



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

The Franciscan Benediction

May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitations of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejections, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done,
To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

The above was shared at our last fraternity meeting. Truly this is a call to action to live our Franciscan lives more fully.

Our donations in December to the St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul collection came to \$410.00 and two gift cards. Thank you for your generosity. Down the road I would like to see us move from our comfort zones and start walking (not just talking) towards loving our neighbors and living the beatitudes through our actions. So, when our council meets in January, upcoming outreach projects will be a big topic to discuss.

And finally, they say nothing is so constant as change. And in this Covid time, that seems to be our mantra. How will we celebrate our Christmas? Will we be together with family? Will we travel? Have we returned to church to celebrate Mass? Are we decorating our houses as we traditionally did in the past? And I am reminded of what the Grinch was quoted as saying, "Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas, perhaps...means a little bit more." So, with that thought in mind...I know our Christmas looks different...both last year and this year. But we are truly aware of ALL the blessings we have been given. Miracles have happened and we are so

very thankful. God has a plan. Mary, Joseph and Jesus lived that plan with trust, hope and faith. So, as we enter 2022, I am reminded of another quote: Let Go and Let God. Let us start anew. And remember: "Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen." Happy New Year, my Brothers and Sisters.
Sue G. OFS

Our Monthly Gathering

Our monthly gathering will be on **Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish in Inverness**. There will be a Communion Service. Please bring a small snack to share with your brothers and sisters.

Profession Anniversaries

1/11/2010	Stephanie Heavey Dcn. Lou Riccio
1/11/2016	Tim Panzica
1/14/2008	Susan Jelen (shut-in) Bonnie Michels

Congratulations! Abundant blessings be Yours!

And So We Pray...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

LET US PRAY...

For guidance and inspiration in choosing Outreach programs for our fraternity to embrace, Lord, hear our prayer.

For immediate blessings on those whose lives will be affected by those as-yet-unknown Outreach programs, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the graces of enthusiasm and perseverance in whatever Outreach programs we embrace, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the joy of being true brothers and sisters to all who need unconditional fraternal love, Lord, hear our prayer.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2022

Monday, Jan. 10	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Communion Service
Sunday, Jan. 23	Council Meeting, Minister's home at 1 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 14	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Liturgy of the Hours
Monday, Mar. 14	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Communion Service
Sunday, Mar. 27	Council Meeting, Minister's home at 1 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness Stations of the Cross
Monday, May 9	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness Crown Rosary
Sunday, May 22	Council Meeting, Minister's home at 1 p.m.
Monday, June 13	Candidates' celebration will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness
Monday, July 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness Day of Recollection
Sunday, July 24	Council Meeting, Minister's home at 1 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 8	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness Lectio Divina
Monday, Sept. 12	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness Liturgy of the Hours
Sunday, Sept. 25	Council Meeting, Minister's home at 1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 10	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness Transitus
Monday, Nov. 14	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness Commemoration of our deceased
Sunday, Nov. 27	Council Meeting, Minister's home at 1 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness Communion Service

BASE COMMUNITIES

We have a lot to learn from people like Quakers and Mennonites. They're well practiced in being a minority. They don't need to have crowds around them to believe in the truth. They gather in little groupings and share the word of God. Thank God this is also happening now, again, in the Catholic Church, in the base communities.

Out of the people who don't consider themselves experts or theologians comes a special gospel wisdom. It surpasses the wisdom that we ever came to by thinking that white, materially secure celibate males were the group who could best interpret the word of God. Whatever gave us the idea that a select group of overeducated people would best understand what God was saying to all people/

The poor and uneducated are reclaiming the word of God. The word of God is being reclaimed by women, by people of color and by people who still understand community and family relationships, by people who look at life from the side of the victims instead of the victors.

The word of God is being reclaimed by those who haven't been beneficiaries of the system. And we're finding that the word of God is being read with a vitality, with a truth, with a freedom that is frightening and makes some of us wonder if we've ever understood it before.

When we see what the gospel demands of our lives, we may not even want to understand it.

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM
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