



# The Little Flower Secular Franciscan Fraternity

## St. Margaret de Cortona Region

St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church Hall  
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*“While they were eating he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said “Take it; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant which will be shed for many. “*

*Mark 14: 22-24*

### Agenda:

**Mass:** 12 noon mass at St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church for those who wish to attend.

**Social:** Refreshments will be provided at the start of our Gathering at **1PM**.

## **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

We are each called to be servant leaders of our Fraternity. It is our responsibility and duty to bring our humble talents to the good of the order and to help evangelize who we are.

It becomes very easy to step back and fall into the position of “Oh, let those who are in office continue,” or “I do not want to commit myself to more obligations.” As we know St. Francis himself took **ACTION** and set out to change the world and LIVE THE GOSPEL LIFE! So then, why do we think we are different? Every member of this Fraternity is highly encouraged to attend our gathering on **JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>** to become part of the process of voting in the council that will serve YOUR Fraternity for the next three years. As Our Mother Mary gave her “Yes”, so shall we in our service to God and each other.

So, what happens if you do not attend? Your voice is not heard. Simple.

The solution? Attend the gathering. Simple.

Isn't it part of who we are to lead a simplistic life? There you go.

**Hospitality:** The current Council will provide refreshments.

If time permits, we will pray The Liturgy of the Hours and/or say the Rosary.

## Announcements & Requests:

- Congratulation to our very own Mike Huether for being elected as regional vice-minister.
- Reminder to all this Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Justin will be ordained as deacon and he will celebrate his first mass as deacon on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.
- Everyone is encouraged to attend the Chapter of Mats on June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> at Priest Field Retreat Center in West Virginia. This is a good time meet and socialize to our Franciscan brothers and sisters.
- **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscan**  
(Endorsed by National Executive Council of the Secular Franciscan Order – USA)

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscan will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Saint Francis University Loretto, PA. This year's theme is "Francis the Troubadour: How Can I Keep from Singing". Be inspired by the presenter's, Jerry and Cricket Aull, OFS and Br. Bob Herrick, OFM Cap. with their music and Franciscan joy as they highlight the influence and expression of music in Franciscan spirituality. Deadline for registration will be on Monday, June 25, 2018

- **2018 Franciscan Center Challenge!**  
To help support the Franciscan Center, we challenge each member each month to bring with them a NON-PERISHABLE item to the gathering to go to The Franciscan Center. These items can be cereal, spaghetti, rice, box dinners like macaroni and cheese etc. It can also be paper goods such as paper towels, toilet tissue, wipes etc. We have been lacking in our on-going support of this ministry and we need to re-engage this effort. We only ask that you examine the "Best if used by" date and verify that the item has not expired. Thank you!
- **Fraternity Council Elections:**  
We are in dire need of discerning nominees for all the council positions. All are eligible with discernment and the help of the Holy Spirit is guaranteed! If you can, aspire for any one of these positions, let Mike know. If you need to discuss responsibilities, of course, ask the current council officer in the position desired. Remember, we are potential servant leaders, serving our fraternity as well as outside of it. The gathering when we will have the election will be determined and announced later.
- **Request for Donation:**  
For those who still have their formation book "The Franciscan Journey" and not being used, please consider donating it back to the fraternity to be use by our new inquirers and candidates.

## Dates to Remember:

- ❖ June 24, 2018: Joint gathering with Mary Our Queen Fraternity
- ❖ June 29th - July 1st 2018: Chapter of Mats weekend retreat at Priest Field Retreat House
- ❖ July 12th – July 15th 2018: 9th Annual Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscan at Saint Francis University

## Birthday Celebrants of the Month:

May		June
James Davis	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Beth Dykton	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Joe Estefan	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	

## Profession Anniversaries:

## **Treasury Report:**

April Common Fund:	\$120.00
April Fair Share Fund:	\$ 85.00
April Charity	\$ 25.00 for The Franciscan Burse
May Charity of the Month:	Catholic Relief Services

Reminder: Our gathering is monthly. Please let a council member know if you can't attend. Active members and candidates pay \$30.00 annually and can do this by dropping off their fair share envelope in the fair share/common fund basket. Active members who cannot attend the monthly meeting please mail your fair share to Lisa Gough. Excused members can do this by sending \$20.00 annually **made payable to the Little Flower Fraternity.**

## **Pope's Monthly Intentions:**

### **Universal – Social Networks (June)**

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

## **Minister's Corner:**

Our 19th article says:

"Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.

Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others.

Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let us then serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father."

Peacemaking has always been a special ministry for Franciscans. We see peace as having integrity and harmony with each other and how we realize God's presence in all and everywhere. We start out by affirming ourselves and then seeing others as gifts of God's love. With peace, we approach solutions to problems positively and communicate with God on a continuous basis. We give no consideration to any of our tendencies toward violence but only show the immensity of our hearts. We end up being joyful and hopeful, preparing ourselves for Sister Death with peacemaking when we look forward to that final and ultimate encounter with God and His everlasting peace with Him in heaven, in fulfillment of our earthly quest for peace.

Have a peaceful day!

Mike

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