



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Wow! ... we have just had a Franciscan weekend...and I'm on fire! At our regional Formation Day on Saturday, March 26th, we were challenged to be doers of the Word, and not just hearers. Be the Image of God. Mirror the Life of Christ. Retell the story of Jesus through our actions. Practice what you preach. Look with the Eyes of Christ. Forgive. Holding onto resentment poisons us and kills us. Don't be a Debbi Downer. Prayer in Action is Love. Love in Action is Service. Let's follow the simple path:

The Fruit of Silence is Prayer.

The Fruit of Prayer is Faith.

The Fruit of Faith is Love.

The Fruit of Love is Service.

The Fruit of Service is Peace.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

And lastly... Judgment does not build relationships ... Food for Thought!

Now, onto other important issues. Our Franciscan Region is offering 2022 Quinquennial Scholarship Applications to those interested in going to the "Q" this summer. It will be held at The Sheraton Phoenix Downtown/3rd Street in Phoenix, Arizona, from August 3-7, 2022. Right now, our registration cost is \$205 until May 27, 2022. It includes the event, meals, and speakers. Registration does *not* include hotel reservations. It is your own responsibility to make such reservations; the cost per night is \$89. plus tax. Please make reservations as soon as possible. I will have scholarship forms available at our April 11th gathering. If you want one sooner, feel free to come by and pick one up.

On April 11th, we will begin our gathering at 6:30 p.m. with ongoing formation in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish. At 7:15 p.m., we will move to the chapel. Marion and Kay will be our greeters at the front doors for newcomers/visitors coming to our Welcoming/Come and Meet Us part of the evening. We will all gather in the chapel for a Communion Service at 7:30 p.m.. While in the chapel, Kay will welcome our visitors and give a brief description of who and what we are. We will follow with a brief business meeting and then return to the Brennan Library for social time with our visitors. A gentle reminder for all to come and bring food to share. We are looking forward to our first "information night" since 2019.

We currently have a Formation Team in training. Marion, Sue R. and Cyndy, as well as Kay, Jerry and Sue G. It is awesome to have a team ready for new people who want to journey with us.

At our May fraternity gathering, we will have a "Franciscan Shop and Swap." So, I challenge you all to look through your inventory of Franciscan stuff (books or statues). Be willing to let

these items go, to be sold with the proceeds benefiting the fraternity. Come on, so many of us have duplicates ... we can do this!

Lastly, on our fraternity gathering of June 13th, we will be celebrating the One Year Profession Anniversary of Mary Anita, Suzanne R, Marion and Rose Ann. These ladies were professed during Covid time and were not allowed to have family or guests attend the ceremony. It was an event held outdoors with only the fraternity members participating. We will start the evening with a Communion Service in the chapel. Then proceed on to a party. Let's do this up right. Everyone, bring finger food and let's party. Mary Anita, Suzanne, Marion and Rose Ann, we will need a head count from each of you as to how many guests will be attending.

Wow! ... I know this is a lot. It can make your head spin ... but remember, our St. Francis would spin or twirl (as children do). Stay humble, stay kind, and also remember, I am a phone call away for any questions you might have about any of the above.

Peace and All Good.

Sue G., OFS

Our Monthly Gathering

Our monthly gathering will be on **Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish in Inverness**. This is our welcoming night for those discerning a possible vocation to the Secular Franciscan life. It is important that all members of the fraternity be present to welcome our guests. Our Liturgy will be a Communion Service for all attending.

Profession Anniversaries

This month we will celebrate the profession of our Spiritual Assistant, Brother Jerry S., on April 30.

We have been doubly blessed not only to have him as our brother in fraternity but also as our guide to understanding and fulfilling the vocation to which we have been called.

Abundant blessings be Yours, Jerry!

And So We Pray...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For healthcare workers

We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Let us pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, who are homeless and hungry and suffering and dying, let us embrace them, not only in prayer, but through corporal works of mercy, let us pray to the Lord,

For the leaders of other countries, let us pray that they will not repeat history because they fear what might happen, but will act decisively to aid those righteous who are fighting evil, let us pray to the Lord,

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2022

Monday, Apr. 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Communion Service</i>
Monday, May 9	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Crown Rosary</i>
Sunday, May 15	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, June 13	Newly professed anniversary celebration will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness.
Monday, July 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Day of Recollection</i>
Sunday, July 24	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 8	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Lectio Divina</i>
Monday, Sept. 12	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
Sunday, Sept. 25	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 10	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Transitus</i>
Monday, Nov. 14	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Commemoration of deceased</i>
Sunday, Nov. 27	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Day of Recollection</i>

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Jesus Christ is Risen today, Alleluia!

This depiction of Easter Resurrection Joy graced a card sent by Catholic Extension about thirty years ago. Jesus faithfully fulfilled His Father's Will to the bitter end. ***He did it!*** And an overwhelming Resurrection Joy was His. In our darkest moments, when we are tempted to give up or give in, let's struggle to fulfill the Father's Will. Resurrection Joy awaits.