



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Greetings, my brothers and sisters! We live in hopefulness and thankfulness with hearts that care as I hear what some of you are going through.

My prayers are with you all...some have had surgeries, some will have surgeries, some living with family members who are struggling, some of you in pain. We are a family who cares for one another and want to help. Please, let us know how we can help and what your needs are. As a fraternity, let's stay connected and cling to one another.

As I write this...it's still June, remaining thankful for all that is here and now, but writing to you about our plans for next month, July, and thinking ahead. This is always my problem...living with a foot in both places at the same time.

In June:

We donated our Blessing Bags to Franciscan Outreach on Friday, June 16th. They were received with much gratitude and thanks.

We took candy tubes distributed at our last fraternity gathering on the 12th (to be filled with quarters and returned at the July gathering) for Feed My Starving Children.

We collected \$71 in loose change from our FMSC box. Of that amount, \$53 will be taken and matched with \$53 from our treasury. Our treasurer, Sister Kathy, will deliver a check for \$106 to FMSC on July 26th when we gather there to fill the bags of grain. A child will be fed for one year...thanks to ALL of you.

In July:

At our gathering on July 10, we will be taking up a collection of our "extra" religious items. Sister Mary Kay will take our donations back to her parish which will send them to missionaries.

On Wednesday, July 26th from 2:00-3:45 p.m., we will be working at Feed My Starving Children. Please sign up at the gathering on July 10.

The Journeys/The Road Home collection will be in August. See the Franciscan Outreach section for a list of items needed. Our newsletter editor apologizes for her error in the June newsletter. Sister RoseAnn has been and will be our contact/coordinator for Journeys/The Road Home.

At our Council Meeting on June 25th, it was decided that all visitors and all in initial formation, are welcome to join our fraternity gatherings at 1 p.m.

The Council was presented with the results of our visitation that occurred in April 2023. Both Vickie Klick and Liza Ann Acosta gave us many favorable comments. If anyone would like a copy of their report, please let me know and I will forward it to you.

So, I close. We are called to live our rule. Love one another. Work together, help others in any way we can and protect one's dignity. Let's follow our rule...and The Golden Rule...John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you."... and Chapter 2, Rule 4: The Rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people.

Peace always, Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, July 10, 2023**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Catholic Church. Please bring a snack to share at social time.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Profession Anniversaries

July 11 Sister Jackie celebrates 24 years as a secular Franciscan.
 May God's abundant blessings surround you.

Franciscan Outreach

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

This ministry packs bags of nutritious grain for those living in the poorest and most destitute areas on our planet. Members of our fraternity will participate in this work of service every other month. The remaining dates for 2023 will be:

July 26

September 27

December 27

from **2:00 to 3:45 p.m.** Contact **Sister Sue** for more information.

Loose change wanted - at each monthly fraternity gathering, fraternity members have an opportunity to donate their loose change so that we can provide the funds to feed a child for a year. Whenever a total of \$53 in change is collected, it will be matched by \$53 from our Common Fund for a total of \$106, the cost of feeding a starving child in another country for a year. It is mindboggling to think that for the lack of a measly 29 cents a day, a child will starve.

JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

We will again collect items for Journeys/the Road Home at our **August** gathering. Print out the list below and keep it in a handy place. When these items are on sale or you are at the Dollar Tree, pick up a few items and keep them for the August gathering. Contact **Sister RoseAnn** for more information on Journeys.

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MOST NEEDED ITEMS - JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

Shampoo and conditioner (all sizes) and body wash

Razors and shaving cream	Body wash - MOST NEEDED
Baby wipes	Shampoo & conditioner - MOST NEEDED
Large backpacks	Pullups - ALL SIZES

FOOD ITEMS -

Bottled water	Pasta (dried and canned)	Canned soups*
Rice	Pasta sauce	Canned fruit*
Peanut butter	Cereal - large boxes	Canned vegetables*
Jelly	Canned stew*	Canned beans*
	Canned fish and chicken*	
* pop top cans preferred	No bulk items	

HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS

The next collection for Hopeful Beginnings will be at our **October** gathering. This will be a collection of clothes and baby items needed

Skin care:

diapers - sizes 3T, 4T, 5T

Dove Sensitive Skin Care Baby Lotion (hypoallergenic) 13 oz.

Baby Dove Bar Soak Rich Moisture 3.17 oz. bar - washes away bacteria, more gentle than ordinary baby soap (8 bars for \$19.99 on Amazon*)

Baby Dove Sensitive Skin Care Wash for Bath Time (hypoallergenic fragrance-free (20 oz. \$12.99 on Amazon*))

Dreft Stage 1: Newborn Hypoallergenic baby laundry detergent liquid soap (2 bottles \$19.99 Amazon*)

* Price when this copy was printed.

Clothing for Boys and Girls:

Most needed sizes are 3T, 4T, 5T

Size 2T and 3T pants and jeans for boys are rarely donated (boys wear them out)

Snug-fitted foot cotton pajamas

Loose-fit footed pajamas

Also needed: underwear, socks, long sleeve tops, fall/winter jackets with hoods - snow pants - mittens

As you shop, keep checking those clearance racks; the deepest discounts on winter clothing may still be found as everyone is thinking summer. Also needed are the necessities for caring for babies and toddlers: diapers, formula, lotions, soap, bibs, socks, underwear, etc. Contact **Sister Stephanie** for more information.

LAURIE CHILDREN'S/RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Save the pull tabs from soda and beer cans, soup cans, cat food cans. Bring these each month to the gathering. **Sister Sue** will collect these for recycling.

The funds from recycling are used to help families who stay at Ronald McDonald House while their children is being treated for cancer.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2023

Monday, July 10	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy to be determined</i>
Sunday, July 23	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 14	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Lectio Divina</i>
Sunday, Aug. 27	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>
Sunday, Sept. 24	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Transitus, Renewal of Profession Vows</i>
Sunday, Oct. 22	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Commemoration of deceased/LOTH</i>
Sunday, Nov. 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 11	Monthly gathering will be held at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, <i>Communion Service</i>
Sunday, Dec. 17	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

Calendar of Regional Gatherings 2023

Sat. Aug. 5, 2023	Portiuncula Gathering (Cluster Four)
Sat. Sept. 30, 2023	Fall Formation Day (Cluster One)
Sun. Nov. 12, 2023	Mother Cabrini Celebration (Cluster Five)

All events are at Mayslake Village, except where noted.

Council Members

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Councilor-at-Large	open	

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On his deathbed, St. Francis freed his brothers by saying, "I have done what was mine to do, may Christ now teach you what you are to do." Richard Rohr