



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

"Peace is born of fraternity: it grows through the struggle against injustice and inequality; it is built by holding out a hand to others." *A quote from our Pope Francis*

So, I just want to say a big THANK YOU for the helping hands you have been...starting with all who helped to co-host our Mother Cabrini Celebration on November 13th. Then, at our last fraternity gathering, on November 14th, you helped to fill three Thanksgiving Baskets for the Palatine Township. Kay tells me that the township distributed 1,000 baskets...WOW!

On December 5th, some of you will be gathering at Feed My Starving Children to package meals for children in need around the world. And, lastly, our ticket to Kay's (our Christmas party on Monday, December 12th at 1 p.m.) will be for you to bring at least one Blessing Bag for Franciscan Outreach (feel free to bring more as most of these items can be purchased from the dollar store).

Again, I say WOW! You've been the helping hands to others! As a Franciscan Fraternity, we are seeking to serve...good job!

And lastly, a prayer of Thanks from November's St. Anthony Messenger.

THANKS

T is for the trials that turn us toward you.
H is for the help we count on from you.
A is for the acts that show you to us.
N is for the nights you seem far from us.
K is for the kindness in which you clothe us.
S is for the silence in which you answer us.

God Bless You and Your Families...now and always.
Peace and ALL good,
Sue G. OFS

Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto Me.

Matthew 25:40

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, December 12, 2022**, at the home of our **Sister Kay C.** at 1 p.m. for our fraternity Christmas celebration.

And So We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations

We pray that volunteer nonprofit organizations committed to human development, find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Profession Anniversaries

There are no profession anniversaries to be celebrated in December. Instead, we celebrate the greatest anniversary of all, the Birth of our God-Lord-Brother-Friend, Jesus.

Franciscan Outreach

HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS - October

Our next clothing drive will be in April for spring and summer clothing. NOW is the perfect time to buy summer items at 50% to 80% off original prices. While Christmas shopping, a few minutes checking the clearance racks in the toddler's section might yield wonderful finds.

A huge Thank You to our **Sister Cyndy** who has graciously volunteered to make baby blankets for the little ones at Hopeful Beginnings. These blankets will be donated together with the items we collect for the clothing drive. Her nimble fingers will create beautiful gifts for new moms - blankets filled with her prayers and love crocheted into each stitch.

JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

RoseAnn, the coordinator for Journeys/The Road Home, will oversee the next collection of food and items needed by the homeless will be taken up at our February gathering. A list of items needed will be posted in the January newsletter - OR - if you would like to have the list sooner, go to the website and click on the August newsletter. Contact **RoseAnn** for more information.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

The fraternity has been signed up to service at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg on **December 5th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m..** This ministry packs bags of nutritious grain for those living in the poorest and most destitute areas on our planet.

Contact our **Minister Sue** to sign up or for more information.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2022

Monday, Jan. 9	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
Sunday, Jan 29	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 13	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
Sunday, Feb. 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 13	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sunday, Mar. 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 10	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, Crown Rosary
Sunday, Apr. 23	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 8	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, Communion Service
Sunday, May 21	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 12	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
Sunday, June 25	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, July 10	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Possible retreat</i>
Sunday, July 23	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 14	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Lectio Divina</i>
Sunday, Aug. 27	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
Sunday, Sept. 24	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Transitus, Renewal of Profession Vows</i>
Sunday, Oct. 22	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Commemoration of deceased/LOTH</i>
Sunday, Nov. 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Communion Service</i>
Sunday, Dec. 17	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

Council Members

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