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## Schedule – NOTE CHANGE!

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:00am Rehearsal for profession
- 10:00am** Mass and Profession ceremony – main church
- 11:15pm Profession reception Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Francis Room. Refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Reception honoring newly professed members: **J. Patrick Enderson, Kady Catherine Konan, and Oyoya Hoba**

- Opening prayer
- Distribution of Profession Certificates
- Minister and Formation Director's address to newly professed
- Rite of Admission for new Candidates: **Shonne Farrell, Ouida Morrison, Mary Okumu, George Ramsey, and Mildred Wray**
- Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries of their profession, distribution of certificates
- Closing prayer.



## ◆ Theme: CALL TO HOLINESS ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matt 9:35:38)



### Prayer of the Month

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, filled with desire, we respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of Your gifts. As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to do likewise. It is our fervent prayer that You who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Extracted from article provided by Catholic.org, URL <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=496>

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### ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

#### 8. On avoiding the sin of envy<sup>2</sup>

The Apostle said: "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except in the Holy Spirit" (*1 Cor 12:3*); and "There is no one who does good, not even one" (*Rm 3:12*). Whoever therefore envies his own brother because of the good, which the Lord says and works in him, tends towards the sin of blasphemy, because he envies the Most High Himself (cf. *Mt 20:15*), who says and works every good.

### December Meeting Cancelled

Fraternity members voted not to have a Christmas party or fraternity meeting in December. Formation classes will still be held; see the December *Chimes* for times.

<sup>2</sup> *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2013, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



### The Rule

Chapter One, Article 16 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community.

### Congratulations to Those Celebrating Their Anniversaries

Please extend heartfelt congratulations to our members who this year celebrate a special anniversary of their profession to the Secular Franciscan Order:

**50 years:** Joseph Rende

**45 years:** Roy Foster, Jr.

**30 years:** Dorothy Clayton, Clotilda Crawley

**25 years:** Lawrence Bleau

**20 years:** Rosemary Bordley, Robert Mendoza, Vera Mendoza, Carol Petro, Eugene Sides

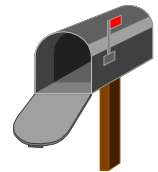
**15 years:** Josephine Awich, Virginia Lyons

**10 years:** Joan Adundo, Charlotte Markoe

**5 years:** Gerda Lynn Biglin, Jean-Paul Gauthier, Helene Hogan, Patricia Lovelace, Brenda Nutt, Lee Ann Petta

### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Dorothy Clayton** has a new phone number: 410-867-4712.
- **Apollina Sergi** is now in the care of her daughter, Mary Grace Karch, address: 9732 Zimbrow Ave., Manassas, VA 20110, phone 703-330-7738.



### Fraternity Finances

**\$** Last month we received \$386 in donations and disbursed \$325.76 in expenses.

## Praying for the Coming of God

### **A Retreat Day**

Two conferences will be given by **Fr. Gerry Chylko, C.Ss.R.**, on **December 7, 9am-5pm**, at the Franciscan Monastery. Fr. Gerry is a Redemptorist priest and current president of Holy Redeemer College. Cost is \$35 for the day. Bring your own lunch; snacks and drinks will be provided.

The retreat is sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Washington (phone 202-526-4262, email [franciscansistersdc@yahoo.com](mailto:franciscansistersdc@yahoo.com)). Send registration to: Advent Retreat, c/o Sr. Lisa Marie Drover, OSF, 1334 Perry St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Registration deadline is **December 2**.

### KMSS Raffle Thanks

Larry Bleau thanks everyone who participated in the raffle ticket fundraiser to support the Knights of Mount St. Sepulchre. Congratulations to the winners Sonja of Glen Burnie, Ken of Bethesda, and Wayne of Greenbelt.

### Please Pray For Our Sick

Dorothy Clayton; Saturnino Camposano (upcoming knee surgery); Maria Louisa Corra and her family; Lourdes Corso; Sarah Faizi, her family, and her friend Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Marianne Hughes and her family; Jay Lynagh; Nancy McCleary; Ron McElligot; Fritz Nicolas and his family; George Ramsey and his mother, Margareta Ramsey (recent stroke); Apollonia Sergi; Gene Sides and his family; Vicky Spalding and her father-in-law, Samuel; Julia Stratchko and her husband, Eugene; Cecilia Thieman, her son, Michael, and her grandson, Andrew; Theresa Wilson; Dineen Whipple; and Mildred Wray.



## December Birthdays

December 1 – Jean White, 16 – Clotilda Crawley, 19 – Marianne Hughes, 20 – Patrick Nolan, Mark Pirritano and Soledad Wong, 24 – Patricia Ferguson, 29 – Charles Flachbarth, and 31 – Leonora Okomo.

### Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

December 2 – Bl. Maria Angela Astorch, virgin, II Order; Bl. Rafal Chylinski, priest, I Order; 8 – Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron & Queen of the Franciscan Order; 10 – Bl. Peter Tecelano, III Order; 13 – Finding the Body of St. Francis; 15 – Bl. Mary Frances Schervier, virgin, III Order.

### Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: December 11th Larry Dunham (B) 26 – Stephen Francis Sabbagh.

### Pray For Our Deceased Friar Callistus



**Welch, O.F.M.**, who died on October 14, 2013, the feast of St. Callistus, at the age of 81. His funeral Mass was on October 17 at the Monastery. Fra. Callistus was professed in 1961 and held many roles in his life as a friar, including the positions of Guardian of the Monastery and Treasurer for [Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land](#).

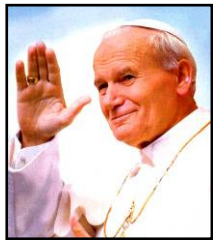
Also pray for **Gerry Bello**, who passed unexpectedly on October 25. Gerry is brother of Deacon Tom Bello, our National Minister, former Regional Minister, and current Regional Spiritual Assistant.

May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our extended Franciscan family, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

## **November Reflection**

*By Corky Hart, OFS*

The Saints of God are worth celebrating. In our time, we are blessed to have saints who lived among us and were seen daily – usually on the news, but seen nonetheless – like Saint Theresa of Calcutta, and the soon-to-be-canonized Blessed John Paul the Great and John XXIII. We have



great reason to rejoice in the recognition that those lives were lived heroically for Christ, and in the midst of our celebration it is good to remember that these giants in the Faith were ordinary people like us who made a series of choices for Christ. They were faithful in the little things, and the Lord entrusted them with greater.

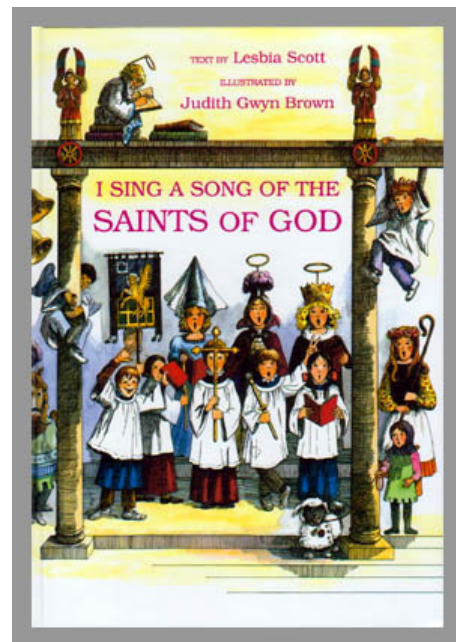
Our brothers and sister who this month make the promises of the Evangelical Counsels and join themselves to the Franciscan family are a beautiful living witness of that grace among us. They are ordinary people, just like the rest of us, who choose to follow Christ, and have embraced this vocation desiring nothing more than to know, love and serve God, and to love their neighbors as themselves. St. Francis taught us how to live the call to holiness in the grace of simplicity, with childlike reliance upon God's providence in all things – especially in living out the vocation to sainthood. I am reminded of a poem, later a song, written in the 1800s by a mother who wished to teach her children about sanctity:

I sing a song of the saints of God,  
 patient and brave and true,  
 who toiled and fought and lived and died  
 for the Lord they loved and knew.  
 And one was a doctor, and one was a  
 queen,  
 and one was a shepherdess on the  
 green;  
 they were all of them saints of God, and  
 I mean,  
 God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
 and his love made them strong;  
 and they followed the right for Jesus'  
 sake  
 the whole of their good lives long.  
 And one was a soldier, and one was a  
 priest,  
 and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
 and there's not any reason, no, not the  
 least,  
 why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;  
 there are hundreds of thousands still.  
 The world is bright with the joyous  
 saints  
 who love to do Jesus' will.  
 You can meet them in school, or in  
 lanes or at sea,  
 in church, or in trains or in shops or at  
 tea,  
 for the saints of God are just folk like  
 me,  
 and I mean to be one too.<sup>3</sup>

Let's uphold our newly professed in their call to holiness, and remind ourselves that because the saints of God are "just folk" like us, we can, by God's grace, be saints too.



<sup>3</sup> *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* by Lesbia Scott (1898 - 1986)