



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

On August 11th, we celebrated the Feast of St. Clare. "She was the first flower in Francis' Garden, and she shone like a radiant star" stated by St. Bonaventure on Clare. And, in her testament, it is said, "Let the love you have in your hearts be shown outwardly in your deeds."

"Ministry-in-action, that was Clare's default. It should be ours as well." This last is a quote from *Words of Wisdom from St. Clare* by Susan Hines-Brigger.

We, the third order of lay fraternities were formed by Francis to live in the world and to carry out the principles of Franciscan life, the Rule. Franciscans are the largest religious order in the Roman Catholic world. Never forget our Gospel roots, our Franciscan identity and our Franciscan mission. And this all brings me to the point of our Mother Cabrini Region Franciscan Formation on Saturday, September 30th from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. There will be a \$10. box lunch offered. There will be a sign-up sheet and collection of the \$10 for lunch at our next gathering on September 11th. I need to RSVP by September 18th to the region.

And so, we pray for Tim who is healing from open heart surgery, for Cyndy who continues to heal from back surgery, for Perry, the husband of Mary Anita, as he struggles and heals from a stroke, and for many of our Franciscan family who are in pain and finding life so difficult right now. Please, if there is anything we can do, call me.

Peace and all good.

Sister Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gathering

We will gather on **Monday, September 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Senior Center at Holy Family Catholic Church. Please bring a snack to share at social time; drop it off in the kitchen as you come into the narthex. Our liturgy will be Liturgy of the Hours.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Profession Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries to be celebrated individually in the month of September. Let us *all* celebrate the incredible gift of vocation to the OFS that was given to each of us by our loving God.

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:

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.

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 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

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.

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. In past years we have contributed three baskets. Perhaps this year as our fraternity grows, we can put together four baskets. *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 August 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*	Canned beans*
	Canned fish and chicken*	
* 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 children is being treated for cancer.

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2023

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.

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Monday, Nov. 13 Monthly gathering will be held at **1 p.m.** in the **Senior Center** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness, *Commemoration of deceased/LOTH*

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, *Communion Service*

Sunday, Dec. 17 Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

Calendar of Regional Gatherings 2023

Sat. Sept. 30, 2023 **Fall Formation Day** 8: 30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 12, 2023 **Mother Cabrini Celebration** (Cluster Five)
All events are at Mayslake Village, except where noted.

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	
Treasurer	Kathy Fischer, OFS	
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.

Remembering the Wealth of the Church

St. Lawrence whose feast day is August 10 - the day before St. Clare's, was a deacon and the treasurer of the Church in 258 A.D. when Pope Sixtus II was martyred. Afterward, he was ordered to bring to the Roman authorities all the wealth of the church. He showed up with a throng of the poor, the blind, the sick, the orphaned. These, he said, are the wealth of the Church. He and our Father Francis had the same mindset.

Perhaps this is the mindset we need as we cheerfully go about doing our Franciscan Outreach.
