NORTHWEST FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY Secular Franciscan Fraternity - Palatine, IL



From the Minister

I am currently reading the book, *Shelter Theology, The Religious Lives of People without Homes.* It brought me to a St. Anthony Messenger article from June/July 2022, which speaks via TED TALK, Spotlight on: The Unhoused. This is our obligation to watch and learn more at:

Ted.com/Playlists/564/The Issue_Of_Homelessness, Becky Blanton, The Year I was homeless and Kitra Cahana, A Glimpse of Life on the Road.

These are all Ted Talks, just offering a look into the life of the unhoused...helping us to see, be more aware and maybe understand the needs of this issue that is only getting worse.

The above all brings us to our Franciscan Outreach Project for August, Journeys/The Road Home. You were all sent (or given at our last meeting) a list of Most Needed Items and Food Items needed on a daily basis by Journey's. (See page 3 for a reprint.) These items are distributed every month to more than 600 needy people in our community. We are asking you to bring your personal items/food collection to our next meeting on August 8th. Both Tom S. and Kay C. have offered to deliver these items. An email was sent out asking for members to join Tom and Kay and shelve the items at Journeys when they are delivered. Let's make this a service project. We are also looking for a member to be our liaison between Journey's and our fraternity. Please think about this as Journey's will continue to be a focus from here on.

At our August gathering we will also have Patty B. come at 6:30 p.m. to talk about Hopeful Beginnings and the needs of their baby closet. In the fall we will be doing a semiannual clothing drive with the focus on fall-winter clothing in sizes 2T-5T. Again, be on the lookout now for sales on these clothing sizes as this will be our October Outreach Project.

In August, our Spiritual Assistant Jerry will present a study of the Liturgy of the Hours psalms (per fraternity request). He will begin with one psalm and then pass the baton and let someone else do research and present on another psalm at a following gathering. Everyone will be involved. He will be available to help anyone with this project when it is their turn.

The council has been busy and we are open for any comments or questions. Call us. The council has also decided to meet every month, instead of bimonthly.

Also, please call me if you are unable to attend any of our gatherings. We are expected to gather in fraternity, have formation, have liturgy, socialize and serve. This is the game plan of our founder, St. Francis.

And, so I end: "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love." Thank you, Sue G., OFS

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, August 8, 2022**, in the Library at **Holy Family Parish in Inverness** at **6:30 p.m**. for formation. Patty B. will give a presentation on one of our core Outreach organizations, Hopeful Beginnings.

Our liturgy will be a Psalm Meditation. Social time will begin **afterward**. Please consider bringing a snack to share.

And So We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For small businesses

We pray for small and medium-sized businesses, in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and servicing their communities.

Not only should we pray for these businesses, but also put our money where our praying mouth is. Support the local small businesses who are struggling to survive in these uncertain times. It is a win-win situation. If our local businesses are successful, their employees, who are also members of our community, will be able to live better lives...or perhaps just be able to live.

Live Simply so That Others May Simply Live

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2022

Monday, Aug. 8	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Psalm Meditation</i>		
Sunday, Aug. 28	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.		
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 1:00 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		
Sunday, Oct. 23	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.		
Sunday, Nov. 13	Mother Cabrini Regional celebration		
Monday, Nov. 14	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Commemoration of deceased</i>		
Sunday, Nov. 20	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.		
Monday, Dec. 12	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Communion Service</i>		
Sunday, Dec. 18	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.		

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August 2022

Items Needed by Journeys/The Road Home

Below is the list of items to be brought to our fraternity gathering on August 8, 2022.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS -

Shampoo and conditioner (all sizes) and body wash

Razors and shaving cream Baby wipes Large backpacks

* pop top cans preferred

FOOD ITEMS -

Bottled water	Pasta (dried and canned)	Canned soups*
Rice	Pasta sauce	Canned fruit*
Peanut butter	Cereal - large boxes	Canned vegetables*
Jelly	Canned stew*	Canned beans*
	Canned fish and chicken*	

No bulk items

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:37-40 NIV

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