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Schedule

- 8-10am Breakfast Ministry – Cap College
9:15am Council meeting – Sacred Heart Room
10:00am Orientation Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
10:30am Candidate Session (2020) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
11:15am Franciscan Crown in St. Bonaventure Room
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
3:00pm Council meeting (continued)

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- News of members, Housekeeping
- New seminarian
- Annual financial report
- Distribute books
- Discussion of Rule – Article 11
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the book “Shorter Christian Prayer”, please bring it with you.

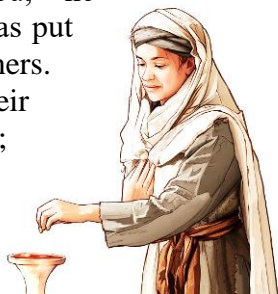
DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

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: **POVERTY** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”
(Lk 21:1-4)



Prayer of the Month

Heavenly Father, I surrender to You all my financial affairs, my possessions, my concerns, anxieties and fears about money. Aided by Your grace, may I instead have faith in You and Your providence, who are Most High, supreme good, all good. Grant me, Your servant, the wisdom and prudence to be a faithful steward of the gifts You have entrusted to me, so I may use them in accordance with Thy will. Not my will, O Lord, but Yours be done.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

20. On the good and the vain religious ¹

Blessed (is) he religious, who has not cheer and gladness except in the Lord's most holy discourses and works, and with these leads men forth to the love of God with joy and gladness (cf. Ps. 50:10). Woe to him religious, who delights himself in idle and frivolous words and with these leads men to laugh.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers friar Manuel Ybarra, whose feast day was on January 3.

¹ *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2017, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 11 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Trusting in the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children.

Thus, in the spirit of the Beatitudes, and as pilgrims and strangers on their way to the home of the Father, they should strive to purify their hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“Let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them.” “Worship means bending low before the Most High and to discover in His

presence that life's greatness does not consist in having, but in loving.”²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – **Promotion of World Peace.**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world. ³

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$757 in donations and disbursed \$1039.21 in expenses, of which \$925 were donations to our apostolates and to charities for Christmas. The annual financial report will be available at the meeting.

² Jan 2 and 10, 2020. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Dec 27, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Jan 8th – Feastday of Bl. Eurosia Fabris⁴



Eurosia Fabris was born on Sep 27, 1866, in Italy, of farmer parents. She only attended two years of elementary school, as she had to help with farm work and household chores. With the help of the Holy Scriptures and religious books Eurosia learned how to read and write.

After her first Holy Communion at age 12, she joined the Association of the Daughters of Mary, and through diligent observation of their practices increased her love for Mary. She taught catechism and sewing to the girls who came to her home. While several young men proposed to her, she did not feel called to accept.

In 1885, a tragic event forever changed Eurosia's life. A young married woman near her home died, leaving three very young daughters, one of whom died shortly thereafter. Eurosia's heart went out to these orphans, and she cared for them as if they were her own. For six months, she looked after the two little girls and took care of their home. Later, after praying over this sudden turn of events in her life, she decided to marry. On May 5, 1886, she married Carlo Barban, accepting the sacrifices that married life entailed as God's will, who she now felt was calling her through these two babies to embrace a new mission.

In addition to the two adopted children, Eurosia and Carlo had nine other children and their home was always open to additional children as well. Eurosia offered affection and care to all, sacrificing her own needs to provide a solid Christian formation to all these children. She was known to everyone as "Mamma Rosa". Three of her sons were ordained as priests.

⁴ Extracted from Catholic.net, accessed 1/10/20, URL <http://catholic.net/index.php?option=op/articles/1649/cat/1205/eurosia-fabris.html>

Eurosia lived an intense life of prayer, and was especially devoted to the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mamma Rosa's family home was an ideal Christian community where her children learned to pray, obey, respect God's will and practice Christian virtues. She became a member of the **Franciscan Third Order**, attended all meetings and strived to live the true Franciscan spirit of poverty and joy in her home.

Eurosia showed heroic strength during the final illness of her husband, who died in 1930. She herself died just two years later, on Jan 8, 1932, and was buried in the Church of Marola. She was beatified on Nov 6, 2005.

Book Discussion: "Surrounded by Love"

Starting in February we will be discussing a chapter each month of the book "**Surrounded by Love**". Council has purchased 30 copies so everyone can have one. Please include an additional \$12 in Jan or Feb donation to cover the cost. If you cannot afford the additional amount, contact a Council member and we will make sure you get one nonetheless. The books will be distributed at this month's meeting.

A Stitch in Chimes

Here's a look at our fraternity 20 years ago:

In January of 2000 the fraternity welcomed Juana Montgomery-Kleiman into the fraternity with a Rite of Admission, considered



ways to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2000, discussed Article 14 of our Rule, Fr. Kevin wrote a reflection on the blessings we receive at Christmas, and we mourned the passing of fraternity member Mildred Williams.

Burial Shroud



If you plan to be buried in the OFS Burial Shroud, be sure to order it from Franciscan Resources ahead of time to avoid expensive overnight shipping costs (<http://franciscanresources.com/>, Store Page).

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Nancy McCleary**, who is unable to join us for meetings, sends a hello.
- **Frank Klem**, who transferred out of our fraternity in 2017, says hello to all fraternity members.
- **Franciscan Mission Service** sent a thank you letter for our donation. You are very welcome!



We also just received the first handwritten letter from the new family in India we support through the Franciscan Family Apostolate. Below is their letter. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our dear loving friends,



With much joy and relief we received your kind assistance. It is a heavenly blessing for us. You may be wondering about who I am--your new beneficiary Xavier. I am writing this letter to

express our sincere thanks for accepting our poor family as your own and sending us this help. We cannot express through words how much we value it. We are really struggling for our survival. Thousands of thanks for your help.

We are in the advent season longing to celebrate the birth of our savior and we take this opportunity to thank all our loving friends and families. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.



My self and my wife are taking medicine for asthma problems. Our younger daughter is taking medicine for mental problems. Our only son is staying separately and

leading a happy married life. Our elder daughter is a religious nun. Between she comes and visits us. It is in our desperate situation your help came and you could imagine our joy and relief in it. Once again thanking you and assuring our continuous prayers for your family. Keep us too in your prayers.

With love and prayers, Xavier and family

Fair Share – What Is It?

Article 25 of the Rule asks us to “*contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils.*” The St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Fraternity’s suggested Fair Share donation is \$40 per active member (\$20 for active-excused). Please include a Fair Share contribution in this month’s envelope, and write “Fair Share” on the envelope or check.

► Please note that this special donation does not go towards the support of our fraternity; your regular, separate monthly donation does this.

February Birthdays

February 1 – Ronald McMahan, Cecelia Thieman; 4 – Alan Blevins, Mary Gamez; 8 – Polly Howard, James Lynagh III, Donna Wilkes; 21 – Joseph Rende; and 26 – Joan Adundo.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Connie Ramseth’s husband, Robert; Vilma Camposano; Rosemary Boardley and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family, especially her mother, Hilda Cano, who passed last year; Sarah Faizi and her friend, Ron Harner; John Hewitt; Polly Howard; Nancy McCleary; Ouida Morrison; Margaret Murphy; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; John and Deneen Whipple; and Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

February 1 – St. Veridiana, virgin, III Order, Bl. Andrew of Segni, religious, I Order; 4 – St. Joseph of Leonessa, priest, I Order; 6 – Sts. Peter Baptist, priest, Paul Miki and companions, martyrs (Martin of the Ascension, Francis Blanco, priests; Philip of Jesus, cleric; Francis of St. Michael, Gonsalvo Garcia, religious; seventeen tertiaries), I and III Order; 7 – St. Colette of Corbie, virgin, II Order; 8 – St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph, religious, I Order; 15 – Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of Padua; 17 – Bl. Luke Belludi, religious, I Order; 19 – St. Conrad of Piacenza, hermit, III Order; 27 – Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio, religious, I Order.