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WE WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16 AT 9:30 AM ON ZOOM ONLY.

- To join by computer, use this link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81548858717?pwd=UW5tVFpJT2lwTm41QVh5TFVFMk9UUT09>
Meeting ID: 815 4885 8717 Passcode: 047343
- To join by phone, call 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 815 4885 8717

Fraternity Meeting Agenda: Saturday April 16, 9:30-10:30 am

- Gather: 9:15-9:30 am
- Opening prayer
- News of members
- Franciscan Crown Rosary
- Discussion of mass readings for Easter
- Closing prayer

Preparing for our April Meeting – Because our typical monthly meeting falls on Easter Sunday, we will meet instead for one hour on Holy Saturday morning instead. Some members suggested that we pray the Franciscan Crown Rosary. After that, we will do the scripture readings for Easter and have a brief discussion.

Starting in May, we will use the book “Encountering Jesus: A Holy Land Experience,” by Vincenzo Peroni (Franciscan Media, 2020). Please be sure to get a copy from our minister or order it directly from Amazon or Franciscan Media. The book is available in print, Kindle, or Audible.

Ongoing Formation Volunteers – Many thanks to members who volunteered to help organize ongoing formation for our upcoming meetings: June- Mary Gigliotti, July- Joe Gigliotti, August-Dineen Whipple, September-Joe Gigliotti, October- Amy Bilyeau, November-Joe Gigliotti, December-John Whipple. Thank you so much!

Regional Retreat and Quinquennial - The St. Margaret of Cortona region will hold our annual regional retreat **May 13-15, 2022** at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Information to register is here: <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/upcoming-events/>. The Quinquennial, the national gathering of Seculars every five years, will take place in Phoenix, AZ **August 3-6, 2022**. Registration is required by July 1: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/General-Information-post-by-Aug.-1-2021.pdf>

Fraternity Finances – February deposits were \$454.00; expenditures were \$45.10. **Fair Share for 2022** is now due: \$40 each for active professed or candidates; \$20 each for excused members. Please remember that our fraternity must pay for all members and that 100% of Fair Share is passed on; none of it is used for our fraternity expenses. **Please pay by May 1 if you can as that is when the fraternity must pay.** Please send a check made out to Mt St Sepulchre Fraternity.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May 2022– *Faith-Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

Please pray for our members – Amy Bilyeau, Mary Ann Corr, Maria Louisa Correa and her family, Sarah Faizi's friend Ron Harner, Jean Fleurival, Joe Rende, Cecilia Thiemann and her family, Helen Walls, Dineen and John Whipple, Donna Wilkes and her family.

Franciscan Feasts and Memorials, May – 3 – Bl. Arthur Bell, Henry Heath, John Woodcock, et al., priests, martyrs of England, I Order; 7 – Bl. Agnellus of Pisa, religious, I Order; 8 – Bl. Jeremiah of Valacchia, religious, I Order.; 9 – St. Catherine of Bologna, virgin, II Order; 10 – St. Ivo of Brittany, III Order; 11 – St. Ignatius of Laconi, religious, I Order; Bl. Antonio of St. Anne Galvoa, I Order, founder; 12 – St. Leopold Mandic, priest, I Order; 16 – St. Margaret of Cortona, III Order; 17 – St. Paschal Baylon, religious, I Order; 18 – St. Felix of Cantalice, religious, I Order; 19 – St. Crispin of Viterbo, religious, I Order; St. Theophilus of Corte, priest, I Order; 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena, priest, I Order; 21 – Bl. Franz Jägerstätter, Martyr, III Order; 24 – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi; 28 – St. Mariana of Jesus de Paredes, virgin, III Order; 30 – St. Ferdinand, king, III Order; St. Camilla Batista of Varano, OSC

Fraternity Birthdays, May – 4-Michele Dunne, 8-Mary Jo Fehr

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Michele Dunne, OFS

“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

The resurrection narratives are so stirring. In the Gospel reading for the Easter vigil (Luke 24:1-12), Mary Magdalene and two other women go to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ crucified body. Instead, they find two dazzling angels, who stun them by asking, “Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here but he has been raised.” The apostles do not believe the women’s story, which “seemed like nonsense,” but Peter at least was curious enough to run to the tomb to investigate. He goes home “amazed at what had happened.”

Meditating on this passage leads me to ask myself why I persist in seeking the living one among the dead. Jesus tells us that he came so that we might have life in abundance (John 10:10), but too often I can get stuck on parts of myself, my history, and my so-called life that are in effect dead, no longer life-giving. As we conclude Lent and move towards Easter, now is the time to ask God to show me what are the old habits of mind, heart, and living that I need to leave behind to follow Jesus and share in his abundant life.

In recent years—especially since becoming a Secular Franciscan—I’ve done much sorting out of the parts of my life that had become deadening: work, preoccupations, associations, and patterns of consumption that held no growth for me (and not much benefit to anyone else either). At the same time, God had begun to show me new ways of living that challenged me, took me out of my comfort zones, and were deeply reinvigorating. This involved for me stepping out with both of the [“two feet of love in action,”](#) defined by Catholic social teaching as charitable works and advocacy for social justice. Charity involves meeting the short term needs of those experiencing poverty, hardships, or injustice, while advocacy involves speaking up about those hardships and injustices and how they need to be addressed. Without direct contact with those affected, social justice efforts can be abstract and even misguided; but without action to address systemic injustices, charity work can become overly detached and even condescending.

How might God be calling you to move beyond deadened areas and seek new life in the resurrected Christ Easter? Might you step forward with both feet of love in action? Are

there new ways you can serve those in need as well as express solidarity with those suffering from injustice and disadvantages? Seek the living one among the living!

