



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

We read in Philippians 4:7 "The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds." Now breathe, inhale and exhale...and repeat.

The stuff that we are all experiencing in life right now can feel overwhelming. Some of you may be feeling that your plate is full...come to our gatherings where we are all there...for you, and you need to be there for others. You are a gift that others need as well. You chose to be a professed secular Franciscan and not a lone ranger, so please come to our meetings.

We have so much to be thankful for within our Franciscan Family. Currently, we have five people in formation. We have LOTS of outreach/service projects to choose from. I have heard from some of you that "I can't do it all!" You are not being asked to do it all. Pick and choose what you can afford or are physically able to do. We have tried to come up with a variety of service projects each month in hopes of seeing ways in which we can all give back in time, talent or treasure.

Now, unto October. Please note that you are getting this newsletter early because we will be having our next gathering on **Monday, October 2nd** at 1 p.m. at Holy Family so that we can celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis. *This gathering will replace our usual meeting on the second Monday of the month.* Transitus is from the Latin word for passage or crossing. It commemorates the completion of St. Francis' earthly life and his passage through death into eternal life. Then we are asking all who are available on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. to come to daily Mass at Holy Family. Wear your brown shirts and be willing to sit together at Mass and to hand out Franciscan prayer cards to attendees after Mass. Let's be a Franciscan presence at Holy Family Parish where we meet each month...especially at the Transitus of our founder, St. Francis.

We do have another wonderful celebration in our midst. Our Lou Riccio and his wife, Ann, are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on September 27th. Let's wish them the very best as they remain a wonderful example to us all.

Please read the entire newsletter. There is a lot going on and consider our donation/collection to Hopeful Beginnings in October.

Contact me please, if you have any questions regarding this newsletter. Peace and ALL good to you all.

Sister Sue G, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, October 2, 2023**, at **1:00 p.m.** in the Senior Center at Holy Family Catholic Church. We will celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis. *We will NOT meet on October 9th.*

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit to the peripheries of the world.

Profession Anniversaries

10/11/2010

Cyndy S.

May God shed His abundant blessings on our Sister Cyndy.

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 date for 2023 will be:

December 27

from **2:00 to 3:45 p.m.** Contact **Sister Sue G.** 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.

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

Specific skin care needs:

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.

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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 out the knees)

Snug-fitted foot cotton pajamas

Loose-fit footed pajamas

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

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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As we have done the past few years, we will be putting together baskets of food for Thanksgiving to be given to families who live in Palatine Township and are desperately in need of food. There will be a sign-up sheet at the **October** gathering. It will include the needed items for each basket. The items will be gathered into baskets at our November meeting. This year, we will contribute four baskets of food to the Township's needy. *Let us live simply so that others can simply live.*

JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

We will again collect items for Journeys/the Road Home at our **February** 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 February gathering. Contact **Sister RoseAnn** for more information on Journeys.

Most needed items:

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, fish and chicken*

Canned beans*

* pop top cans preferred

No bulk items

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 child is being treated for cancer.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2023

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> . We will NOT meet on the second Monday, October 9th.
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. Sept. 30, 2023	Franciscan Formation at Mayslake 8:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 12, 2023	Mother Cabrini Celebration (Cluster Five)

Council Members

Minister	Susan Gribbon, OFS	<i>minister@nwfranciscans.org</i>
Vice Minister	Tim Panzica, OFS	
Formation Director	Kay Crnich, OFS	
Secretary	Marion Tuttle, OFS	
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Spiritual Assistant	Jerry Stecker, OFS	
Councilor-at-Large	open	

For privacy, all personal addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, prayer intentions, and (for non-council members) last names are removed from this web version.

The Zero

Draw a zero on a piece of paper. What is a zero worth? Nothing. Surround it with more zeroes. What is it worth? Still nothing. But if you put a one (1) in front of it, it becomes something of value.

So, it is in life. Each of us on this earth is a zero. We can surround ourselves with other zeroes. We can puff ourselves up to be bigger than anyone else. But we are still zeroes - of no value. However, if One stands next to a zero, then it becomes powerful, provided that the One comes before it, not after.