



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Fr. Britto Berchman said Mass this morning (Sept. 22nd) at Holy Family and left us with a quote and a challenge: “Service is the rent we pay for the gift of life; go and make an impact.” And “If you think that you are so insignificant, then be in a dark room with one mosquito.” Wow, what Franciscan thought

Look at the definition of service—it can be a noun or a verb. As a noun: help or work. As a verb: the act of serving, such as a helpful act, the doing of it. Other synonyms and similar words for service: Blessings, Indulgences, Graces, Mercies, Benevolences, Mannas and Godsend.

Jesus came to serve and not be served. In Matthew 20:28 “If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest, and if one of you wants to be first, he must be your slave...like the Son of Man, who did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.” And Corinthians 10:24 “No one should be looking out for his own interests, but for the interests of others.”

I want to live my life ALL used up and skid into Homeplate tired, but knowing that I did my best. Yes, I’ll be battered and never rich or famous, but that is not the focus of my life. I’m here to serve, to help others, to be the hands and feet of Christ...to live my Faith. And so, as Fr. Britto says, Let’s make an impact.

We continue on the council with the following: Minister – Sue, Vice Minister – Tim, Formation Director – Kay, Secretary – Stephanie, Treasurer – Kathy, and Councilor-at-Large – Marion. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we strive to keep the life and spirit of Sts. Francis and Clare as our focus with all the plans for our fraternity.

At our next fraternity meeting, we will be discussing the changing of times for our fraternity gatherings and council meetings to later hours so as to attract people who are still in the work force.

Please know that I welcome any calls, texts or emails from you with any questions on the above thoughts or plans. We are striving for lively, joyful and Christ-centered fraternity gatherings. We need to all work together to make this happen.

Peace and ALL Good to you...This is a Good Thing!

Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering – Important Date Change

We will gather on **Monday, October 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, in **the Chapel**. Leave all donations for Hopeful Beginnings in your vehicles and go directly to the chapel for a Transitus service. Afterward, we will have a business meeting and social time downstairs. *We will not meet on Monday, October 14th.*

Profession Anniversaries

10/11/2010

Cyndy S.

May God keep our Sister Cyndy cradled in His ever-loving care.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Franciscan Outreach

HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS

The next collection for Hopeful Beginnings will be at our **October** gathering on **October 7**. This will be a collection of clothes and baby items needed for fall and winter.

Specific needs for babies and toddlers:

diapers - sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, lotions and soaps (hypoallergenic, if possible), wash cloths, towels, formula, lotions, soap, bibs.

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, jeans, pants, tops,

Also needed: underwear, socks, short sleeve tops, shorts, lightweight pants and jackets.

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 this month's (October) gathering. It will include items for each basket. The items will be gathered into baskets at our November meeting. This year, we will contribute Three Baskets of food to the Township needy. *Let us live simply so that others can simply live.*

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Pack bags of nutritious grain for those living in the most destitute areas on our planet. Members of our fraternity will participate in this work of service every other month from **2:30 to 4:00 p.m.** Our next outreach is **Dec. 18th** from 2:30 to 4:00 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.

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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.

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 August gathering. Contact **Sister RoseAnn** for more information on Journeys.

Most needed items:

Razors and shaving cream
Baby wipes
Large backpacks

Body wash - MOST NEEDED
Shampoo & conditioner - MOST NEEDED
Pullups - ALL SIZES

Food items:

Bottled water
Rice
Peanut butter
Jelly

Pasta (dried and canned)
Pasta sauce
Cereal - large boxes
Canned stew, fish and chicken*
* pop top cans preferred

Canned soups*
Canned fruit*
Canned vegetables*
Canned beans*
No bulk items

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

If you are able, pack five (5) one-gallon Ziploc bags with the following items and bring them to the **June** meeting each year:

Necessities: hand sanitizer (small size)
hand wipes
socks

soap and body wash
wash cloths

Optional items:

toothpaste and toothbrush
packs of tissues
razors
lip balm
Q-tips

deodorant
Vaseline or lotion
cotton balls
pad of paper and pen
hard candy/mints

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Sister Sue happily accepts all tabs from pop top cans which are then donated to Ronald McDonald House. The tabs are sold to aluminum recyclers and the proceeds help pay for kidney dialysis for children.

Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, You do for Me.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2024

- Monday, Oct. 7** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in the **CHAPEL** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, for a Transitus Service. There will be a collection of fall clothing and baby items for Hopeful Beginnings *Liturgy Transitus.*
- Sunday, Oct. 20** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 11** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in the **Gathering Room** on the **Lower Level** at Holy Family Parish. We will pack Thanksgiving baskets for the Palatine Township needy. *Liturgy will commemorate the deceased.*
- Sunday, Nov. 24** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 9** Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in the **Gathering Room** on the **Lower Level** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. *Liturgy - Communion Service.*
- Sunday, Dec. 22** Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

Calendar of Regional Gatherings 2024

- Sunday, October 27** All Soul's Day Prayer Service, OFS Section, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 10** Mother Cabrini event and our Regional Elections, Mayslake

Council Members

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

As he lay dying, Francis said: "I have done what is mine to do, may Christ teach you what is yours."

The world will only change for the better when we change for the better. We can only give away who we are. Do we think of others' needs first or ours? How can we expect others to think of our needs and fulfill them, if we do not think of theirs?