



## *Dear Brothers & Sisters*

### **From the Minister**

Hello, my Brothers and Sisters.

As I write this, we are over the halfway mark of January. We, as a fraternity, have a lot going on right now.

Monday, February 13th, at our fraternity meeting, we will be collecting Most Needed Items and Food items for Journeys/The Road Home. Those wanting to deliver and shelve these items, please contact RoseAnn.

On Monday, February 27th, from 2:00 - 3:45 p.m., we will be working at Feed My Starving Children. We will confirm the number going at our February fraternity meeting.

On Monday, March 13th (our normal fraternity gathering date), we will all be attending a retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House at 420 County Line Road, Barrington, Illinois 60010. It will be a Lenten Day of Reflection, given by Fr. Brad Held, SJ. Lunch will be provided. So all that information I had to collect (emergency contact info and dietary restrictions, etc.) has been forwarded to the retreat house as well as your \$65 cost per person. If you are unable to pay, please contact me.

I also have calls and emails in to the Region requesting a Visitation Date. Our last Visitation was March 2020...so we are due.

Looking ahead, I ordered for all of us, *Journey through Lent with St. Clare*, to give us all an opportunity to be guided by St. Clare of Assisi during this Lenten season.

And so I take a deep breath...to share with you all a prayer I found recently on a funeral mass booklet...something simple...and VERY FRANCISCAN.

**READ THE FIRST LINE CAREFULLY.**

*If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.*

*Happy moments, praise God.*

*Difficult moments, seek God.*

*Quiet moments, worship God.*

*Painful moments, trust God.*

*Every moment, thank God.*

*Amen.*

Sue G. OFS

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***Live Simply so that Others Can Simply Live.***

## Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, February 13, 2023**, in the Senior Center at **Holy Family Parish in Inverness** at **1:00 p.m.** for formation. Our Liturgy will be the Liturgy of the Hours; please bring your LOTH books. Social time will begin **afterward**. Please consider bringing a snack to share.

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## We Pray ...

### PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

#### For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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## Franciscan Outreach

### JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

**RoseAnn**, the coordinator for **Journeys/The Road Home**, will oversee the collection of food and items needed by the homeless at our **February 13, 2023**, gathering. A list of items needed is posted below. Fraternity members are needed to help **RoseAnn** deliver the items and stock the shelves at Journeys. Contact **RoseAnn** for more information.

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS - JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

#### Shampoo and conditioner (all sizes) and body wash

Razors and shaving cream	Body wash - MOST NEEDED
Baby wipes	Shampoo & conditioner - MOST NEEDED
Large backpacks	Pullups - ALL SIZES

### 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*	

\* pop top cans preferred

No bulk items

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

This ministry packs bags of nutritious grain for those living in the poorest and most destitute areas on our planet. **Monday, February 27th, from 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.**, will be our next time of service. Sign-up for this service will be taken at the February 13th fraternity gathering. Contact our **Minister Sue** for more information.

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## HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS - APRIL

Our next clothing drive will be in April for **spring** and **summer** clothing for the children of clients at Hopeful Beginnings. Sizes from newborn to Toddler 5 are accepted. The most needed sizes are 3T, 4T, 5T, especially little boy's jeans and pants. They do have a way of wearing out the knees in all their exuberant play. These are the children of parents who chose to be prolife, often with great odds, and not have an abortion. They need our help. This is a classic case wherein we can "put our money where our mouth is".

*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*  
*Matthew 25:40 NIV*

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## Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2023

<b>Monday, Feb. 13</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 26</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Mar. 13</b>	A Lenten Day of Reflection from <b>9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b> at <b>Bellarmino Retreat Center</b> , 420 County Line Road, Barrington. Lunch provided.
<b>Sunday, Mar. 26</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Apr. 10</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, Crown Rosary
<b>Sunday, Apr. 23</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, May 8</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, Communion Service
<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, June 12</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
<b>Sunday, June 25</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, July 10</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Possible retreat</i>
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Aug. 14</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Lectio Divina</i>
<b>Sunday, Aug. 27</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Sept. 11</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 24</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Oct. 2</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Transitus, Renewal of Profession Vows</i>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 22</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Nov. 13</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Commemoration of deceased/LOTH</i>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 26</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Dec. 11</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at <b>1 p.m.</b> in the <b>Senior Center</b> at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Communion Service</i>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 17</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

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# Calendar of Regional Gatherings 2023

**Sat. Mar 11, 2023**                      **Spring Formation Day/St. Bonaventure establishment (Cluster Three)** St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 5545 N. Paulina St., Chicago, IL 60640

**Sat/Sun May 6 and 7, 2023**        **Chapter of Ministers (REC)**

**Sat. Aug. 5, 2023**                      **Portiuncula Gathering (Cluster Four)**

**Sat. Sept. 30, 2023**                    **Fall Formation Day (Cluster One)**

**Sun. Nov. 12, 2023**                    **Mother Cabrini Celebration (Cluster Five)**

All events are at Mayslake Village, except where noted.

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## Profession Anniversaries

There are no specific anniversaries of profession in the month of February. As brothers and sisters in fraternity, let us help each other in living the life we professed on that memorable day years ago.

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## AnybodySomebodyEverybody

There was an important job to be done and  
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.  
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.  
Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.  
Everybody thought Anybody could do it,  
but Nobody realized that Everybody couldn't do it.  
It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody  
when Nobody did what Anybody could have.  
Charles Osgood

*Who are You when it comes to serving your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ?*

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