given to someone who has successfully completed their initial formation. It is not just a nice little ceremony. Profession has TEETH. Formators need to be attentive to the obligations that Profession demands and make sure that those in formation receive the where-with-all to make a good and informed decision to be Professed Secular Franciscans for life.**