



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Thank you again, all of you, for the wonderful anniversary party that we had last month for our four newly professed ladies.

Going forward, we are looking to focus on our ongoing formation and expanding on Franciscan Outreach projects.

In July, our Stephanie will kick off with a presentation on Journeys/The Road Home and how we can work together with the organization, beginning with a food pantry drive at our August gathering. We will need volunteers to deliver. We will also be filling out individual outreach survey sheets to see what gifts and talents we all have and how we can use these in our Franciscan service to others.

At our August gathering, we will have Patty Branham come and talk to us about Hopeful Beginnings, an organization that helps women through pregnancy and birth and until the child is three years old. In the fall, we will do a semiannual clothing drive for their baby closet. The sizes needed are 2T to 5T. Be on the lookout now for sales on these toddler size clothes so that we can do this in October.

This is all exciting. We want to get going...and "DO". Let's try to emulate the reflection I found in the article *Thomas of Celano, The First Life of St. Francis* in the June/July issue of The St. Anthony Messenger. He was the helper, stretching forth a hand of mercy to those who had nothing, and showing compassion to the afflicted.

*Let us all be aware that health issues and depression are with so many of us.
Please stay in contact with others...call or visit them. Send cards or letters.
Let others know that they are not forgotten.*

You, my Franciscan Family make me a better person. Thank you and peace,
Sue G, OFS

AN ADDENDUM TO THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Before Covid (at St. Joseph's), we were able to move about during our gatherings. We started in the library for formation, moved to the chapel for liturgy and, lastly, went to the ice cream parlor for social time. Currently, we remain in one room for the duration of our gathering. So, I am putting out a request...an agenda...that, as we all gather and bring in our coffee, beverages and treats to share, we do not access them until the social time at the end of our gathering. We, as Franciscans are VERY social to begin with. And we want to pay attention to our ongoing formation and liturgy portions of our meetings and give them our undivided attention. So, going forward, let's pretend that all our food and beverages are in the ice cream parlor and we wait until after our business portion to enjoy our social time. Thank You.

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, July 11, 2022**, in the Library at **Holy Family Parish in Inverness** at **6:30 p.m.** for formation. We will pray the **Liturgy of the Hours**. Please bring your Liturgy books. Social time will begin **after** we pray the Liturgy. Please consider bringing a snack to share.

Profession Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Sister Jackie** who was professed on July 11, 1999.

God's Abundant Blessings be Yours, Jackie!

And So We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

In this month when the Papal Intentions are dedicated to the elderly, let us draw strength in the knowledge that throughout the world people will be praying for us, since most of us in fraternity fall into that category, at least according to how society views our chronological ages. Let us be elderly only in age, and not in our views and our efforts to help those who are younger than we are. Let our example teach those who are younger, that age is not to be feared, but to be embraced; that the elderly are not useless, but useful with the experience that years bring; that the elderly are the strong roots from which they and future generations have and will grow.

Let us also pray that people will remember that all life is sacred, from womb to tomb. That the right of *every* person, without exception, to have total control over what they do to or with their body *stops* when the rights of another person are involved. If we all embraced this understanding, our society would be free not only of abortion, but also of every violence that is perpetrated by one person doing harm to another. We would live in the peace that our Father Francis embraced.

The Golden Rule throughout the World

Christianity: Do to others as you would have them do to you. *Luke 6:31*

Islam: No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother what he desires for himself.
Sunnah

Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow man. This is the entire law; all the rest is commentary.
Talmud, Shabbat 31d

The Golden Rule, continued:

Confucianism: Do not do to others what you would not like yourself. *Analects 12:2*

Buddhism: Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. *Udana/Varga 5,1*

Common Fund

Please remember the Common Fund donation each month. This is the only source of income for the fraternity. Thank You.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2022

Monday, July 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
Sunday, July 24	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 8	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Lectio Divina</i>
Monday, Sept. 12	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
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. <i>Transitus</i>
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. 27	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>Day of Recollection</i>

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