



Dear Brothers & Sisters

Secular Franciscan Order
Palatine, Illinois

We gather at **7:30 p.m** on the
second Monday of each
month at:

St. Joseph's Home
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Palatine, IL

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Newsletter submissions welcomed
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phone numbers, email, prayer
intentions, and (for non-council
members) last names are removed
from this web version.

What a lovely gathering we had on Monday, June 11th, as we celebrated the feast of the patroness of our fraternity, the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thank you - to Fr. David, who made the long trek from Joliet to Palatine to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and enrich us with his homily – words from the heart; to Dcn. Lou, and to our Spiritual Assistant, Jerry, for their assistance at Mass and in preparation for it; to Sister Kathy, an excellent reading of Scripture; and to our musician, Sister Sue, and our “choir members”, Sister Jackie and Brother Tim.

Our Monthly Gathering...

Monday, July 9th, will be our annual Day of Recollection for all who have gathered together in the last few months. The evening will begin at an earlier time and at a different venue. Pertinent information and agenda is below:

Location: **Holy Family Parish**
2515 Palatine Road
Inverness, IL

Room: **#053 located on the lower level**

Park on the west side of the church complex and use the elevator or the stairs just past the parish office to go to the lower level room at the end of corridor.

Agenda: **5:00 p.m: Discussion of *To Light a Fire***

Sr. Madge will lead a

discussion focused on these four areas:

1. How are Secular Franciscans to be engaged in the world today?
2. The privatization of faith and beige Catholicism
3. Comments on beauty, goodness, and truth today
4. What is our role in the mission?

6:45 p.m: Break

7:00 p.m: Mass in the Chapel

Located on the east side of the narthex

7:45 p.m: Dinner in meeting room

*For those who cannot be there at 5 p.m., COME WHEN YOU CAN
WHATEVER THE TIME MAY BE. By 7 pm, all should be there. ☒*

Our Fraternity Elections

At the June fraternity meeting, all professed members received information pertaining to the election of the next council for the fraternity.

The elections will be held at our regular gathering on Monday, September 10, 2018. All professed will gather at 6:30 pm to participate in the election process.

Meanwhile, it is the responsibility of every professed member of the fraternity to discern who would best serve the fraternity as a council member, including yourself.

Sister Sue is our Nominating Coordinator. Send an email to her with the name(s) of those whom you feel would fulfill the duties of a specific council position. Sister Sue will contact the person nominated and let them know of the nomination and ask them for their acceptance of the nomination.

The names of those who accept nomination and those who nominate themselves will become the slate for our fraternity elections.

For the process *to be truly an election* at least two candidates should be on the slate for each one of the five council positions: minister, vice minister, formation director, secretary, treasurer. See the information packet you were given in June for a description of the duties of each one of these positions. ☒

Regional Fraternity Elections

Three months after our elections, the Mother Cabrini Regional Fraternity elections will be held in December 2018. All professed members in every regional fraternity are asked to prayerfully consider who in their fraternity might be a good candidate to serve on the regional council.

In addition to the five positions which are the same as those of the local fraternity councils, there is an extra position of Councilor-at-Large. If you are interested or feel that someone in the fraternity would be a good member of the regional council, please contact the fraternity minister with that person's name by August 1st.

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Regional Feast of the Portiuncula Gathering

A separate email was sent to the fraternity with the specific information pertinent to this gathering which will be on Saturday, August 4th at Mayslake, Oak Brook, Illinois. This is a great time to meet Secular Franciscans from other fraternities in the region and to "catch up" with those you already know.

Fr. Hutmacher, OFM, is an engaging speaker who will share his knowledge about the Porziuncula (Italian spelling), the Little Portion, that was at the heart of our Father Francis' founding of the Fratres Minore (Friars Minor).

The day will begin with registration at 8:30 am and conclude with evening prayer at 2:30 pm. There will be a catered lunch available for \$15 (payable on the day of the gathering) or you can brown bag it.

If you have never been to Italy, and the outlook for going isn't bright, you can see the replica of the Portiuncula that is on the Peabody estate adjacent to Mayslake. Sister Sue will be taking a group to visit it during the lunch break on Saturday, August 4th.

Please let your minister know **by July 9th** that you will be attending. Another copy of the information has been attached to the email with this newsletter ☒

Anniversaries

God's Abundant Blessings on our Sister as she celebrates her anniversary of profession.

July 11, 1999 Jackie

Common Fund – June 2018

Beginning balance	\$2,578.98
Deposits	271.63
Expenses including Fair Share	527.75
Balance	\$2,322.86

Important Information on Franciscan Outreach

Yesterday, June 26th, your minister received an email from Franciscan Outreach announcing the opening of their first shelter in Chicago that is directly focused on the specific needs of men and women who are living in encampments. It will be a 24-hour low barrier facility that is unlike any other shelter in Chicago. It will be located at 1856 South Loomis in the Pilsen neighborhood. It will offer a stable environment that will reduce the health and safety risks that people are exposed to while living outdoors, and it will provide an array of programs and services that are needed to make positive changes in their lives.

Because of the gentrification of the Wicker Park neighborhood, the homeless who visited the Marquardt Center have been forced to move to other areas of the city. The decision was made to sell the building at 1645 W. LeMoyné and expand services for the homeless in the areas where the need is greatest.

The building is under contract and the sale is scheduled to close in October 2018. Franciscan Outreach will lease back the building for 3-4 months through January 2019 to provide a smooth transition for the men and women who receive services at this location.

The proceeds received from the sale of the Marquardt Center will be used to renovate the Outreach shelter at 2715 W. Harrison. It will also allow Franciscan Outreach to expand the specialized services including free medical assistance for guests at the shelter's onsite clinic partnered with Rush Univ. Medical Ctr.

Our fraternity will be able to continue with our Christmas Outreach Program for 2018. At the August meeting, there will be a sign-up sheet for those willing to purchase the items we will need to fill the 120 bags for this Christmas. And we will have a gathering in November to put the bags together while we socialize as fraternity.

In 2019, we will discern how best we can help Franciscan Outreach as they move in a different direction to be more hands on in the areas where those in need are living. **T**

And So We Pray...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray that all families who have suffered separation through circumstances over which they have no control, not just in the United States, but throughout the world, will be swiftly reunited,

We pray that all families who have suffered separation because of misunderstandings, will learn to love each other and forgive each other just as our heavenly Father forgives us time and time again,

We pray that all families who are experiencing a time of testing and pain and loss, will receive a blessing from the Lord, bringing healing and grace,

We pray that our fraternal family, our brothers and sisters in fraternity, will always be united in our common goal of being Christ for each other and for the world,

We pray that the distress of our homeless brothers and sisters in Chicago will be eased by the new endeavors of Franciscan Outreach,

WE PRAY FOR THOSE NEAR AND DEAR

[PRIVATE]

For all of our **shut-in sisters**, that the health issues that keep them separated from us will be attended to with compassion and love, we pray to the Lord,

Our Apostolates

Bringing the Gospel to Life, and Life to the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis

BINGO. Meets one night per month at 6:30 pm in St. Joseph's activity room. Please pick one month in which to volunteer. Contact Sisters Kay or Mary Kay to sign up.

FRANCISCAN OUTREACH. This is a year round project. Fraternity members can either donate to the cost or purchase the specific items for 120 Gift Bags which are made up in November for the homeless guests at the Franciscan Outreach soup kitchen in Chicago. Contact Sister Stephanie for more information.

PRAYER & PRAISE MINISTRY. For our brothers and sisters unable to participate in our monthly gatherings due to poor health or transportation issues. For more information, or if you are ill or know of a member who is ill, please call our infirmarian, Sister Jackie.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. We interweave prayers along with God's love, care, and warmth into the stitches as we knit or crochet shawls for others. For more information, contact Sisters Sue or Cyndy.

SUPPORT (Money, Materials). Quarterly donations are taken from any excess funds that are available in our Common Fund *after* all the fraternity obligations are met. The donations are given to: Franciscan Missionary Union, Franciscan Outreach, Poor Clares (Palos Park, IL).

YOUTH PRAYER PARTNERS. Coordinated by Brother Tom, this apostolate matches up fraternity members with young people who are preparing for First Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please call Brother Tom.

2018 Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at St. Joseph's Home.

January

~~08: Monthly Gathering (Communion Service)~~

~~22: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home~~

February

~~12: Monthly Gathering (Liturgy of the Hours)~~

March

~~12: Monthly Gathering (Stations of the Cross)~~

~~26: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home~~

April

~~09: Monthly Gathering (Communion Service)~~

May

~~14: Monthly Gathering (Liturgy of the Hours)~~

June

~~04: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home~~

~~11: Monthly Gathering (Mass)~~

July

09: Fraternity Day of Recollection
(Holy Family Parish)

August

13: Monthly Gathering (Liturgy of the Hours)

20: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home

September

10: Fraternity Elections (Liturgy of the Hours)

24: Council Meeting, Stephanie's home

October

03: Transitus of our Holy Father Francis
replaces regular fraternity meeting

November

12: Monthly Gathering (Mass – with Rite of Remembrance)

18: (*Sunday*) Franciscan Outreach Project,
Stephanie's home

December

10: Monthly Gathering (Communion Service)