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WE WILL MEET IN PERSON ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 1:00 PM AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY IN OUR USUAL ROOM. WE WILL HAVE REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL AT 1:00 PM, WITH THE MEETING BEGINNING AT 1:30.

For our infirm members, please join by Zoom at 1:30:

- To join by computer, use this link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85015895779?pwd=eHI4WTJxNytJbnpQem5xNHVSQjdnUT09> Meeting ID: 850 1589 5779 Passcode: 777213
- To join by phone, call 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 850 1589 5779

Fraternity Meeting Agenda: Sunday, September 18, 2022, 1:00 pm

- Lunch and social 1:00-1:30 pm
- Opening prayer 1:30 pm
- News and announcements
- Ongoing formation: *Encountering Jesus*, Ch 8. Brief presentation by Dineen Whipple, OFS, followed by discussion and faith sharing.
- Evening Prayer and Closing

Upcoming Events

- Mon Oct 3, Transitus: in person at the Franciscan Monastery 7 pm, and online by Franciscan Action Network at 5:30 pm (with music by our brother John Whipple!)
- Tues Oct 4, Feast of St Francis
- Thurs, Oct 6, Franciscan Action Network Gala, "Peacebuilding in the Spirit of Sts Francis and Clare," St. Francis Hall. Tickets: <https://franciscanaction.org/2022-annual-gala-benefit/>
- Sat, Oct 15: Elections for National Leadership of US Order of Secular Franciscans
- Sun, Oct 16: Fraternal Visitation at our monthly meeting

Preparing for our September Meeting – Please read Ch. 8, "Mount Tabor: Transfiguration," in *Encountering Jesus* and come prepared to share your thoughts as we

continue our virtual pilgrimage together. Also, we will have lunch together for the first time since early 2020! Please bring food or drink to share.

Fraternal Visitation at our October Meeting – Once every three years, the Regional Council visits our fraternity. This will happen at our October 16 meeting, and you will have the opportunity to speak to our visitors about how things are going in the fraternity. Please make every effort to attend in person.

Ongoing Formation Volunteers – Oct- Amy Bilyeau, Nov-Joe Gigliotti, Dec-John Whipple.

Fraternity Finances – August deposits were \$127.00; expenditures were \$0.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Oct 2022: *A Church Open to Everyone:*
We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Please pray for our members – Amy Bilyeau, Maria Louisa Correa and family, Jean Fleurival, Sarah Faizi's friend Ron Harner, Nancy McCleary, Helen Walls, Dineen and John Whipple, Donna Wilkes.

Fraternity Birthdays, October – 12 – Gerda Biglin; 17 – Corky Hart

Franciscan Feasts and Memorials, October – 3 – St. John of Dukla, priest, I Order; 4 – Our Holy Father Francis, deacon, Founder of the Three Orders; 5 – St. Anna Schäffer, OFS (on ciofs website, she died on Oct 5th); 6 – St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, virgin, III Order; 10 – St. Daniel, priest, and companions, martyrs [Angelus, Samuel, Donulus, Leo, Hugolinus and Nicholas], I Order; Bl. Mother Mary Angela Truszkowska, III Order; 11 – Bl. John XIII, pope, III Order; 12 – St. Seraphin of Montegrano, religious, I Order; 13 – Bl. Honorat Kozminski, priest, I Order, founder; 16 – The Servant of the Lord—James of the Rosary; 20 – Bl. James of Strepar, bishop, I Order; Bl. Contardo Ferrini, III Order; 21 – Bl. Josephine Leroux, virgin, martyr, II Order; 22 – St. Peter of Alcantara, priest, I Order; 23 – St. John of Capestrano, priest, I Order; 25 – Saint Antonio de Santa Ana (Frei Galvao); Bl. Maria Jesus Ferragut, virgin, and companions, martyrs of Valencia (Maria Veronica Masiá, Maria Felicity Masiá Ferragut, Isabel Claduch Rovira, Milagros Ortells Gimeno), II Order; 26 – Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza, priest, I Order; 31 – Bl. Angelo of Acri

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Michele Dunne, OFS

This is an exciting time of year to be a Franciscan. In September, we have the Season of Creation, celebrated throughout our church, in which we take time to give special thought to the glorious creation into which our good God has placed us. How are we showing our love and care for our fellow creatures? How are we simplifying our material needs, as our Rule calls for, to have a gentler impact on this beautiful earth? Pope Francis has called on all Catholics to do this, but due to our father St. Francis' amazing kinship with creation, we Franciscans have a special calling in this regard.

Very precious to us as Franciscans are the feasts from mid-September into early October, which commemorate events that crowned the life of St. Francis. There is September 17, the day on 1224 on which Francis received the Stigmata on Mt. La Verna, the first person to do so since Christ himself. Then on October 3 we remember Francis' Transitus from this life to the next in 1226, followed by his feast on October 4. The commemoration of the Transitus, in which we read the narrative of Francis' passing, is one of my favorite occasions of the year; it is an intimate occasion unique to Franciscans. And many parishes have on October 4 a blessing of animals, remembering how Francis loved them.

Last week I was blessed to have a conversation with Br. Greg Cellini of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn NY. He spoke to me about his dream of having October designated as "Franciscan Month," just as many other movements and causes have a special month, and using the month to tell people all about Franciscanism. "We have an amazing charism and we should be telling lots more people about it!" Br. Greg said. Amen to that. Let us all go into this special season with hearts so full of gratitude and enthusiasm for our Franciscan vocation that they overflow in joyful witness to others.

