



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
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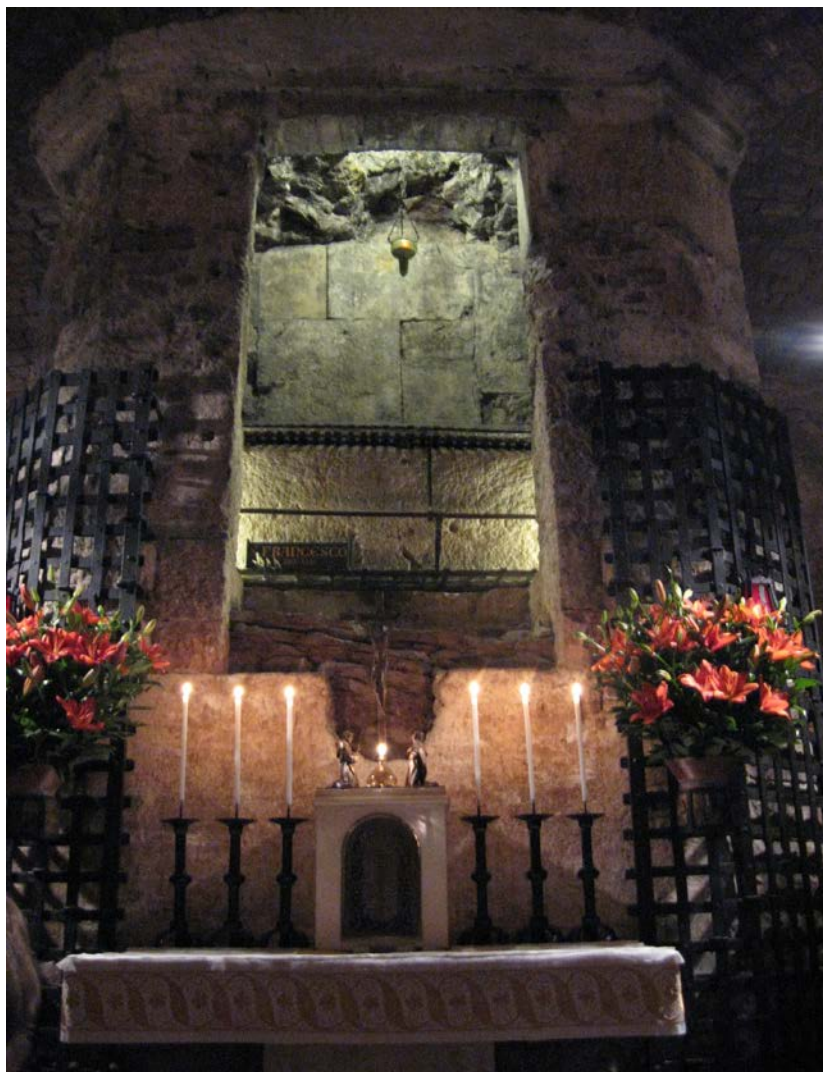
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**Newsletter submissions welcomed
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phone numbers, email, prayer
intentions, and (*for non-council
members*) last names are removed
from this web version.



The Tomb of St. Francis in the Basilica de San Francesco, Assisi, Italia

As the fraternity gathered together on Monday, May 14th, two fraternity pilgrims were on a plane soaring over Greenland and Iceland and the northern Atlantic, on their way to Assisi and this tomb, the heart of all things Franciscan, the final earthly resting place of our Father Francis. The goal was to walk where he had walked and learn the path we are to walk, following in the footsteps of Francis who followed in the footsteps of Jesus. ☒

Our Monthly Gathering...

All professed will gather on Monday, June 11th at **6:30 pm** for ongoing formation. We will be reviewing the Rule and the General Constitutions. We will be breaking into small groups to create questions based on the Rule and the General Constitutions. **Everyone needs to bring copies of both documents (available on line) to the meeting.** Paper and pens will also help.

At **7:30 pm**, all are invited to the chapel where Fr. David will celebrate a Mass in honor of our patroness, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, whose feast day is on the previous Saturday, June 8th. After Mass, there will be a business meeting followed by social time in the ice cream parlor.

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Anniversaries

God's Abundant Blessings as our sisters and brother celebrate their special day.

June 3, 1974	Eddie
June 6, 1977	Tom
June 12, 2017	Kathy Faith

Fraternity Day of Recollection Monday, July 9th 5:00-9:00 pm Everyone Mark Your Calendars

Monday, July 9th is our annual mini-retreat for ALL fraternity participants. We will gather at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, at 5:00 pm for an interactive discussion of Bishop Barron's book "To Light a Fire." At 7:00 pm we will participate in the celebration of the Mass in the chapel. Following Mass we will have a wonderfully prepared dinner in our gathering room. More information in the July newsletter.

Please note that the starting time will be earlier-5:00 pm. This may impact those who work. That is understood. Just mark your calendar and join us as soon as possible. All should be able to come for Mass at 7 pm. ☒

And So We Pray...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

Universal: Social networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for those brothers and sisters who for various reasons are unable to join with us in fraternity,

We pray for our Holy Father, successor to St. Peter, that the Lord may continue to make him a rock on which He can build up the church in our own time,

We pray for all in our fraternity who stand in need of prayer today, who are in a time of testing and pain, that they may receive a blessing from the Lord, bringing healing and grace,

We pray for those engaged in the cause of life, of justice, of peace, that the Lord may clear away before them the evil influences that oppose their loving efforts in His name,

We pray that Jesus, who invited His disciples to come away and rest awhile, may grant eternal rest to those in our fraternity who have died marked with the sign of faith, especially our dearly departed Brother Patrick Mendés, OFS, who left earth for his heavenly home June 4th of last year,

WE PRAY FOR THOSE NEAR AND DEAR

[PRIVATE]

For the **Little Sisters of the Poor** and the residents of St. Joseph's Home who share their home with us with open hearts, we pray to the Lord,

For the **Guests of Franciscan Outreach's Soup Kitchen**, that they experience God's loving care and overcome the difficulties that keep them homeless, we pray to the Lord,

For **our families and loved ones** and all their needs and concerns, we pray to the Lord,

Fraternity Family Gathering Sunday, June 24, 2018 Minister's Home

All brothers and sisters, professed or not, and their families are invited to attend a summer gathering at the Minister's home on Sunday, June 24, 2018, beginning at 1 pm. Franciscan Fun, Fellowship and Food! Sign-up at the gathering on Monday, June 11th. ☒

Common Fund – May 2018

Beginning balance	\$2,493.98
Deposits	235.00
Expenses including Fair Share	150.00
Balance	\$2,578.98

Wearing our Habit (Tau Cross)

Recently, your minister and her daughter were dressing to attend the wedding of a neighbor. My daughter asked me why I was wearing my Tau cross when I was all dressed up and had several pretty necklaces I could wear. I told her that wearing the Tau cross identified me as OFS. She said, "But, mom, you have your ring." "Yes, but it's small and not everyone sees it. The Tau cross is my habit and wearing it on a chain around my neck is very visible."

At the reception, I was introduced to several neighbors who used to live in houses behind the bride's home. Conversation among those close neighbors focused on the days when all their children were growing up together. It was interesting to hear some of the childish escapades and triumphs of these now young and responsible adults.

As the conversation lulled and people moved on, one of the women asked me, "Are you a Third Order Franciscan?" I responded, "Yes, I'm a secular Franciscan." She said, "Do you go to St. Joseph's Home?" "Yes, our fraternity gatherings are held there." She said, "I have a friend who goes there. Do you know Bonnie?" Of course!

That was the beginning of a long conversation which carried over into dinner, exchanging cell phone numbers (for texting, of course) and a new friendship.

Which never would have happened had I not worn my Tau, instead of the "pretty" jewelry. Wearing the Tau can be "pretty" awesome, too; one never knows where it might lead us. ☒



***Make it a habit
to wear Your
Habit!***

2018 Calendar

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

January

~~08: Monthly Gathering (Communion Service)~~

~~22: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home~~

February

~~12: Monthly Gathering (Liturgy of the Hours)~~

March

~~12: Monthly Gathering (Stations of the Cross)~~

~~26: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home~~

April

~~09: Monthly Gathering (Communion Service)~~

May

~~14: Monthly Gathering (Liturgy of the Hours)~~

June

~~04: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home~~

11: Monthly Gathering (Mass)

July

09: Fraternity Day of Recollection
(Holy Family Parish, Inverness)

August

13: Monthly Gathering (Liturgy of the Hours)

20: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home

September

10: Fraternity Elections (Liturgy of the Hours)

24: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home

October

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

November

12: Monthly Gathering (Mass – with Rite of Remembrance)

18: (Sunday) Franciscan Outreach Project,
Stephanie's home

December

10: 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. This is a year round project. Fraternity members can either donate to the cost or purchase the specific items for 120 Gift Bags which are made up in November for the homeless 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).

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.