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Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
9:30am Candidate Session (2017) – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
9:30am Candidate Session (2016) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
11:00am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
12:00pm Mass in Monastery church
1:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.
1:30pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Elections
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

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.

◆ Theme: FORWARD WITH GOD'S HELP ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Bless the LORD, my soul;
all my being, bless his
holy name! Bless the
LORD, my soul; and
do not forget all his
gifts, Who pardons all
your sins, and heals all
your ills, Who
redeems your life from
the pit, and crowns you
with mercy and
compassion, Who fills your
days with good things,
so your youth is
renewed like the eagle's. (*Psalm 103:1-5*)



Prayer of the Month

Memorare: Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother! To you we come before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer us! - *St. Bernard of Clairveaux*



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

8. On avoiding the sin of envy¹

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.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friar, whose birthday is this coming month: April 4 – David Wathen.

¹ *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 18 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which bear the imprint of the Most High, and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

Papal Intentions for the Month

Universal Intention – **Families in Difficulty.**

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization Intention – **Families in**

Difficulty. That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.²

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Pat Alnutt** writes: “I would like to write more but my time is limited with home dialysis 5 times a week, 3 ½ hours each time. The Lord has given me great joy and now more energy. My life and the length of it is in his preccious [sic] hands, though I have asked Him to let me live through my sweet poodle’s life. Thank you so much for your continued prayers. I know they have helped considerably.”



Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$631 in donations and disbursed \$252.73 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

² Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed February 7, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

News From Our Seminarian

Ryan Pineda wrote us a letter last month, published below. Please mark your calendar for his Ordination date, which is **June 25**.



Pax et bonum! As I write this letter, I can't help but be emotional. Right now, in the seminary, the deacons in the house are asked to write our self-evaluation and our reflections on our

seminary formation. The diocese has also sent me a form that I have to fill out including questions about ordination, first Mass, etc. Then, a few days ago, our class, the Fourth Theologians, just had our class picture taken.

My seminary formation is indeed getting to a close. Last day of class officially ends on April 29 and graduation is on May 14. Of course, what follows a few weeks after this is the ordination to the priesthood. God willing, I will be ordained into priesthood on June 25, 2016 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Six years of seminary formation seem quick! But before looking at the ordination, I have to make sure that I am up to date with the present reality. Before I graduate, I still have to finish my classes this semester. Although I only need to take three classes to graduate, I opted to take two more electives: a course in Mariology and a course in Spanish. Taking five classes is not very easy but I am happy with my course schedule. The other three classes I am taking are Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing, the Gospel of John, and Ministry of Liturgical Presiding where we practice how to celebrate Mass.

Meanwhile my parish assignment is still at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill where I continue to assist as deacon on weekends and where I strive to develop my preaching and leadership skills. If I can recall my greatest blessing since I came back from Christmas break, it is probably the first wedding liturgy that I presided at the church. It was a wedding outside Mass but I really believe that God worked through me when I welcomed the

people, when I proclaimed the Gospel and preached, when I witnessed the consent of the couple and when I prayed the Nuptial Blessing.

Please continue to pray for me as I continue to pray for the members of your community. Please remember as well my gratitude for your prayers and for the check that you sent me last month.

Thank you again and may God bless each one of you.

Sincerely, Deacon Ryan Pineda

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau; Ernest Braddock; Dorothy Clayton; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Mary Anne Corr (wrist fracture) and her niece, Patricia Corr; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; 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; Theresa Wilson and Mildred Wray

April Birthdays

April 5 – Dorothy Clayton, 6 – William Richardson, 9 – Virginia Lyons, and 28 – Saturnino Camposano.



Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

April 3 – Saint Benedict the Black, religious of I Order (memorial); 16 – Saint Bernadette Soubirous, cord-bearer of Saint Francis; 17 – Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, cord-bearer of Saint Francis; 21 – Saint Conrad of Parzham, religious of I Order (memorial); 23 – Blessed Giles of Assisi, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 24 – Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr of I Order. (feast); and 28 – Blessed Luchesius, layman of III Order (optional memorial of III Order).

May Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS



This will be my last posting as Minister of this fraternity, and I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to all of you, and especially to my brothers & sisters who have served on Council during my term: Fr. Kevin Treston, who served so tirelessly as Spiritual assistant with good humor and great wisdom; Brenda and Helene, whose work as Treasurer and Secretary respectively has been brilliant (and they are such fun!); to dear Bill, who managed to juggle the Vice Minister post along with refreshments, set up and clean up and all manner of jobs, and kept his sense of humor; to Larry whose dedication and gifts of organization have served formation so well; and of course our beloved Vicky, whose experience, wisdom, and prayerfulness has been a constant source of strength.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, abounding in mercy... For He knows how we are formed and remembers that we are dust. (Ps 103:8; 14) Where we fail, He is able; where we lack, He is abundant. I am inexpressibly grateful for His kindness to me (and to you!) as I have served this fraternity in spite of my shortcomings. You, my dear brothers and sisters, have reflected His nature: you have been kind, supportive, and most important, have prayed for me during the three years I have had the privilege of serving you.

We will soon be in the capable hands of our new council, for whom I have been praying even though only the Lord knows who they will be. So I conclude with one more scripture for them and for all of us, one that has been a "life verse" for me and I'm sure for many. *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your path. (Prov 3:5-6)*

Election Statements

Gerda Beglin

I have asked to be considered for open position on the slate for Council officers. I believe that is Treasurer but also as a second name for VM. Qualifications are a willing, teachable spirit. I am a daily Mass communicant and involved in the following ministries: Eucharistic Minister to the hospital and Nursing Center, member of the Evangelism team and Baptismal prep team, Ladies of Charity, moderate the Patriotic Rosary weekly at my parish, and Altar guild member.

I professed in 2009. I am retired from careers in Nursing, the airline industry, and most recently a kitchen and catering store. I feel by being a member of the Secular Fraternity Council, my knowledge and walk with the Lord will be enriched and deepened. This would provide an opportunity for growth in servanthood as well.

Pax et Bonum. Gerda

No other statements were submitted.

