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**WE WILL HAVE OUR MEETING BY **ZOOM** ON MAY 16 AT 1:30pm, THE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH; SEE SCHEDULE.**

**FOR SOCIAL TIME, THE CONFERENCE WILL OPEN EARLY, AT 1PM.**

**TO JOIN BY COMPUTER: LOG ONTO ZOOM, MEETING ID 938 4832 5889**

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## Schedule

1:00pm Social time by Zoom conference, click <https://zoom.us/j/93848325889>  
1:30pm Fraternity Meeting starts

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Prayer for vocations – see (<http://dcsfo.org/prayers/vocations/>)
- News of members
- Discussion of Elections **Important**
- *Fratelli Tutti* discussion – Chapter 4 *Please remember to read Chapter 4*
- Evening prayer. In “Shorter Christian Prayer”, see p. 197 and p. 468 (for Reading, antiphon and Intercessions)

◆ Theme: **SERVANT LEADERSHIP** ◆

**Bible Quote of the Month** – And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (*Mk 10:42-45*).

**Prayer of the Month** – Almighty, most high and supreme God, Father, holy and just, Lord, King of heaven and earth: We trust in you and we ask for your light so that we may choose those who will properly serve our fraternity through their leadership. Help us to select those who are able to animate and guide us by their example, their virtues and prudent decisions so that the gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis may come alive in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Extracted from: *Ritual for the Secular Franciscan Order, Celebration of the Fraternity’s Chapter of Elections*)

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**Admonitions of Saint Francis – 3. Perfect Obedience**

The Lord says in the Gospel: Whoever does not renounce all that he possesses, cannot be my disciple (Lk 14:33); Whoever wishes to save his soul must lose it (Lk 9:24). That person who offers himself totally to obedience in the hands of his prelate leaves all that he possesses and loses his body. And whatever he does and says which he knows is not contrary to his will is true obedience, provided that what he does is good. And should a subject see that some things might be better and more useful for his soul than what a prelate commands, let him willingly offer such things to God as a sacrifice; and, instead, let him earnestly strive to fulfill the prelate’s wishes.



**The Rule** – Chapter III, Article 24, of the Rule states:

24. To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to

a life of fraternity. This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.

**Pope Quote** – “During the month of May, let us lift our eyes toward the Mother of God, our consolation and sure hope, and let us pray together the Rosary to face the trials of this moment together and to be ever more united as a spiritual family.”

**Papal Intention for the Month** – **The World of Finance** -That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**Fraternity Finances** – Last month we received \$215 in donations and disbursed \$1,113 in expenses (expenses included \$1020 for Fair Share contribution to the Region).

**New Chimes Editor** Give a hearty welcome to **Nancy McCleary**, our new Chimes editor. We appreciate her stepping forward.

**Webstar** - If we’re giving credit to folks, let’s do for **Brends Nutt**, our New Webmaster as well.

**Important– Early Elections** – To reduce the period of time the fraternity might be without a full council, your Council has decided to move the fraternity elections forward to **Saturday, June 26, at 11:00am; plan to arrive at 10:30.** Please reserve this date on your calendar.

Elections must be held in person, so we have reserved our regular meeting room, the St. Bonaventure Room, at the Monastery. By that time restrictions on gatherings should be low enough to allow us to meet. Please make plans to attend the elections. This is one of your obligations as a member of the fraternity and the Order. Even if you have been excused from meeting attendance, if you can attend, please do so anyway.

Our fraternity must have a quorum of one-half plus one of our professed, active members, which as of this writing would be 13. If a quorum is not present, the fraternity would have to be **deactivated** due to a lack of Council.

**Survey Results** – Here are the results of the fraternity survey Council initiated. There were 18 responses, only 11 were from active members. We sent the survey to 89 members, of which 28 are active. So 20% of all members responded, and 39% of active members responded.

- Monthly meeting: 13 wanted it to continue, 5 did not, so monthly meetings will continue.
- Chimes: 10 wanted the full Chimes, 4 want a simpler version, and 4 want email only, but only one fraternity member volunteered to compose it. See article on our new editor.
- Web site: 15 want it to continue, 2 did not. Only one non-Council member volunteered to help maintain the web site.
- Serve on Council: 3 professed members said yes to some Council position for the next elections, and since then one has withdrawn, leaving only two willing to serve.

**Fraternity's Future** – As of this writing, with the surveys returned and counted and some additional conversations, we have only four professed members willing to serve on Council.

If we cannot elect a full Council at the elections, the next step will be to **deactivate** the fraternity. Those members who wish to transfer to another fraternity will have to submit transfer requests, which would be individually processed.

**Thank you, Vilma** – Due to health reasons, Vilma has resigned as Treasurer of the fraternity. Council thanks her for her service to our fraternity, a true servant leader. Please extend to her your gratitude as well and pray that her health improves.

**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:** Mark DiSalvo (d); **60 years:** Mary Jo Fehr; **45 years:** Nancy Gallagher, Anthony Mazzucco, John Monti; **40 years:** Mary Anne Corr; **30 years:** Ron McElligott, John Whipple, Dineen Whipple; **15 years:** Chris Cropper, Alberto Gamez, Mary Gamez, Robert Lantz, Cecilia Thieman; **10 years:** Ling Gurion, Cornelia Hart, Deborah McNeilly-Williams, Lewis Remlin, David Weir; **5 years:** Michele Dunne, Wendy Enderson.

**St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Council Election Results** – Bob Longo (Minister), Mike Huether (Vice Minister), Peter Noyes (Treasurer), Rita Colleran (Formator), Janice Benton (Area Councilor-Metropolitan-DC).

**A Stitch in Chimes** – In May, 2001, the theme was forgiveness; Ernest Smith (d. 2010) gave a presentation on St. Margaret of Cortona; the fraternity discussed a chapter from Fully Mature with the Fullness of Christ, plans were made for a visit to Padre Pio's shrine; Father Kevin wrote a reflection on Mary. Our Minister wrote a reflection on The Holy Rosary.

**Please Pray For Our Members** – Amy Bilyeau; Mary Anne Corr and her family, esp. Her niece Patricia; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Sarah Faizi and her friend, Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Adele Lewis; Virginia Lyons and her family; Nancy McCleary, Ouida Morrison.

**Pray For Our Deceased** - Keep in your prayers, **Mark** DiSalvo, who died April 28. He was professed in 1956, 65 years ago. His viewing and funeral was held on May 7 at St. John the Evangelist. His obituary can be found at <http://www.leefuneralhomes.com/obituaries/MarkDiSalvo/#!/Obituary>. Also please remember **Marcus Dalton**, nephew of **Adele Lewis**, who died defending his family in 2004. 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.

**June Birthdays** June 5 – Sheila Kelly and Anna Zaczynski, 9 – Mary Catherine Kohut and Carol Petro, 12 – Lee Ann Petta, 19 – Helen Walls, and 22 – William Hayes Brown, III.

**Friars Feastdays** – Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: June 3 – Kevin Treston, and 29 – Simon McKay.

**Franciscan Saints and Blesseds** – June 2 – St. Felix of Nicosia, religious, I Order; 8 – Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi, religious, I Order; 12 – Bl. Florida Cevoli, virgin, I Order; Bl. Jolenta, religious, II Order; Bl. Antoninus Bajewski, priest, and companions, martyrs (Pius Bartosik, Innocent Guz, Achille Puchala, Herman Stepien, priests; Timothy Troianowski, Boniface Zukowski, religious), I Order; 13 – St. Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor, I Order; 16 – Bl. Anizet Koplín, priest, and companions, martyrs of Poland (Henry Krzystofik, Florian Stêpniak, Fidelis Chojnacki, Symforiam Ducki), I Order; Bl. Guy (Guido) Vignotelli, priest, I Order; 17 – St. Albert Chmielowski, religious, III Order, founder; 22 – St. Thomas More, martyr, III Order; 23 – St. Joseph Cafasso, priest, III Order; 25 – Bl. Jutta of Thuringia, widow, III Order; 26 – Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin, bishop, I Order; 27 – Margurite Bays, III Order; 30 – Bl. Raymond Lull, martyr, III Order

## May Reflection

*By Larry Bleau, Most Prudent, Most Courageous*

Prudence, called the “charioteer of virtues” because it keeps all the cardinal virtues in moderation, is a present in all the saints. It was certainly known to St. Joseph, who had to have practiced it as a father and provider: When to praise, to admonish, to teach, and to just have fun. He especially exemplified it in how he acted to protect his loved ones from harm by taking them to Egypt, how to shelter and provide for them, and when to return with them Nazareth.

St. Joseph was also courageous in many ways, the escape to Egypt being already being mentioned being the most obvious. Another is by going through with his marriage to Mary, trusting in the Lord. It also takes great courage to take on the responsibility of raising a son God Himself has entrusted to your care. Jesus showed great courage and fortitude in facing His trials and passion, virtues, He saw lived out in the realm of human existence by His earthly father Joseph.

## Election Reflection

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another’s feet.” (Jn 13:14) “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all. (Mk 9:35) “The King of the Gentiles lord it over them and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’ But it not this way with you, but the one who is greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like the servant. (Lk 22:25-26)

Servant leadership is what is called for in each of these: how to serve while leading, and how to lead by serving. Jesus showed us this different kind of leadership, one where the needs, wants, desires, hopes, and welfare of others come before one’s own.

Professed Secular Franciscans know this, having learned it during our period of formation. It is good to remind ourselves of it, however, especially when it is time to elect a new Council, and to decide how to serve one another in our fraternal community.

Responses such as, “I can’t do that, “I’m not ready”, or “I’m not worthy” fall short. Who is truly able, ready, or worthy? Was Peter? The Lord called him to walk on the water, and while he trusted in Jesus, he was able to do so. Jesus sent forth his disciples to heal the sick and proclaim the good news, and they went out, unprepared for their journey, yet found shelter and nourishment where they went, and performed miracles in His name. They rejoiced, for they believed, and the Lord gave them what was needed. You, too will be given the grace to serve, if you only say, “yes.”