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April 19, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our gathering will be April 19th. Our Council meeting will be at 11:10 am in the church hall and then attend the Noon Mass.

We will have Liturgy of the Hours, meeting and prayers, as well as a teaching.

We will also have a small memorial for our sister, Janie Frieson.

Don't forget to support the common fund of the fraternity.

This money is used for the Fair Share to the Region, our Fraternity needs, as well as stipend for Father and the apostolates that we support.

Please pray and think about who you would like to represent your fraternity as: Minister; Vice Minister; Secretary; and Treasurer; also the Formation Director [who is usually appointed].

We will ask for names at this meeting and ask the person if they would consider accepting nomination. The Councillor will ask each one if they would accept nomination in May before voting.

Pax, Carol

If you can bring non-perishable items to the gathering, it will be donated to St. Clement food outreach program. Cans of tuna, soup, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, jelly, spaghetti sauce, etc. would be a great help.

Jesus, I trust in You! - > >>

Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ; for our sins and those of the whole world!

SICK LIST — PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS NEEDED: Rosemarie Dick, Pat Hanges, Helen Cave, Sheila Stefonowicz, Gayle Pfeifer, Marge Pfeifer, Kathy Tumas, Gerry Prasch, Sue Fischer, Sharon Hare, Ned Judge, Amelia Reems, Theresa Lotz, Mark Porter, Joan Popp, Lud Jones, Bernadine Kordaz, Joseph Mantegna, Donna Aldrich, George Snyder, Regina Lovejoy, Eileen Culatta, Toni Sterner, Phyllis Fowler, Barbara Countryman,

Also please continue to pray for our sick family members and friends: Rebecca Stepke, Bobby, Gerry Kuchta, John Tumminello, Marge & Francis Lotz, Rita Kuchta, Janie Jackson, Clare Andreone, Michael Dick, Matthew Dick, Milton Harper, Nan Mulqueen, Bill Mulqueen, Camille [Mercy's Daughter], Kathleen 'Kit' McCloskey, Donald Aldrich, Maureen Curren, Joanne Markey, Jeannette Leitner, Nick Sterner, Christo Mochi, Nancy Tina Cappelini, Gloria Strong, Rose Countryman, Renzo Anthony Mochi, Reyner Frieson, and Walter Doleschal.

Pray for our members, their families and all OFS members.

Please call **Jean Jomidad, infirmary person, at 410-675-2130** with any news or updates on our sick.

To put someone on our phone **prayer tree, please call Bill Lotz at 410-485-1591**

BIRTHDAYS/PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES/CELEBRATIONS

Month of MAY:

Happy Birthday ——

Joe Mantegna—April 28
Bernie Kuchta—May 4
Pat Hanges—May 11
Mary Stepke—May 27

HAPPY PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY
Bernadine Kordaz –5/21/72

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Celebrate!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE

FOOD & RAFFLE

April 19—need someone for munchies

May 17—Election meeting— food needed.

June—TBD

July

Our meeting dates:

April 19 - nomination for council election and meeting

May 17-- Election and meeting

June—day to join Little Flower due to Father's Day on our time -

July 19—regular meeting –check to see about parish festival.

Dates to remember:

April 25, 2015 - Election of St. Margaret of Cortona Region Officers—Franciscan Monastery—**Wash., DC**

SAINTS AND FEASTS

April 19– St. Gianna Beretta Molla

April 20—St. Conrad of Parzham

April 21-St. Anselm

April 22-St. Adalbert of Prague

April 23-St. George

April 24-St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

April 25-St. Mark

April 26-St. Pedro de San Jose

April 27-St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort

April 28 –St. Peter Chanel

April 29-St. Cahterine of Siena

April 30 –St. Pius V

May 1—St. Joseph the Worker

May 2—St. Athanasius

May 3—Ss. Philip and James

May 6- Ss. Marian and James

May 7 -St. Rose Venerini

May 8 –St. Peter of Tarentaise

May 9 –St. Catharine of Bologna

May 10 –St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai

May 11—St. Ignatius of Laconi

May 13—Our Lady of Fatima

May 14—St. Matthias

May 15—St. Isidore the Farmer

May 16—St. Margaret of Cortona

These Hands *By Jaye Lewis*

Once smooth and lovely,
These twisted hands have stroked away fevers; Healed a hundred hurts;
Wiped a thousand tears;
Encouraged; Gentled an angry child;
And brought sunshine from the rain.
These hands have brought
Life from the earth;
Comforted a dying bird;
Pruned much like the Father;
Cradled babies and puppies and kittens;
Stroked my husband's face as I told him of my love. These twisted hands regret little, Since they have loved much. These hands are no longer perfect, But they have their own kind of beauty. These hands have served. They have loved. And isn't that what hands are meant to do after all?

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN

O, Good and Gracious God,
God of mercy, compassion, generosity, and love,
As we live our lives today in the model of St. Francis, choosing daily to live the Gospel life,
Help us to help others hear Your call.
Help us to help others to recognize their vocation as a Secular Franciscan that You have already planted in their heart.
Help us, so that together we all may work to bring the Gospel to life.
Amen!

Mary Our Queen Fraternity— information
See page one for meeting information.

- **ATTENDENCE AT THE GATHERINGS** -

All active members of our fraternity should make every attempt to **attend the Gathering every month**. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please call **Carol Purwin @ 443-939-0835** or **Joe Mantegna @ 443-423-9425**.
Please make note of these cell phone numbers.

- Please send your monthly donation to **Shirley Sapp** at **1429 Union Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21211** Please bring your check or money for the Common Fund. Envelopes available in box. Monthly support of the Fraternity is needed for our needs and per capita.
- Nancy Cappellini is still accepting cancelled stamps. So please bring your cancelled stamps to the meeting.
- We will begin with a regular meeting, opening prayer, teaching, at 1:30 pm. Please arrive by 1:10 pm to sign in and get refreshments and have a few moments of catch up.
- Your monthly allotment for the **India Apostolate** may be given to Barbara Countryman-Mochi at the Gathering or mailed to her at P.O. 762 New Market, MD 21774. Please make your check payable to **India Apostolate**.
- There is also donation basket for Good Samaritan Apostolate.
- Thanks to all those who have been bringing snack items. If you would like to bring a raffle item or snacks, please contact me.

Minister: The Minister elected by the fraternity is he/she to whom is given the role of servant, who is the "person primarily responsible for the fraternity." (Const. 51.1)

The Minister must first of all put into effect those acts which the norms of the Rule and Constitutions refer to his/her competence and must put into practice the directions and decisions of the Fraternity and the Council.

Among the members the Minister must act like "father and mother", attentive to the needs of all the members of the fraternity. The Minister must possess the capacity to co-ordinate all the activities of the Council and of the fraternity, and at the same time lead all the members into Secular Franciscan ideals, while respecting personalities and different rates of progress.

The Minister must be well formed as a Christian and as a Franciscan; know the Rule and the Constitutions know about the life of the Order, know how to conduct and animate the meetings and gatherings. His/Her life must inspire confidence and credibility. He/she must know how to grasp and live the key values of the Franciscan spirituality and translate them into messages building a collective identity. This means the Minister has need of the prayers and whole-hearted support of all the members. The Minister must have continual contact with the Spiritual Assistant and make use of the help of the Council.

General Duties : to know and follow the Rule, Constitutions, Statutes, and Guidelines of the Secular Franciscan Order; to convene all council or regional council meetings; to work collaboratively with other members of the Council, set up Visitations and Elections scheduled for the fraternity; and to attend Regional meetings.

The Vice-Minister is the person elected to assist, support and substitute for the Minister in his/her duties. As such, he/she must possess the same qualities as the Minister. For this role, loyalty and collaboration with the Minister are necessities, and the Vice-Minister should be ready to take on definite tasks in the day-to-day running of the fraternity and of working with the Council. **Also remember in case of the Minister having to leave office the Vice-Minister MUST be capable, ready, willing and able to be Minister of the fraternity.**

General Duties: to know and follow the Rule, Constitutions, Statutes, and Guidelines of the Secular Franciscan Order; to attend regional and council meetings as required.

The Secretary is the person responsible for the office work of the fraternity and also the communication of the fraternity with other fraternities and with the Council of the next higher fraternity level. The secretary is the right hand of the Council and the Minister, and has a special role of keeping in contact with all fraternity members.

The Secretary is the reference point for all communications, keeping the historical records of the fraternity, maintaining information for the directory and national database and scrupulously preserving the documents. maintain the privacy of everything concerning individual members and confidential business.

The Treasurer must have the necessary skills to adequately discharge the duties incumbent upon this important office to receive, deposit, and account for all funds of the Fraternity. The treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the fraternity and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the fraternity in such depositories as may be designated by the council. It is the treasurer's duty to protect the financial interests of the membership in their contributions and other payments into the common fund and any other fund established by the council.

Confidential annual statements prepared from (or a photocopy of) the member's record, signed by the treasurer, should be sent to the individual members who request it, summarizing his/her contributions to the fraternity.