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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Our Council meeting will be at 11:15 am in the church hall and then attend the Noon Mass.

We will gather downstairs in the meeting room around 1:15 pm for refreshments and gathering.

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

Pax et Bonum

Carol

If you can help with refreshments at the gatherings, please let Mary know. Thank you.

Perpetual Novena to Holy Spirit with the Intercession St. Francis for the Conversion of ISIS

Holy Spirit, as you inspired St. Francis to become the instrument of Your Peace by seeking out the Sultan, so now together with St. Francis we ask You to convert the hearts of all who are involved in or support ISIS. That they

become people of True Prayer, that though their True Prayer they become people of True Love that will lead them to True Peace. The Peace that is beyond all understanding, the Peace that Society cannot give.

AMEN

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

St. Francis... Pray for us

Mary, Queen of Peace... Pray for us

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St. Margaret of Cortona Region—

April 2, 2016 — Seventh Annual Day of Reflection for Inquirers, Candidates and Newly Professed. St. Anthony Shrine, Ellicott City, Md.

April 22-24, 2016 — Regional Retreat. PriestField Retreat Center, Kearneysville, W.Va.

June 30-July 4, 2016 — Quinquennial Gathering/National Congress. Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

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.



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, Father Berard, Nancy Cappellini

Also please continue to pray for our sick family members and friends: Rebecca Stepke, Bobby, Gerry Kuchta, John Tumminello, Marge & Francis Lotz, Janie Jackson, 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, Christo Mochi, Nancy Tina Cappellini, Gloria Strong, Rose Countryman, Renzo Anthony Mochi, Walter Doleschal, Riley Brooke Griffith, Sophie Wiley

and Len Purwin.

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

End of October n Month of NOVEMBER:

Happy Birthday —

Dorothy Gostomski—10/20

Donna Aldrich—11/26

Barbara Countryman-Mochi—11/5

Happy Profession Anniversary:

Dorothy Gostomski—profession 10/20/02

Gayle Pfeifer—profession 10/20/02



Joan Popp—profession 10/21/12

Eileen Culatta—profession 10/21/12

Theresa Lotz—profession 11/21/84

George Snyder—profession 11/17/85

Sheila Stefonowicz—11/21/84

Kathleen Tumas—profession 11/18/85



MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE

FOOD & RAFFLE

Oct. 18— need volunteer



Our meeting dates:

Oct. 18—meeting

Nov. 15— Recollection MOQ

Dec. 20—Christmas gathering

Dates to remember:

Dec. 5, 2015—Annual Chapter Ministers' meeting—TBD

April 22-24, 2016- Annual Regional Retreat—PriestField Retreat Center

SAINTS AND FEASTS

Oct. 18—St. Luke
 Oct. 19—St. Isaac Jogues n Companions
 Oct. 20 St. Paul of the Cross
 Oct. 22—St. John Paul II
 Oct. 23 St. John of Capestrano and St. Hilarion
 Oct. 24—St. Anthony Claret
 Oct. 25—St. Antonio de Santa Ana
 Oct. 26—Bl. Maria Jesus Ferragut and companions
 Oct. 28 –Sts. Simon and Jude
 Oct. 30—Anniversary of Dedication in Consecrated Franciscan Churches
 Oct. 31—Bl. Angelo of Acri

Nov. 1—Solemnity of All Souls
 Nov.. 2—All the Faithful Departed
 Nov. 3—Venerable Solanus Casey
 Nov. 4. St. Charles Borromeo
 Nov. 7—St. Didacus of Alcala
Nov. 8—Blessed John Duns Scotus
 Nov. 10—St. Leo the Great
 Nov. 11—St. Martin of Tours
 Nov. 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
 Nov. 14—St. Nicholas Travelic
 Nov. 16— St. Gertrude the Great
 Nov. 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 Nov. 19—St. Agnes of Assisi

A humble man, John Duns Scotus has been one of the most influential Franciscans through the centuries. Drawing on the work of John Duns Scotus, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854. John Duns Scotus, the "Subtle Doctor," was beatified in 1993.

Intelligence hardly guarantees holiness. But John Duns Scotus was not only brilliant, he was also humble and prayerful—the exact combination St. Francis wanted in any friar who studied. In a day when French nationalism threatened the rights of the pope, Scotus sided with the papacy and paid the price. He also defended human freedom against those who would compromise it by determinism.

Ideas are important. John Duns Scotus placed his best thinking at the service of the human family and of the Church.

NEW PRAYER FOR

O God, when the world was growing cold, you called blessed Francis to enkindle your love in the hearts of men. Increase in us the warmth of your Holy Spirit.

We also pray that you will increase the number of our brothers and sisters in the

Lay Order of St. Francis, so that through them and all others living a Christian life, the world may be worthy to receive your Peace and Goodness and give glory to you. Through Christ, Our Lord. 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 **Mary Stepke at 410-615-4263** or **Joe Mantegna at 443-743-0948** .
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. **PRAYERS FOR NANCY TO HEAL COMPLETELY.**

- 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. Please contact Mary or me [Carol] to help with snacks.

Intrinsic Value of all Creation

Pope Francis highlights many of the ways in which nonhuman creation has been and continues to be assessed according to its instrumental value or usefulness. Arguments, Christian and secular, have been advanced in favor of conservation in order to provide for future generations. However, as Pope Francis notes at several points, “it is not enough to think of different species merely as potential ‘resources’ to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves” (No. 33).

Later, in a paragraph invoking the work of Teilhard de Chardin, Pope Francis states that, “The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us” (No. 83), suggesting that just as human beings have their source and goal in God, so too does the rest of creation. It is, in other words, not all about us.

In addition to the respect, value, and dignity with which Francis of Assisi approached all aspects of the created order, from the smallest worm to the largest mountain, there are other Franciscan resonances present in the affirmation of

the intrinsic value of all creation found in *Laudato Si’*. For instance, it is the medieval Franciscan philosopher and theologian

John Duns Scotus who advanced a principle of individuation (popularly referred to as *haecceitas*, literally meaning “this-ness” in Latin) that suggested that all aspects of the cosmos are individually loved into existence by God and their particularity is no accident or afterthought, but coextensive with their very being.

Furthermore, Pope Francis relies heavily on the thought of St. Bonaventure, a Franciscan theologian and doctor of the church who affirmed the inherent dignity of all creation due to each creature being a vestige of the creator and mirror of

the Trinity. As a vestige (from the Latin *vestigio*, literally meaning “footprint”), each aspect of creation bears an imprint or ark of its creator. As a mirror, all of creation reflects the Trinity. Pope Francis references this latter point when he says

that, “The Franciscan saint teaches us that each creature bears in itself a specifically Trinitarian structure, so real that it could be readily contemplated if only the human gaze were not so partial, dark and fragile” (No. 239).

The Holy Father calls us to follow the example of St. Bonaventure in terms of contemplation, coming to “discover God in all things” and continues, noting: “Saint Bonaventure teaches us that ‘contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God’s grace in our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves’” (No. 233).

The Connection Between Poverty and Creation

One of the most striking, and seemingly controversial, dimensions of *Laudato Si’* is the explicit connection that Pope Francis makes between abject poverty and environmental degradation.

The truth is that this is not a new idea, but goes back as far as Francis of Assisi, if not earlier. Pope Francis writes early on that, “The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled” (No. 11). This statement points to the heart of St. Francis’s embrace of evangelical poverty as a means toward deepening solidarity. What the saint from Assisi recognized in his time was how not just things but also women and men began to be valued in financial terms.

One’s worth came to be determined by how much money one had, rather than by the inherent value that comes with being lovingly created by God. Francis’s refusal to play by the rules of the rising merchant economy led him to embrace a voluntary poverty that allowed him to draw near to all people and, eventually, all of creation.

There are numerous early legends that testify to Francis of Assisi’s continual call for the friars in particular and society in general to care for their sister and brother animals and other creatures that were often ignored or disregarded. They, like the lepers of his time or the poor and unwanted of ours, did not count according to the standard of economic valuation.

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