



## *Dear Brothers & Sisters*

Secular Franciscan Order  
Palatine, Illinois

We gather at 7:30 p.m on the  
**second Monday** of each  
month at:

**St. Joseph's Home**  
80 W. Northwest Hwy.  
Palatine, IL

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intentions, and (for non-council  
members) last names are removed  
from this web version.

The weather was in sync with the topic “Purgatory—Gift of God’s Mercy” for our Day of Recollection. The day dawned gloomy and rainy but ended filled with God’s sunlight.

Friar Jim led us to a new under-standing of Purgatory, what it is and why it is necessary in God’s plan for our unending joy in heaven.

Many thanks to our Spiritual Assistant, Brother Patrick, for bringing Fr. Jim to us. Our gratitude to Sister Sue and Brother Tim, for leading us and our guests in song during Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim and Benediction presided by our Brother Deacon Lou.

All of us are grateful to our dear Sister Sue, who coordinated all the hospitality with her unflappable grace and thoughtfulness, even as she mourned the loss of her mom. ☩

### **Our Monthly Gathering...**

We will be gathering on **Monday, October 3, 2016**, to celebrate the Transitus of our Father Francis into Eternity. There will not be formation on that evening. All brothers and sisters will gather in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. for the service which will be followed by social time in the ice cream parlor. An invitation has been extended to the Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents of St. Joseph’s for join us for this celebration. Everyone is asked to bring a small contribution for our social time. This gathering takes the place of our regular monthly gathering and all are expected to attend. Notify the minister if it is impossible to attend. ☩

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### ***Anniversaries This Month***

11: Sue and Cyndy, Professed in 2010.  
12: Marc, Professed in 2003.  
n/a: Kathleen (shut in), Professed in 1986.

God's blessings on your years of Franciscan living!

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### **Franciscan Outreach Project**

We will meet at the minister's home on **Sunday, November 20, 2016**, at 1 p.m. to work on our Christmas Bags for the homeless who are served by Franciscan Outreach. ALL fraternity members are invited to gather for hospitality and fun socializing while we do a Franciscan version of an assembly line. There will be a sign-up sheet at social time after the Transitus.

The Christmas stocking will also be with the sign-up sheet for donations toward the items needed for this project. Please be as generous as your heart desires, but your wallet allows. Thank you. ☒

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### **On Silence during Prayer**

The noise that prevents us from hearing the voice is God is not, is truly not, the clamor of people, the racket of cities, still less the stirring of the wind or the whispering of water. The noise that completely smothers the voice of God is the inner uproar of outraged self-esteem, of awakening suspicion, of unsleeping ambition. *Dom Helder Camara*

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## **Remember in Your Prayers**

### **THE INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR OCTOBER**

#### **Universal: Journalists**

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

#### **Evangelization: World Mission Day**

That Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

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All **infirm, shut-in** and **deceased** fraternity members.

All **those in initial formation** and their formation instructors.

Our entire **Franciscan Family, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Secular and Regular) Orders**

For strength in commitments and increase in vocations.

For the **work we do as fraternity**, especially for **Franciscan Outreach, Franciscan Missionary Union, the Poor Clares** in Palos Park, and **Amazon Relief**.

For the **Guests of Franciscan Outreach's Soup Kitchen**: that they know God's loving care and overcome the difficulties that keep them homeless.

For the **Little Sisters of the Poor** and the residents of St. Joseph's Home.

For our **families and loved ones**.

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## 2016 Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at St. Joseph's Home.

### January

10: ~~Monthly Gathering (Profession Mass)~~  
24: ~~Council Meeting, Stephanie's home.~~

### February

08: ~~Monthly Gathering (Liturgy of the Hours)~~  
24: ~~Council Meeting, Stephanie's home~~

### March

14: ~~Monthly Gathering (Stations of the Cross)~~

### April

11: ~~Monthly Gathering (Communion Service)~~

### May

09: ~~Monthly Gathering (Franciscan Crown)~~  
23: ~~Council Meeting, Stephanie's home~~

### June

13: ~~Monthly Gathering (Mass, Feast of IHM)~~

### July

11: ~~Monthly Gathering (Liturgy of the Hours)~~

### August

08: ~~Monthly Gathering (Communion Service)~~  
29: ~~Council Meeting, Stephanie's Home~~

### September

10: ~~(Saturday) Fraternity Day of Recollection,  
— St. Colette's replaces regular fraternity  
— meeting~~

### October

03: ~~Transitus of our Holy Father Francis  
replaces regular fraternity meeting~~

### November

14: ~~Monthly Gathering (Mass – with Rite of  
Remembrance)~~  
20: ~~(Sunday) Franciscan Outreach Project,  
Stephanie's home~~  
20: ~~Council Meeting, Stephanie's home,  
(following Outreach gathering)~~

### December

12: ~~Monthly Gathering (Communion Service)~~

## Our Apostolates

*Bringing the Gospel to Life, and Life  
to the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis*

**BINGO.** Meets one night per month at 6:30 pm in St. Joseph's activity room. Please pick one month in which to volunteer. Contact Sisters Kay or Mary Kay to sign up.

**FRANCISCAN OUTREACH.** Donations are accepted year round in the Christmas stocking at each monthly gathering. 100 Gift Bags are made up in November for the guests at the Franciscan Outreach soup kitchen in Chicago. Contact Sister Stephanie for more information.

**PRAYER & PRAISE MINISTRY.** For our brothers and sisters unable to participate in our monthly gatherings due to poor health or transportation issues. For more information, or if you are ill or know of a member who is ill, please call our infirmarian, Sister Jackie.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY.** We interweave prayers along with God's love, care, and warmth into the stitches as we knit or crochet shawls for others. For more information, contact Sisters Sue or Cyndy.

**SUPPORT (Money, Materials).** Quarterly donations are taken from any excess funds that are available in our Common Fund *after* all the fraternity obligations are met. The donations are given to: Franciscan Missionary Union, Franciscan Outreach, Poor Clares (Palos Park, IL) and Amazon Relief.

**YOUTH PRAYER PARTNERS.** Coordinated by Brother Tom this apostolate matches up fraternity members with young people who are preparing for First Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please call Brother Tom.

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**Common Fund Report - August**

Beginning balance:	\$2059.73
Deposits:	215.00
Expenses:	94.88
Ending balance:	\$2179.85

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**Directory Updates & Corrections**

Please make the following **change** to your member directory:

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**ARE YOU A PUMPKIN?**

A woman was asked by a coworker, 'What is it like to be a Christian?'  
The woman replied, 'It is like being a pumpkin.'  
God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you.  
Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.  
He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed.  
Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.'

Anonymous

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**MOTHER CABRINI  
CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

This month's OFS Regional Newsletter includes the information on this year's Mother Cabrini Celebration. There will be a sign-up sheet at Transitus on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for those who plan on attending.

**Did you know that the Mother Cabrini Region has:**

- 21** local fraternities \*
- 437** active professed members \*\*
- 40** candidates \*\*

\* increase from previous year  
\*\* decrease from previous year

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**MOTHER CABRINI**

Mother Cabrini, the patroness of our Region, is a model of obedience to authority. She had to be very perplexed when she petitioned Pope Leo XIII to allow her and her sisters to go to China and work as missionaries. Instead he told her to go to the United States and work among the predominantly Catholic Italian immigrants already there. Surely, this was not the idea of missionary work she had cherished in her dreams for many years.

The result of her obedience was the establishment of 67 orphanages, schools and hospitals. Her love -for the poor, the orphaned, the sick - triumphed in the face of many challenges. ☒