



The Herald of St. Francis

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Next Meeting:
Sunday, August 11th
@ 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 August Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, August 11th, 2013 in Conway Hall. We will participate in ongoing formation, recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and, after our regular meeting and prayers, we will proceed to St. Francis Church for Benediction.

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

August Profession Anniversaries

Mary Ellen Gontaryk 2005

Don't Forget

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

August Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

- 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

St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Powdered Milk
- Sugar
- Deodorant
- #5 & #6 Disposable Diapers
- 13 Gal. & 30 Gal.
- Trash Bags
- Prayers

2013 Day of Recollection

Hold the date -- October 12th. This year's Day of Recollection will be held at Divine Providence Village in Springfield.

Council Change

As you may know, our regional council visited our fraternity's July meeting to discuss it's future viability and to clarify our plans for moving forward.

Please pray for our brother Frank Urso who was asked by the regional council to serve our fraternity as minister and who graciously accepted this challenge.

Please also join your council in expressing our gratitude to Marie Gilligan for all of the time and energy she put into her time as our minister and for all of the roles she will continue to fill moving forward.

Formation Information

All right folks. In August, I hope to finally be able to begin focusing on the first two pages and the first paragraph of page three of the paper *Finding Identity as a Secular Franciscan* by Edward M. Zablocki, OFS. We will discuss the rest of the paper in September. If you were at the meeting way back in May, you should have gotten a copy of this paper as well as 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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Some other quotes of interest:

The fruits of holy obedience are so abundant that those who are charged with its need

never lose their time; even the moment may become extremely fruitful to them.

~ St. Francis

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A servant who does not promptly execute a command in the spirit of obedience does not fear God nor respect men.

~ St. Francis

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Obedience proceeding from faith is the test of true hope, the sign of charity, the mother of humility, and of the peace of God.

~ St. Francis

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The truly obedient soul looks not to the greater or less difficulty of the order, but to the authority of him who commands and the merit of obedience.

~ St. Francis