

Dear Brothers & Sisters



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From the Minister

Due to a norovirus outbreak, St. Joseph's Home has been placed under quarantine. There is a prominent sign posted outside about the quarantine, and the husband of our Sister Jackie personally confirmed this.

As a result, **we've been forced to cancel our April 13 fraternity gathering**, which is especially unfortunate as we'd planned our annual Open House for this month. The council will determine if we'll attempt to reschedule it for May or later this year.

Please keep the residents of St. Joseph's in your prayers, and also those who are caring for them.

■ **Candidates' Getting to Know You Day.** At last month's gathering, we held a "Getting to Know You Day" for the Candidates, during which we presented to them single roses and custom prayer cards containing the Blessing of St. Francis and a quote from our National fraternity about the importance of Candidacy. The Candidates discussed their "calls to become Franciscans", and then had the opportunity to ask questions of the Professed about various aspects of our Order, and living out our vocation. Thank you to Candidates Mary and Tim for sharing your vocational stories and for walking with us on your Franciscan journey.

■ **Short Newsletter This Month.** Just so you're not looking for missing pages, this month's newsletter is only 1 page long.

Anniversaries & Calendar

Anniversaries

- **April 16: Patrick**, Professed in 1961.

Calendar

- **April 27:** Council Meeting
- **May 11:** Fraternity Gathering
- **May 25:** Council Meeting

Prayer Intentions *(abbreviated list for this month)*

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Next Monthly Gathering:

Monday, May 11, 2015
** **NO APRIL GATHERING!** **

St. Joseph's Home
80 W. Northwest Hwy., Palatine

6:30 p.m.: Professed brothers and sisters, please arrive at this time for Ongoing Formation. Candidates are encouraged to observe.

7:30 p.m.: Start of our Gathering with Franciscan Crown, followed by a business meeting and social time. All welcome!

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You must call Lisa if you cannot attend.

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Our gatherings are at 7:30 p.m. on the **second Monday** of each month.