



# The Herald of St. Francis

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**Next Meeting:**  
Sunday, Sept. 8<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 September Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, September 8th at 12:30 pm 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

## September Profession Anniversaries

Stella Viola, 2010

## Don't Forget

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

## St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Sugared Cereal
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Paper Towels
- #5 & #6 Pampers
- Baby Wipes
- Disposable Razors
- Travelers' Size: Bath Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Lotion, and Toothpaste
- 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. Directions and a program will be provided at our next gathering. You will need to bring a brown bag lunch and Fran and Suzanne are planning other refreshments.



## On the Web

Don't forget that the fraternity newsletter is available at our web site as soon as it is finished (usually about a week before our next meeting). Materials and reading lists for upcoming ongoing formation sessions are also available. The web address is: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.com/>

## Formation Information

In September, we will continue where we left off in *Finding Identity as a Secular Franciscan* by Edward M. Zablocki, OFS (at the top of page 3+. Our discussion will focus on exploring the secular aspects of our Secular Franciscan spirituality. You should have gotten a copy of this paper as well as the handout with all the information you need to prepare at our last meeting. 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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*The secular world is the place where lay people exercise their leadership most naturally. It's the environment of their everyday lives and their primary mission field. Bishops can counsel and teach, but their role in practical political affairs like the fight for religious liberty can only be indirect and secondary.*

*If lay people don't love their Catholic faith enough to struggle for it in the public square, nothing the bishops do will finally matter.*

~Archbishop Chaput,