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Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session I – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 9:30am Candidate Session II – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 10:30am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:15am Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Francis Room – downstairs in the Friary. Refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room

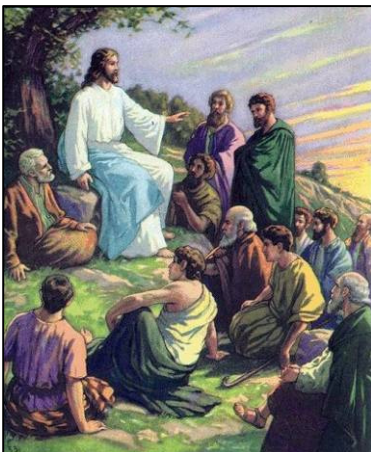
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Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- **Rite of Admission for new Candidates** – We welcome into our family those who have completed Inquiry and feel called to pursue further their path towards profession in the Order. Please welcome and greet with joy our new Candidates: **Axelle Konan-Goly** and **Hugues Goly**.
- **Fraternity Elections** have been postponed until March. Our Regional Councilor, Laura Hansen-Rainey, will visit us and speak about service. Welcome, Laura!
- Review of Fraternity Guidelines
- Yearly drawing of Franciscan Saints to be our Patron
- Closing Evening prayer.

◆ Theme: **SERVICE** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month



Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.”
(Mark 9:35)

Prayer of the Month

Father of Mercy, forgive my failings, keep me in Your Grace, and lead me in the way of salvation. Give me strength in serving You as a follower of Christ. May the Eucharist bring me Your Forgiveness and give me freedom to serve You all my life. May it help me to remain faithful and give me the grace I need in Your service. May it teach me the way to eternal life. Amen.¹

¹ Anonymous. Source: Catholic Online, URL <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=716>. Accessed January 4, 2013.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

9. On love²

The Lord says: "Love your enemies; [do good to those who hate you, and pray on behalf of those who are persecuting and calumniating you]" (Mt 5:44). For he truly loves his enemy, who does not grieve because of the injury, which he did to him, but, concerning the sin against his own soul, burns for the sake of the love of God. And he shows love for him by (his) deeds.



² St. Francis of Assisi, *The Words of Admonition*, translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M, courtesy of Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, accessed April 19, 2010, URL <http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/Admonitions.html>



The Rule

Chapter One, Article 6 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

They have been made living members of the Church by being buried and raised with Christ in baptism; they have been united more intimately with the Church by profession. Therefore, they should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by their life and words.

Called like Saint Francis to rebuild the Church and inspired by his example, let them devote themselves energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity.

The Information Corner

The Archdiocese of Washington and EWTN present

Living Catholic:

Foundations for the New Evangelization



Living Catholic is a short foundational Year of Faith course designed to reach Catholics looking to

learn or re-learn the beautiful truths of the Catholic faith which we are all called to share as part of the new evangelization. This course is a response to the Holy Father's call for the Year of Faith.

Based on the Four Pillars of the Catechism, Living Catholic combines themes of prayer, parish life and evangelization to provide a quick walk through the catechism. This course can be used parish wide, individually or in a small group setting. During these four weeks, participants will share faith with others in the program and engage in simple evangelization opportunities.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Helen Walls** offers daily Masses and prayers for the Fraternity. She sends her love and wishes peace and joy to all in the New Year.
- **Maria Louisa Correa** sends greetings to all, especially Fr. Kevin and Vicky. She asks for continued prayers for herself (vision problem) and for her sister, Maria Franco, and remembers the Fraternity in her prayers.
- Recently we received a handwritten letter from the family in India whom the Fraternity supports through the Franciscan Family Apostolate program. Here is an extract from the letter. Please keep them in your prayers.



We received your timely assistance and we thank you for your financial support to our family. My children scored good marks in the school's first semester. We were concerned about your safety during Hurricane Sandy. We hope you had a happy Christmas and will have a prosperous New Year.

Affectionately, Mary Sebastian

Special Request from Franciscan Family Apostolate



Alan Ouimet, OFS, Director of Franciscan Family Apostolate, writes that many needy families still await assistance. Visit the website <http://www.openhearts.org/> to select your family and donation plan.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$285 in donations and disbursed \$459.81 in expenses.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's brother, Ron (recently deceased); Rita Braddock; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi and her friend Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nirvana Jolls son, Hatem; Nancy McCleary and her family; Margareta Ramsey; Joe Rende and his family; Gene Sides and his wife, Annagret; Vicky Spalding's mother, Delores Lynch; Julia Stratchko and her family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother; and Theresa Wilson.



February Birthdays



February 1 – Ronald McMahon and Cecelia Thieman, 4 – Alan Blevins and Mary Gamez; 8 – Polly Howard, James (Jay)

Lynagh III, and Donna Wilkes; 21 – Joseph Rende; 25 – Jacqueline Wilson; 26 – Joan Adundo and Nita Mullins; and 27 – Patricia Lovelace.

Thank You, Adele!

Adele Spellerberg, whose passing was noted in the November *Chimes*, left the Fraternity \$1000 in her will. Thank you and bless you, Adele!

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

February 4 – Saint Joseph of Leonissa, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 6 – Saints Peter Baptist, Paul Miki, and companions, martyrs of I and III Order (memorial); 7 – Saint Colette, virgin of II Order (feast) for Collettines (memorial for II and III Order nuns); and 19 – Saint Conrad of Piacenza, hermit of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

Pray For Our Deceased

Patricia Ferguson, who died on December 6, 2012. Her funeral Mass was on December 15 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Delmar, MD. Pat was professed in 1988 and was an active member until the last few years when she became ill and needed constant care.

Mary Thuman, former Regional Minister for St. Margaret of Cortona Region, who died on December 10, 2012.

Alex Sisson, a Knight of Mount St. Sepulchre, who died on December 30, 2012. He served at the Monastery for 9 years, and after a long illness has gone home to the Lord.

May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members and their families, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

Right To Life March

The Right for Life Rally will be on January 25 this year. It will be held on the National Mall between 7th & 9th Streets. The rally will begin at noon and continue until about 1:30pm, followed immediately by the March.

January Reflection

By Vicky Spalding, OFS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that this is the start of 2013. Every year is a blessing, when it brings us closer to the Lord.

As many of you know, we hold elections every three years to elect a new Fraternity Council. It is that time again! Due to the lack of candidates for office, however, the elections, which were scheduled to take place this month, have been postponed until March. Our Regional Councilor, Laura Hansen-Rainey, will be visiting us this month to speak to us about servant leadership. Please try to attend the meeting, so you can meet and welcome Laura.

A couple months ago, Chris gave a talk on the importance of service. For the theme this month, the Lord gave me the word, **SERVICE**, again. As Francis told his friars when he was dying, "Let us begin now, my brothers, for up until now, we have done nothing."

Let us strive, therefore, brothers and sisters, to look deep inside ourselves and ask the Lord in which way we can best serve our Franciscan fraternity and neighbor. "Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will!"

See you on the 20th! Vicky

