



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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**Newsletter submissions welcomed
by 25th of each month.** Send to:
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phone numbers, email, prayer
intentions, and (*for non-council
members*) last names are removed
from this web version.

"We are not here as secular Franciscans only for our own sanctification."

It is hard to say which was hotter, the weather outside or the fire in our hearts. Those professed many years, those new to the fraternity and everyone in between sat enthralled at our fraternity's Day of Recollection at Holy Family Parish on Monday, July 9th.

Our very knowledgeable, engaging, and humble down-to-earth speaker was **Sister Madge**, who spent over twenty years in South Africa and is an expert on missiology, which is the study of religious (typically Christian) missions and their methods and purposes. Sister Madge based her talk on the book by Bishop Barron, *To Light a Fire*, and how it relates to our vocations as secular Franciscans, committed to fraternity and to transforming society.

The fraternity then joined the participants at the Monday evening Mass held at Holy Family. Thank you to **Sisters Jackie and Marion, Brother Tim, and Spiritual Assistant, Brother Jerry**, who led the congregation in Franciscan songs.

Our hats are off to the chef's hat of **Candidate Gail**, who graciously spent that hot 90° day, chopping and mixing and baking and tending to a hot stove to provide us with a mouth-watering feast. Thank you, Gail, for all the love which we tasted in every bite. ☒

Our Monthly Gathering...

We will gather on Monday, August 13th, at St. Joseph's Home. All professed with gather at 6:30 pm for formation. Our Spiritual Assistant, Brother Jerry, will begin a discussion of the *Admonitions of St. Francis*. If you have never read them, or if it has been a long time, read at least the first part of the document, those pertaining to daily living. They're available on the Internet.

At 7:30 pm, all with gather in the chapel to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. (Professed, please bring your Liturgy books.) Afterward, there will be a short business meeting followed by social time in the ice cream parlor. ☒

Fraternity Elections in September

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.

It isn't necessary for you to nominate someone for each office, but please think about someone who you feel would fulfill the duties of a specific council position. The responsibilities of each member of the council were outlined in the information packet you received in June. All new members of the council are mentored by the person who previously held the position. And the duties of each position can be shared by other fraternity members.

Sister Sue is our Nominating Coordinator. Send an email to her with the name(s). Sister Sue will contact the person(s) nominated and let them know of the nomination and ask them for their acceptance of the nomination. The deadline for nominations is Friday, August 10th.

The names of those who accept nomination and those who nominate themselves will become the slate for our fraternity elections. The names of the nominees will be included in the September issue of the newsletter.

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. This is *your* fraternity. You hold its future in your hands. ☒

Common Fund –	July 2018
Beginning balance	\$2,322.86
Deposits	175.00
Expenses including Fair Share	667.00
Balance	\$1,830.86

Anniversaries

There are no specific profession anniversaries in the month of August.

God's Blessings on all professed as we strive each day to live our profession.

And So We Pray...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Evangelization: The treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our Holy Father, our bishops and priests, that they may be shepherds after God's own heart, we pray to the Lord,

For peace, that violence may be replaced by negotiation and that the hardness of hearts at enmity with each other, may be softened, we pray to the Lord,

For the grace to be good soil for God's holy word, accepting it, understanding it, and bearing good fruit, we pray to the Lord,

For our beloved brothers and sisters, that they may be given complete knowledge of the kingdom of God in heaven, we pray to the Lord,

WE PRAY FOR THOSE NEAR AND DEAR

For **those in initial formation** and for their formation instructors, we pray to the Lord,

[PRIVATE]

For the entire Franciscan family, **First Order, Second Order and Third Order Regular and Secular**, that God may strengthen all members in their commitment, we pray to the Lord,

Franciscan Outreach Project

Since the Marquard Center will still be open through the end of 2018, we will continue with our annual project of providing 120 Gift Bags for the homeless.

All items are included in the Gallon Size Ziploc Bags and the approximate cost of 120 is based on previous purchases. **It is also important that the items going into each bag should be identical. For example, all toothpaste should be 6 oz. tubes, not a mix of regular and travel sizes.**

There will be a sign-up sheet at the August gathering with the items needed. It will be available in the Ice Cream Parlor at social time so that our aspirants will also have an opportunity to participate, if they so desire.

Meanwhile, check the list below and determine which item or items you would like to purchase. The costs are based on previous purchases and could be more or less depending on price increases and how savvy a shopper you are. *The total cost for some of the items can be more than one person can afford. Now is the time to connect with other members to share the cost.*

ITEM 1
120 pairs of crew socks \$120.

ITEM 2
120 6 oz. tubes toothpaste 120.

ITEM 3
120 toothbrushes have already been purchased.

ITEM 4
240 pkgs. Handiwipes 80.

ITEM 5
120 snack bags of floss sticks * 20.

ITEM 6
120 snack bags of cottonballs * 15.

ITEM 8
120 snack bags of Q-Tips * 15.

ITEM 9
120 snack bags of Band-aids * 30.

ITEM 10
120 tubes of lip balm 60.

ITEM 11
120 pkgs. of Handwarmers 120.

ITEM 12
120 men's style combs 20.

ITEM 13
120 emery boards 15.

ITEM 14
120 4x5 inch pads of paper** 24.

ITEM 15
120 pens, black or blue ink *** 12.

ITEM 16
120 snack bags of hard candy have already been donated.

ITEM 17
120 Christmas cards have already been purchased.

ITEM 18
120 prayer cards are always donated by Smith Corcoran Funeral Home.

The best prices for most of these items can be found at the Dollar Tree, Walmart, Walgreens.

* Instructions will be given to those who select these items as to how many large packages to buy which can then be broken down into the 120 snack bags.

**The Dollar Tree sells a packet of 5 pads of paper in rainbow colors for \$1. for a total cost of \$24 for 120 pads of paper

***The Back-to-School sales are the best time to buy good ballpoint pens, like Papermate. 10 pens in a package for \$1.

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)