



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

"St. Francis laid the groundwork...and we as Secular Franciscans continue the mission...There is no 'them', there is only 'us'."(from Dear Reader, St. Anthony Messenger, June/July 2022) Who are "the other" in our society? We are called to step outside our comfort zones and embrace the other as our St. Francis embraced and served the lepers. "I draw my inspiration from the 13th century Franciscan theologian and leader, St. Bonaventure, who tells us that how we choose and what we choose makes a difference--first, in what we become by our choices and, second, in what the world becomes by our choices. This simple statement by Bonaventure explains the profound vision of St. Francis: a vision of a world where we are all connected; through God, we are all one." (Welcoming our Afghan Brothers and Sisters, St. Anthony Messenger pg. 24 June/July 2022)

Wow! We did it! At our last fraternity gathering we heard from Patty B who spoke about Hopeful Beginnings. This will be our Franciscan Outreach focus at our October gathering. And then, during our social time we gathered our food collection for Journeys/The Road Home. On Thursday, August 11th, Kay C. Marion T. and I (wearing our brown Franciscan t-shirts) delivered the food and personal needs items and shelved them at Journeys. Pictures were taken, and Sue R. submitted an article to the Daily Herald.

I am very thankful that our RoseAnn Y. has volunteered to be our Journeys/The Road home liaison going forward. Thank you, Roseann. Stephanie H. will be our Franciscan Outreach Coordinator and the liaison for Hopeful Beginnings. Thank you, Stephanie.

Jerry S., our Spiritual Assistant, has begun a journey for ALL of us to better understand the Psalms used in our LOTH (Liturgy of the Hours). And, in doing so, will enrich our appreciation and make our Morning and Evening Prayer more meaningful. Thank you, Jerry.

Remember:

A good life
is when you
assume nothing
do more, need less,
smile often, dream big,
laugh a lot, and realize
how blessed you are.

The above was found a long time ago, author unknown.
Peace and love to you all. Sue G.

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, September 12, 2022**, in the Library at **Holy Family Parish in Inverness** at **6:30 p.m.** for formation. Our liturgy will be the Liturgy of the Hours; please bring your books. Social time will begin **afterward**. Please consider bringing a snack to share.

And So We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Outreach Project for October - Hopeful Beginnings

All items for Hopeful Beginnings should be brought to the October 10 gathering. They will be taken to Hopeful Beginnings the following day.

Items needed:

SKIN CARE

Diapers - 3T, 4T, 5T

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

Baby Dove Bar Soap 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 \$19.88 on Amazon)

CLOTHING - MOST NEEDED SIZES ARE 3T, 4T, 5T BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS

2T and 3T pants for Boys as these are rarely donated (boys wear them out)

Snug-fit footed cotton pajamas

Loose-fit footed pajamas

Underwear

Socks

Pants/jeans

Long sleeve tops

Fall/winter jackets with hoods

Snow pants

Mittens/gloves

Franciscan Outreach

JOURNEYS/THE ROAD HOME

RoseAnn Y. has graciously volunteered to be the liaison between our fraternity and Journey/The Road Home. Thank you, RoseAnn, for your selfless generosity.

HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS

The fraternity liaison met with Julia K, the Coordinator at Hopeful Beginnings and took a tour of the facility, as well as spoke with her about the needs of the organization and the ways in which our fraternity can be of service.

Volunteers needed

Currently, there is a need for volunteers in two areas: clerical help and the baby closet. The baby closet volunteers work a morning or afternoon shift. The case managers fill out a form which indicates the needs of the client for her child. The baby closet volunteer selects the items needed and puts them into a bag for the client. The volunteers also sort through donations to the baby closet, wash them (washer and dryer on site) and stock them. If you are interested in volunteering at the Baby Closet, please see Stephanie at the September gathering for an application form.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2022

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| 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> |
| Sunday, Oct. 23 | Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, Nov. 13 | Mother Cabrini Regional celebration |
| 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. 20 | 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>Communion Service</i> |
| Sunday, Dec. 18 | Council meeting, minister's home at 1:00 p.m. |

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