



## *Dear Brothers & Sisters*

### **From the Minister**

"Brother Maseo, wanting to test how humble he (Francis) was, went up to him and, as if joking, said, 'Why after you, why after you, why after you?' Maseo goes on to say in clarification: 'I'm saying why does the whole world come after you, and everyone seems to desire to see you and hear you? You aren't a handsome man in body, you aren't someone of great learning, you're not noble; so why does the whole world come after you?'"

We did...we have studied and read about Francis...and continue to do so. And just as God gave Francis gifts, He has given us gifts...Gifts to share, and do for others. I am so happy with the Franciscan Outreach projects that we have chosen to do for others.

Now, in November, we will be collecting items for three Thanksgiving baskets for the Palatine Township, providing for local needy families. In October, you signed up to bring specific items. So, please remember to bring your designated items to our next gathering on November 14th, or drop off your donation at my house before the meeting.

I also have a date for Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg on Monday, December 5th from 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.. Please consider this event. We could go out together afterwards, if you want. For those not able to be on your feet the whole time (or any of the time) there are sitting jobs. We will have a sign-up sheet at our gathering on November 14th. Please consider this event as both a service and a social event.

Remember, we will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month until January, when we will switch our meeting time to 1:00 p.m..

We have a lot to be Thankful for, not just on November 24th, but also each and every day. Let's continue to live in Thankfulness and enjoy as we begin Advent on the 27th of November. Remember the four themes of the Advent wreath: The Candle of Hope, The Candle of Peace, The Candle of Love and The Candle of Joy. As we are reminded of the Incarnation and ALL that it means to us...How can we not be Thankful?

God Bless You and Your Families...now and always.

Peace and ALL good,

Sue G. OFS

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### **Our Monthly Gathering**

We will gather on **Monday, November 14, 2022**, in the Library at **Holy Family Parish in Inverness** at **6:30 p.m.** for formation. Our Liturgy will be a commemoration of the deceased. Social time will begin **afterward**. Please consider bringing a snack to share.

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## And So We Pray ...

### PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

#### For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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## Franciscan Outreach

### HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS - October

At our fraternity gathering on October 10th, we collected an SUV full of donations for the Baby Closet. They were brought to Hopeful Beginnings the following morning. I met with one of the Case Managers. As we were bringing the boxes and bags into the building, she said, "Oh my gosh, I'm already thinking of a few of my clients who are desperately in need of some of these items."

**RoseAnn** and **Carrie** have joined my Small Christian Community in providing a Christmas gift for specific children who are served by Hopeful Beginnings. Twenty-five (25) gifts will be brought to HB on November 30th, so that they can be given to the mothers when they come for their monthly visit in December.

Our next clothing drive will be in April for spring and summer clothing. NOW is the perfect time to buy summer items at 50% to 80% off original prices. While Christmas shopping, a few minutes perusing the clearance racks in the toddler's section might yield wonderful finds.

A huge Thank You to our **Sister Cyndy** who has graciously volunteered to make baby blankets for the little ones at Hopeful Beginnings. Her nimble fingers will create beautiful gifts for new moms - blankets filled with her prayers and love crocheted into each stitch.

### PALATINE TOWNSHIP - THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As our Minister Sue mentioned in her message, the items that you signed up to bring for the Thanksgiving baskets are due at this month's gathering on **November 14th**. The baskets will be packed during the gathering. Sister Kay has graciously volunteered to drop them off at the Palatine Township Center.

### JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

**RoseAnn**, the coordinator for Journeys/The Road Home, will oversee the next collection of food and items needed by the homeless will be taken up at our February gathering. A list of items needed will be posted in the January newsletter - OR - if you would like to have the list sooner, go to the website and click on the August newsletter. Contact **RoseAnn** for more information.

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

The fraternity has been signed up to service at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg on **December 5th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.** This ministry packs bags of nutritious grain for those living in the poorest and most destitute areas on our planet.

Contact our **Minister Sue** to sign up and/or for more information.

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## Profession Anniversaries

11/5/1990                Rosemary McGraw (shut-in)  
11/6/2005                Mary Kay Potnick

*Congratulations! Abundant blessings be Yours!*

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## Joy and Sorrow

Then a woman said: Speak to us of Joy and Sorrow.

And he answered:

Your Joy is your Sorrow unmasked.

And the selfsame well from which your laughter arises was oftentimes filled with your tears.

And how else can it be?

The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain.

Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was burned in the potter's oven?

And is not the lute that soothes your spirit, the very wood that was hollowed with knives?

When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall find that it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving joy.

When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.

Some of you say, "Joy is greater than sorrow," and others say, "Nay, sorrow is the greater."

But I say unto you, they are inseparable.

Together they come, and when one sits alone with you at your board, remember that the other is asleep upon your bed.

Verily, you are suspended like scales between your sorrow and your joy.

Only when you are empty are you at standstill and balanced.

When the treasure-keeper lifts you to weigh his gold and his silver, needs must your joy or your sorrow rise and fall.

*The Prophet*

*Kahlil Gibran*

*Editor's thought: what better example of Joy and Sorrow being inseparable is the back-to-back Feast of All Saints and Feast of All Souls.*

*The feast of All Saints is just that; it encompasses all saints, not just those who have been canonized. It honors millions, including our relatives and friends, who now share in eternal Joy.*

*That Joy was not possible until the Sorrow of dying to life on earth occurred.*

*On the feast of All Souls, we have Sorrow for the loss of those who brought Joy to us during their time on earth. While we mourn because of the void that is now in our life without them, that Sorrow can be used to create Joy that fills the voids in other lives.*

*The Joy of the Resurrection could have never occurred without the Sorrow of Good Friday.*

*Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us*

*And is risen from the dead.*

*He is our saving Lord,*

*He is Joy for all ages.*

## Thanksgiving - An Attitude of Gratitude

"If you cannot be grateful for what you have received, then be thankful for what you have been spared."  
*Yiddish proverb*

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."  
*Thessalonians 5:18*

"Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way."  
*Native American proverb*

"A sense of blessedness comes from a change of heart, not from more blessings."  
*Mason Cooley*

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer."  
*Maya Angelou*

"The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see."  
*Mary Davis*

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns or rejoice because thorns have roses."  
*Alphonse Karr*

"Pain and suffering are inevitable; misery is optional. "  
*Unknown*

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## Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2022

<b>Sunday, Nov. 13</b>	<b>Mother Cabrini Regional celebration</b>
<b>Monday, Nov. 14</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Commemoration of deceased</i>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 20</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 2:00 p.m.
<b>Monday, Dec. 12</b>	Monthly gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Brennan Library at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. <i>Communion Service</i>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 18</b>	Council meeting, minister's home at 2:00 p.m.

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