



The Herald of St. Francis

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Our May Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, May 7TH at 11:00 am in Conway Hall. **PLEASE NOTE:** This will be our annual communion breakfast and it will be the **first Sunday of the month** instead of the second to accommodate Mother's Day. We will meet at Conway Hall at 11:00 to set up then and proceed to the Church for 11:30 Mass. **We should try to sit together as a group.** There will be a pot luck breakfast after Mass around 12:30. Be sure to bring your special dish to share. We will sing a hymn and crown the Blessed Mother.

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Pat Simon at 610-352-5390

“And we will be involved in the monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community.”

~ The Lay Franciscan Monthly Pledge

Prayer Petitions

Please contact Mrs. Fran Urso at francesurs@aol.com or 610-202-8965 if you would like to include a petition in the newsletter. A new list will be generated each month.

- Mary and Tom – health and employment

- Marie - mental and spiritual health
- Fr. Kozak - physical, spiritual and emotional health
- Holmes Family- peace and acceptance
- Rita - cancer healing
- Bill - repose of his soul and peace within his family
- Bill - health issues
- Frank - dental problems
- Rosa - ankle surgery
- Jim - broken foot
- Marie - clean bill of health
- Anne - dental health
- Terry- conversion of family
- Nicole - repose of soul and family healing
- Cindy - family healing
- JW - physical, spiritual and emotional health

St. Francis Inn Needs

- Men's & Women's Underwear
- Men's Shoes
- Dinner-size Forks
- Deodorant & Toothpaste
- Paper Towels
- Prayers

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Formation Information

There will be no formal ongoing formation session in May. Fr. Quan Tran will be speaking to us during our communion breakfast. Plans for June formation are not set yet but details will be in the next newsletter

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Food for Thought

The Latin words sine proprio in the writings of Francis are usually translated poverty, but that is a quite inadequate translation of them. They refer, rather, to a way of living without grasping (and are thus far more about attitudes and values than about intrinsic wealth or the lack of it).

For Francis the Eucharist is a sign of the sine proprio of Christ – he holds nothing of himself back for himself, but pours himself out totally in saving and redeeming grace to us in the Sacrament. And yet the Sacrament is also the means by which we may return all that we are and have to Christ, appropriating nothing of it to ourselves.

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It was because Francis saw the humility and poverty of Christ, this pattern of living without grasping, so clearly expressed in the Eucharist that he had

such a great veneration of it and urged his brothers to hold it in the same veneration. The Eucharist was, if you like, the symbol of so much of what he held to be at the heart of the Gospel. And the Eucharist lies at the heart of Franciscan spirituality still for the same reasons. It puts us in touch with the living Christ as nothing else can do. In the Eucharist we see expressed Christ's pattern of living through dying, a pattern that we are also called to make our own. And as we do that we are following Christ after the example of St Francis in a particularly powerful way.

~ Gordon Plumb, *St. Francis of Assisi and Eucharistic Adoration*

