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Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 10:30am Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel (*leader needed, call Vicky*)
- 11:15am Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Francis Room – downstairs in the Friary. Refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening Prayers
- Drawing of the Saint for the Year
- Short Book Review
- Hand out of scripture verses
- Quick Review of Fraternity Guidelines
- Short Apologetic
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.



◆ Theme: LEARNING TO GROW! ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong, full of wisdom; and the grace of God was in him. (*Luke 2:39-40*)



Prayer of the Month

Do you feel too busy to make time for our Lord? An Act of Spiritual Communion can help! No matter what your day is like, Jesus can help make it better, or at least more bearable, if you ask him for His help and guidance in prayers such as this one, composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

25. That the servants of God should honor clerics¹

Blessed (is) the servant, who puts faith in the clerics who live rightly according to the manner of the Roman Church. And woe to those who despise them; for though they may be sinners, no one however ought to judge them, since God Himself reserves to Himself alone their judgement. For as much as their administration is greater, which they have because of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which they themselves receive and which they themselves alone minister to others, so much greater a sin have they, who sin against them, than against all the other men of this world.

¹ 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 Three, Article 21 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.



On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister (or president) who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions.

Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community.

Within themselves the fraternities are structured in different ways according to the norm of the constitutions, according to the various needs of their members and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council.

The Information Corner

Catholic Catechism²

1398 *The Eucharist and the unity of Christians.*

Before the greatness of this mystery St. Augustine exclaims, “O sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O bond of charity!” The more



painful the experience of the divisions in the Church which break the common participation in the table of the Lord, the more urgent are our prayers to the Lord that the time of complete unity among all who believe in him may return.

1399 The Eastern churches that are not in full communion with the Catholic Church celebrate the Eucharist with great love. “These Churches,

² *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Part One, Section 2, Article 3, VI The Paschal Banquet, Vatican online library, accessed January 9, 2012, URL http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P42.HTM

although separated from us, yet possess true sacraments, above all - by apostolic succession - the priesthood and the Eucharist, whereby they are still joined to us in closest intimacy.” A certain communion in sacris, and so in the Eucharist, “given suitable circumstances and the approval of Church authority, is not merely possible but is encouraged.”

1400 Ecclesial communities derived from the Reformation and separated from the Catholic Church, “have not preserved the proper reality of the Eucharistic mystery in its fullness, especially because of the absence of the sacrament of Holy Orders.” It is for this reason that, for the Catholic Church, Eucharistic intercommunion with these communities is not possible. However these ecclesial communities, “when they commemorate the Lord's death and resurrection in the Holy Supper ... profess that it signifies life in communion with Christ and await his coming in glory.”

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 or 301-848-7390) if you wish to bring an additional item.



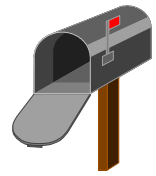
Fried Chicken	Chris Cropper
Rolls	Chris Cropper
Potato Salad	Vicky Spalding
Donuts	(someone needed)
Drinks	Bill Richardson

News From Our Seminarian

Ryan Pineda, our seminarian at Theological College, sent Christmas greetings and New Year wishes with thanks for the Fraternity's spiritual and financial support.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Marianne Hughes** thanks the members for their prayers.
- **Gene Sides** writes from plum Branch, SC, that he prays daily for our members and asks for our continued prayers for his wife, Annegret's, complete remission from cancer.
- **Maria Louisa Correra** sent best wishes for the New Year to the Fraternity and Fr. Kevin. She suffers from glaucoma and thanks us for our prayers which she believes helps her eyesight.
- Recently we received a handwritten letter from the family in India whom the Fraternity supports through the Franciscan Family Apostolate program. Here is an extract from the letter from **Mary Sebastian**. Please keep them in your prayers.



Marry Christmas and the Lord's greatest blessings to you in the New Year for the help you send to my family. We always keep you in our prayers. May our Blessed Mother protect and keep you safe under the mantle of her love.

Please Pray For Our Members

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond; Rita Braddock; Buelah Mary Bridges; Maria Louisa Correa (cancer of the eyes) and her sister, Maria Franco; Lordes Corso; Sarah Faizi's friend, Ron Harner; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Gene Sides and his wife; Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruthie; Julia Stratchko; Helen Walls (knee problem); Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes; Emmy's friend, Josephine; and Theresa Wilson.



February Birthdays

February 1 – Ronald McMahon and Cecelia Thieman; 4 – Alan Blevins and Mary Gamez; 8 – Polly Howard, James (Jay) Lynagh, III, and Donna Wilkes; 21 – Joseph Rende; 25 – Jacqueline Wilson; 26 – Joan Adundo and Nita Mullins; and 27 – Patricia Lovelace.



Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

February 4 – Saint Joseph of Leonissa, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 6 – Saints Peter Baptist, Paul Miki, and companions, martyrs of I and III Order (memorial); 7 – Saint Colette, virgin of II Order (feast) for Collettines (memorial for II and III Order nuns); and 19 – Saint Conrad of Piacenza, hermit of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

Pray For Our Deceased

Bill Cusick, a Knight of Mt. St. Sepulchre, died on December 26 at the age of 97. His funeral Mass was on December 30 at the Franciscan Monastery. Bill served as a knight for over 60 years.



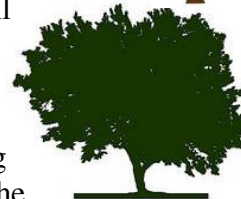
May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members and their families, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

January Reflection

By Vicky Spalding, SFO

Happy New Year and may God’s blessings be upon you! I would like to thank everyone for their beautiful cards, Masses, and well wishes. They truly mean a great deal to me. Let me also say that I wish you all the same in the coming year and throughout your lives.

Our theme this month is “LEARNING TO GROW”. Our life is a constant growth of change, as well as a renewal in Christ and His teachings. The more we practice the Gospel’s call to conversion, the more we are better able to witness to God’s saving power and love. Our goal is to bring compassion and love to the



world, through reparation and penance, as Christ did. Doing the will of the Father is never easy, and it often leads to hardship and persecutions, but God has promised us that our eternal reward will be great. Let us remember during the difficult moments, that this life is passing, but the one to come will be full of peace and joy.

As we begin our journey this year as Franciscan brothers and sisters, let us reflect on the Gospel daily, so that we may be better committed to serving the needs of one another, our fraternity, and our God.

May the peace of Christ and the love of St. Francis and St. Clare be our guiding light this coming year. You are in my prayers!

Pax et bonum, Vicky

