



The Herald of St. Francis

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Our Next Gathering

PLEASE NOTE:

We will be meeting a week earlier than usual due to Mother's Day.

We are now meeting at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Milmont Park.

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, **May 5TH** at 12:30 PM.

If you plan to attend 11:30 Mass at Our Lady of Peace before our gathering, let's try to meet in front of the church and attend as a group.

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.

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

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.

- Vinnie G. - recovery from coma after heart procedure.
- Carol - return to good health
- Joan - happiness in new home
- Mary Elaine - cancer
- J. Bichel - healing of lung cancer
- Kathy - financial problems
- Mary - healing of right knee
- For everyone who asked for prayers
- Jen - breast cancer stage 4 for second time
- E. Robinson -swallowing problems on feeding tube
- Anthony - still person's syndrome
- Steve - recovery from brain surgery
- Capuchin Postulants and their transition to Novice
- Steve M. - better health
- End to abortion/Euthanasia/Human Trafficking
- R. Johnston - COPD - Kidney Stones and UTI

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- Judy - COPD - cataract surgery
- Anthony - heart
- Cloud Cram - 10 yr. child suicidal tendencies
- Theresa - auto immune problem - guide the doctor's to successfully diagnose and treat her
- Antoinette - cancer
- CB - mental health and strength
- Phyllis M. - healing from chemo - bladder cancer

St. Francis Inn Needs

- Men's & Women's Underwear (especially men's boxer shorts) — All Sizes
- Men's Shoes — All Sizes
- Baby Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Oatmeal (not instant or "one minute")
- Spray Air Freshener or Deodorizer
- Cleaning Supplies: Spray cleaners
- Paper Towels
- Dish Towels
- Prayers

Formation Information

Our May ongoing formation session is going to focus on what it means to be part of the Franciscan family. It will involve a group formation activity that will lead into a discussion period. We hope that everyone will engage fully and participate fully.

Food for Thought

"..., (Francis) founded a true Order, that of the Tertiaries, not restricted by religious vows, as the two preceding (Orders), but similarly conformed to simplicity of customs and to a spirit of penitence. So, he was the first to conceive and happily carry out, with the help of God, what no founder of regulars (religious Orders) had previously contrived,

to have the religious life practiced by all."

~ Benedict XV, Encyclical "Sacra Propediem" January 6, 1921

"...you are also an 'Order,' as the Pope said (Pius XII): A Lay Order, but a Real Order;" and after all, Benedict XV had already spoken of "Ordo veri nominis". This ancient term – we can say medieval – "Order" means nothing more than your intimate belonging to the large Franciscan family. The word "Order" means the participation in the discipline and actual austerity of that spirituality, while remaining in the autonomy typical of your lay and secular condition, which, moreover, often entails sacrifices which are not lesser than those experienced in the religious and priestly life."

~ John Paul II, June 14, 1988, General Chapter, SFO

Profession produces «incorporation into the Secular Franciscan Order»; it therefore implies incorporation into a family – the Franciscan family - which is life-giving, with all the consequences that derive from belonging to the same spiritual family.

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

To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. The communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.

~ The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, Article 24