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## Schedule

- 9:00am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 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: **Cornelia Hart, Ling Guiron, Polly Howard, Louis Remlin, Dave**

**Weir, Deborah McNeilly-Williams, and Winston Williams**



- Distribution of Profession Certificates
- Minister and Formation Director's address to newly professed
- Rite of Admission for new Candidates: **J. Patrick Enderson, Oyoya M. Hoba, William Kidwell, and Kady Konan**
- Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries of their profession, distribution of certificates
- Closing prayer and blessing.

## ◆ Theme: DISCIPLESHIP ◆

### 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

### **23. On Humility** <sup>2</sup>

Blessed (is) the servant, who is found to be as humble among his own subjects, as when for example he would be among his own lords. Blessed (is) the servant, who always remains continually under the rod of correction. A faithful and prudent servant is he (cf. Mt 24:45), who in all (circumstances) does not delay to punish his own offenses interiorly by means of contrition and exteriorly by means of confession and works of satisfaction.



<sup>2</sup> 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 Two, Article 19 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.

Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others.

Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

## 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:

**65 years:** Marianne Hughes

**55 years:** Mark Di Salvo

**35 years:** Nancy Gallagher, Anthony P. Mazzucco, John M. Monti

**30 years:** Mary Anne Corr

**20 years:** Ronald McElligott, Dineen Whipple, John Whipple

**10 years:** Raymond D. Apodaca

**5 years:** John Corso, Lourdes Corso, Christopher Cropper, Mary Gamez, Alberto Gamez, Nirvana Jolls, Cecelia Thieman

## 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.

### The Information Corner

At our last fraternity meeting, Chris led us in ways that we can further broaden our discipleship. As Catholic Christians, we should strive to perform both Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy. Below are listed the seven ways to perform each.

Starting in January, we will be moving towards putting into action the ideas that were discussed during our breakout sessions last month. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance as we move forward, closer to our goal of being true Franciscans at heart!

#### **The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy**

The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy illustrate the ways to show charity toward others.

#### **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead



#### **The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant \*
- Counsel the doubtful \*
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

\* These two are extremely pertinent categories today, when so many people are confused by what the Church teaches on contraception, abortion, homosexuality, etc.

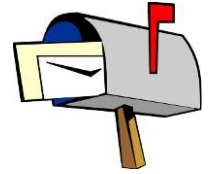
### Profession Welcome Party



If you'd like to bring a food item for the luncheon on November 20 after the profession ceremony, please contact Bill Richardson (301-848-7390, email [richardson4645@yahoo.com](mailto:richardson4645@yahoo.com)).

### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

Recently we received a handwritten letter from the Thresiamma Stephen family, 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.



Dear loving friends,



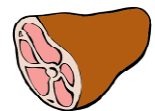
Thank you very much for the help you sent for my family. I will never forget this help and I remember you in our evening prayer. Please also pray for us.

My daughter and I are suffering from allergies and taking medicine regularly. The children are studying well. The help you sent last time was used for children's school supplies, dresses, etc. Once again I thank you.

Yours sincerely, Mary Sebastian

### Food for Fraternity Meeting

Please don't forget to **donate \$1** to help with luncheon expenses. A can will be placed on the food table for your convenience. Thank you!



Below is a list of food items members volunteered to bring to the meeting. Contact **Bill Richardson** ([richardson4645@yahoo.com](mailto:richardson4645@yahoo.com)

or 301-848-7390) if you wish to opt out, confirm, or bring a different item.

Entree: Chicken & Ham	Chris Cropper
Salad	Oyoua Hoba
Salad & home-made bread	Corky Hart
Potato Salad	Joan Adundo
Cole Slaw	Nirvana Jolls
Fruit	Dave Weir, Justina Essiet,
	Leonora Okomo
Rolls	Josephine Awich
Hard-boiled eggs	Salvacion Pagado
Beverages	Bill Richardson

### Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond (operation); Buelah Mary Bridges; Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan and her sister, Grace Bryan (no calls, please); Mary Ann Corr (cataract operation); Maria Louisa Correa (cancer of the



eyes) and her sister, Maria Franco; Lordes Corso; Sarah Faizi and her friend, Ron Harner; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; Roy Foster; Ling Guiron

(operation); Gwen Mason and her husband, Robert; Marianne Hughes and her family; Gene Sides; Adele Spellerberg; Julia Stratchko; Helen Walls (knee problem); Dineen Whipple (lymphoma); and Theresa Wilson.

### December Birthdays



December 1 – Mary DeShazo and 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 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron and Queen of the Franciscan Orders (solemnity); 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron and Queen of the Americas (memorial in the U.S.); and 15 – Blessed Mary Frances Schervier, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

### Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: December 3 – Francisco Xavier Sihuay, and 26 – Stephen Francis Sabbagh.

### November Reflection

#### SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

*By Vicky Spalding, SFO*



November is the month of Thanksgiving, and we have so much to be thankful for! First, let me start out by congratulating our soon to be professed Candidates, seven

altogether... That's right, seven. How blessed we are! They will be making their public profession in the main Church of the Franciscan Monastery on November 20th. Please feel free to send them your congratulations! We are as excited as they are to have them profess and become a permanent part of our Franciscan family. We are also blessed to have four new people enter their Candidate phase.

Our theme for the past two months has been discipleship. Not only are we called to be disciples of St. Francis but also of Our Lord. And discipleship means serving one another to the best of our God given talents. So, what is your talent? Have you thought about that lately; how can you serve? There are so many ways to be active within our Franciscan community. Don't be afraid to pray about it and follow the Holy Spirit's call. After all, He is the Minister General of our Order!

Although life can hold many sufferings, it can also hold many joys. One of my greatest joys is being part of the Franciscan family and having the chance to see you each month and interact with you. During this upcoming Thanksgiving season, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all you have done for me. Your prayers and friendship are beyond compare. I want you to know that I hold each of you in my daily prayers. May God continue to bless you and sustain you through the intercession of St. Francis, St. Clare, and all the saints in glory. See you on the 20th! Vicky

