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## **Schedule – NOTE CHANGE!**

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

### ***DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!***

Reminder: If you are unable to attend the fraternity meetings for more than one month, please notify one of the Council members. The criteria for Active-excused and Lapsed member status is explained in the Fraternity guidelines. Thank you.

## **Fraternity Meeting Agenda**

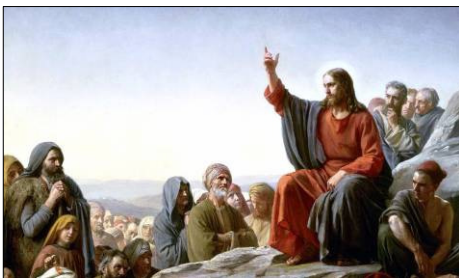


- Reception honoring newly professed members: **Ouida Morrison, Mary Okumu, George Ramsey, and Mildred Wray**
- Opening prayer
- Distribution of Profession Certificates
- Minister and Formation Director's address to newly professed
- Rite of Admission for new Candidate: **Susan Zell**
- Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries of their profession, distribution of certificates
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the "Shorter Christian" Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

## ◆ Theme: THE YEAR OF MERCY ◆

### **Bible Quote of the Month**

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy. (Mt 5:7)



### **Prayer of the Month**

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. – *The Divine Mercy Chaplet of St. Faustina*



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### ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

#### **4. Let no one appropriate to himself superior over others<sup>1</sup>**

I did not come “to be ministered unto, but to minister” (cf. Mt 20:28), says the Lord. Let those, who are set up over others, glory as much because of that office of superior, as if they had been appointed to the office of washing the feet of the brothers. And in as much as they are more disturbed because of having lost their office of superior than because of (having lost) the office regarding feet, so much more do they assemble purses for themselves to the danger of their souls (cf. John 12:6).

<sup>1</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 Two, Article 14 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself, let them exercise their responsibilities competently in Christian spirit of service.

### 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:

**55 years:** Joan T. Kane

**35 years:** George P. Bond

**30 years:** Philip L. Melore, Leonora Okomo

**20 years:** Margaret Simoneau, Marilyn Taylor, Kathleen White, Sandra White, Theresa Wilson

**15 years:** Victoria Spalding, Helen Walls

**10 years:** Bernard Adundo, Delphine Ben, Emerita (Emy) Cabigas, John H. Hewitt, M.D., Catherine Horvath, James (Jay) Lynagh, III, Fred Scharf

**5 years:** Saturnino Camposano, Vilma Camposano, Amy Coulibaly, Carrol S. Williams

### The Information Corner



Check out the Vatican's website, [vatican.va](http://vatican.va), for the Holy Father's encouragements, Wednesday Audiences, daily exhortations at the Angelus,

and ideas for living out the Year of Mercy.

**Papal Intentions for the Month**

Universal Intention – **Dialogue.** That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization Intention – **Pastors.** That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.<sup>2</sup>

**From the Mailbox: News of our Family**

- **Cecilia Thieman** writes:  
“Thank you for your continuous prayers for me and my family. With all your prayers I recovered from my pneumonia. Michael, my son with a family and four children, found that his Non-Hodskins Lymphoma (NHL) is now in remission. Please continue your prayers for us all.”
- **Dcn. Ryan Pineda** sent us a lovely letter of thanks and news, which will be published with photos in the December *Chimes*.



**December Birthdays**

December 16 – Clotilda Crawley, 19 – Marianne Hughes, 20 – Patrick Nolan, Mark Pirritano and Soledad Wong, and 31 – Leonora Okomo



**Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers the following friar, whose birthday is this coming month: December 11<sup>th</sup> Larry Dunham.

<sup>2</sup> Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed November 2, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

**Please Pray For Our Sick**

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau’s father, Raymond Bleau, and nephew, Vic Pagan (recently deceased); Ernest Braddock; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister, Maria Franco; Mary Ann Corr’s niece, Patricia Corr; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi and her mom; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Marianne Hughes and her family; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okumu’s family; Joe Rende; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Mildred Wray; and Theresa Wilson.



**Pray For Our Deceased Eugene Sides,**

who died on October 29, 2015. His funeral Mass was on November 5 at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Grovetown, GA. Gene was professed in 1993 and was an active member until he retired to SC with his wife, Annagret, who preceded him to her reward earlier this year. 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.



**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 (optional memorial for III Order).

**Fraternity Finances**

**\$** Last month we received \$258 in donations and disbursed \$445.78 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

## **November Reflection**

*By Corky Hart, OFS*

One of the first actions our Holy Father Pope Francis took after his election was to declare a Year of Mercy, which will begin with the start of Advent this year. This remarkable declaration says much about the Pope's heart for the lost, and manifests his prophetic role as Vicar of Christ, for it is Christ's own unfathomable love for humanity which speaks in this beautiful declaration.

What does Mercy mean, though, in the context of a world that has lost all sense of sin? How do we live out and offer heavenly Mercy to those who don't believe they are in need of it? The world believes that to be merciful means to turn a blind eye to sin, to change or temporize the law of God to accommodate the fashion of the age. God's mercy is infinitely greater than that, and infinitely more costly: it is seen at the Cross of Calvary where God's perfect Justice and His infinite Mercy kiss (Ps 85:11).

Each of us is in constant, desperate need of the Divine Mercy, and we are called to be agents of mercy here on earth. As we begin the new Liturgical Year, let's acknowledge our own need for God's mercy and seek it daily. As we respond to grace, we respond with love to those around us, finding ourselves able to walk in Charity, interceding even more for those who do not know Christ. And as we live in the mercy of God, those who see us may see and, we pray, long for the great hope in which we live.

