

Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home),

IV. DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE BREAK-DOWN OF SOCIETY

Paragraph 45 - "In some places, rural and urban alike, the privatization of certain spaces has restricted people's access to places of particular beauty. In others, "ecological" neighborhoods have been created which are closed to outsiders in order to ensure an artificial tranquility. Frequently, we find beautiful and carefully manicured green spaces in so-called "safer" areas of cities, but not in the more hidden areas where the disposable of society live." ~ Pope Francis

ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. May the Peace of Christ be with you all!

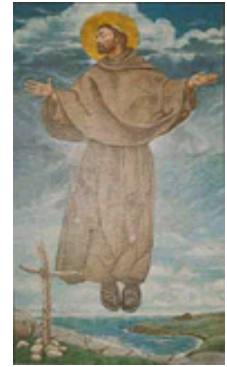
Congratulations go out to Bob on his recent election as the Regional Minister of St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Council. Best wishes to Bob as he takes on his new role. May I thank you all for your prayers and well-wishes on my new role in our fraternity as well. I am looking forward to serving this fine group of people.

We have a busy year ahead with Profession's coming soon, our annual picnic to plan for, ongoing formation topics from Geri, and much more.

This time next year we will be conducting our triennial fraternity elections but more on that in the months to come. It is never too early to prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve in another role within our fraternity.

This month Harry Ford, OFS will give a presentation on how living our charism in the world affects our youth. Harry is very dedicated to today's youth and I'm sure this will be a very informative and inspiring segment of our gathering.

Until next time, Pax et Bonum - Ed



**Our Fraternity Council
2016 - 2019**

Acting Minister	Ed Burgee, OFS 410-788-2718
V. Minister	Vacant
Formation	Geri Flynn, OFS 410 730-4395
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Evening Prayer

The Crown Rosary



Will be recited



Please Pray For ...

- Connie Baker**, OFS
- Marlene Feaga**, OFS
- Marie Lindung**, OFS
- Jim Manning**, OFS
- Georgianna Papazian**, OFS
- Jim Tebo**, OFS



OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Deacon Tom Bello**, OFS
- Frances Bastress**, SFO
- Joe Bezila**, SFO
- Jerry Cichowicz**, SFO
- Shirley Costello**, OFS
- Joe Cykoski**, SFO
- Stella Cykoski**, SFO
- Claire Lee Davison**, SFO
- Adela Duff**, SFO
- Donna Duncan**, SFO
- Charles Ferrara**, SFO
- Mary Ferrara**, SFO
- Dolores Fritz**, OFS
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- Richard Hall**, SFO
- Joy Kubricky**, OFS
- Frances Langbehn**, SFO
- Bob Lewis**, SFO
- Jean Manning**, OFS
- Yvonne Proch**, SFO
- Nancy Seaton**, SFO
- Don Sweitzer**, OFS
- Betty Taylor**, SFO
- Bud Tenley**, SFO
- Regina Yeager**, SFO
- Dorothy Zalewski**, SFO

May 20

“How our charism can apply to youth in today’s world”
Harry Ford to present

June 9, 2018

St. Anthony Festival
11:am – 6pm
Shrine of St. Anthony
12290 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD

The day includes: speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn, talks, Masses, Confessions, Adoration, Food, children's activities, and more.

Admission is free. Don't forget your lawn chairs or blankets!

Dr. Scott Hahn. 11:00am 1st Talk

12 noon Mass (Outdoors)

1:00pm - 4:00pm Confession & Adoration (in the Shrine Chapel).

1:00pm Lunch available for purchase (or you may bring your own)

2:00pm Dr. Scott Hahn, 2nd Talk

Children's Activities 4:30pm.

Closing Vigil Mass with Eucharistic Procession

For further information please contact the Shrine office at 410-531-2800 or info@shrineofstanthony.org.

June 24

Fr. Vincent Capodanno Presentation at June Gathering

June 29 – July 1, 2018

Chapter of Mats – Priest Field Center

September 18, 2018

Fraternity Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony



Treasurer's Report

April – 2018

Beginning Balance: \$ 1,816.34
 Book Reimbursements 533.97

Total \$ **2,350.31**

Expenses:

Brother Lawrence 100.00
 Franciscan Friars 100.00
 2nd Quarter Charity Donation 200.00
 Formation – Br. Emmanuel 100.00
 Office Supplies 62.53
 Web Fee 15.00
Total \$ **577.53**

Ending Balance: \$ **1,772.78**

Thank You for your monthly contributions

Contributions are tax deductible

May Birthdays



Patrick Caughy, OFS 05/18
 Ray Heverling, OFS 05/31

Food for Thought

"A voice is a human gift; it should be cherished and used, to utter fully human speech as possible. Powerlessness and silence go together." --

Margaret Atwood

June Diaper Drive

Twice a year (January and June) our fraternity will conduct a diaper drive for the Howard County Pregnancy Center.

The pregnancy center is in need of diapers, please see below the breakdown by last name of the size diapers you need to purchase:

A – I
 new born

J – R
 Size 1

S – Z
 Size 2

If you could purchase several packs of diapers and **diaper wipes**, the pregnancy center would be most grateful for our Franciscan generosity.

In June we will not provide toiletries to the Franciscan Center

Out of the mouth of Babes

A fifth-grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV Commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

- God is like...BAYER ASPIRIN - He works miracles.
- God is like...a FORD - He's got a better idea.
- God is like...COKE – He's the real thing.
- God is like...HALLMARK CARDS – He cares enough to send His very best.
- God is like...Tide – He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
- God is like...GENERAL ELECTRIC – He brings good things to life.
- God is like...SEARS – He has everything.
- God is like...ALKA-SELTZER – Try him, you'll like Him.
- God is like...SCOTCH TAPE – You can't see Him, but you know He's there.
- God is like...DELTA – He's ready when you are.
- God is like...ALLSTATE – You're in good hands with Him.
- God is like...VO-5 HAIR SPRAY – He holds through all kinds of weather.
- God is like...DIAL SOAP – Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?
- God is like...THE U.S. POST OFFICE – Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

Chapter of Mats

June 29 - July 1, 2018



Our upcoming Chapter of Mats (June 29 – July 1) is just around the corner. An all Secular Franciscan Chapter is being planned. Presenters for the Chapter will all be Secular Franciscans, we will have a celebrant for our Sunday Mass on July 1st.

This is not a retreat, but a gathering of Secular Franciscans coming together to spend time with each other, just as our first Order brothers did more than 800 years ago.

A Chapter of Mats gets its name from the time in 1221, when St. Francis called more than 3,000 friars to the Portiuncula chapel of Assisi for a general meeting, or chapter. Because the small town could not accommodate the large number of visitors, the friars lived in huts made out of reeds and slept on mats. Please start planning to attend this wonderful event, no need to bring your mats you can leave them at home.

The deadline for registration is June 15, 2018.

Your sisters and brothers are looking forward to sharing this wonderful tradition with you on June 29–July 1, 2018.

Please see page 5 for the Registration Form, make your \$50 deposit out to “St. Margaret of Cortona Region” and mail to:

Peter Noyes, OFS
2917 Shepperton Terrace
Silver Spring, MD 20904

OUR GATHERINGS

All should make every effort to attend our gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, contact a council member (see page 1 for telephone numbers). If you are a candidate or are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund to:

Michael Radcliffe, OFS
7911 Westpark Drive, Apt 2709
Tysons Corner, VA 22102

Or by using PayPal on our fraternity website at http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/common_fund/

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Calendar

At the Friary

Chapel Open Daily
Noon Mass every day
From 9 AM – 5 PM

June 9
St. Anthony Festival
For more information call:
410 531-2800

General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order

December 8, 2000

The Form of Life Article 13

1. Rule 7 Secular Franciscans, called in earlier times "the brothers and sisters of penance", propose to live in the spirit of continual conversion. Some means to cultivate this characteristic of the Franciscan vocation, individually and in fraternity, are: listening to and celebrating the Word of God; review of life; spiritual retreats; the help of a spiritual adviser, and penitential celebrations. They should approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently and participate in the communal celebration of it, whether in the fraternity, or with the whole people of God.

Chapter of Mats 2018

Where: Priest Field Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430-3742

When: **June 29 - July 1, 2018**

Who: All Secular Franciscans, including candidates, inquirers and spiritual assistants

What: Renewed and Confirmed: Live the Treasure of the Rule!

Presenter: **Secular Franciscan Presenters**

Registration Form Instructions:

1. Submit form **no later than June 15, 2018**

2. Please type or print all information clearly.

3. Only one participant per registration form.

4. NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50.00 must accompany this form.

5. **Make your check payable to ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION** and mail this form with payment to:

Peter Noyes, ofs
2917 Shepperton Terrace
Silver Spring, MD 20904
e-mail: pnoyersofs@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Fraternity: _____

Please check room requirement:

Rooms are designed for double occupancy for maximum attendees.

A) Single occupancy room: \$248.00†

B) Double occupancy room: \$228.00

C) Single occupancy cabin: \$282.00

D) Dormitory: \$184.00

F) Days Only: \$126.00 r

† Select single occupancy only if there is a serious personal or medical reason. Thank you!

Please indicate any special needs you have:

Please choose a roommate, or one can be assigned for you. Name of preferred roommate:

_____ Fraternity: _____

Amount enclosed with this form \$ _____. _____