



The Herald of St. Francis

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Our March Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, April 8TH at 12:30 PM in Conway Hall. We will participate in ongoing formation, have some social time with our fraternal family, and then recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Please do your best to arrive on time (or even a little early) so we can begin our gathering promptly at 12:30.

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.”

~ The Lay Franciscan Monthly Pledge

Annual Fair Share

This year's Fairshare contribution of \$30 was due in March. If you haven't been able to attend our monthly gatherings, you can mail your contribution to our treasurer Mary Meade. her address is 602 Marplewoods Dr., Springfield PA 19064. The Fair Share is not meant to be a hardship on

anyone. If your financial circumstances makes it difficult to contribute please let a council member know.

Clothing Drive

Consistent with our mission to spread love to all, we have committed our Fraternity to a clothing drive for the homeless. Please bring any old, discarded or unused clothing which you have or may secure. The clothing sorted, bagged, and taken to the Kensington homeless area for distribution.

Prayer Petitions

Please contact Fran Urso at francesurs@aol.com or 610-202-8965 if you would like to include a petition in the newsletter. A new list will be generated each month.

- Terry - cure of cancer for friends and relatives
- Carolyn and Steve - peace in home
- Leah -repose of her soul and family healing
- Marie - family healing and peaceful state of mind
- Ashley - safe delivery of baby in May
- Sue - stomach issues and overall health

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- Theresa and Bill - healing from surgery and possible cancer and for spiritual strength
- JC - health issues
- Brandon - seeking new job
- Will -anger management
- Lauren - reconnect with family
- Joe - just diagnosed with cancer
- Lisa - depression/healing
- JW - sobriety and spiritual growth
- CW - spiritual growth and return to sacraments
- F - heal from flu
- Marilyn - spiritual growth and guidance
- Jeffrey - healing from cancer
- Betty S. - health
- Charles - physical healing
- Mary P.– healing

St. Francis Inn Needs

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Paper Towels
- Men's (particularly boxers) & Women's Underwear
- Men's Shoes
- Diapers (especially 3T-4T & 4T-5T)
- Prayers

Formation Information

During our April ongoing formation session, we will continue looking at the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order with a discussion of Article 16. Please ponder the following passages, we well as the rule itself, in preparation for our gathering.

The Secular Franciscan Order is truly secular, for it has a specialized style of evangelization: to transform the world from

within with the life and teachings of Jesus, and to do so by means of change of heart, worship, simple things, community, service, justice, peace, ecology, and Christian attitudes toward work. For Secular Franciscans the workaday world is the arena of salvation and the altar for the consecration of creation.

~ Benet A. Fonck, OFM, *Called to Proclaim Christ*

For Francis, work is a gift and to work is a grace. Daily work is not only the means of livelihood, but the opportunity to serve God and neighbor as well as a way to develop one's own personality. In the conviction that work is a right and a duty and that every form of occupation deserves respect, the brothers and sisters should commit themselves to collaborate so that all persons may have the possibility to work and so that working conditions may always be more humane.

Art. 21, ¶ 2: Leisure and recreation have their own value and are necessary for personal development. Secular Franciscans should maintain a balance between work and rest and should strive to create meaningful forms of using leisure time.

~ General Constitution of the Secular Franciscan Order, Article 21

