



The Herald of St. Francis

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Our June Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, June 10TH at 12:30 PM in Conway Hall. We will participate in ongoing formation, have some social time with our fraternal family, and then recite the Franciscan Crown Rosary and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Please do your best to arrive on time (or even a little early) so we can begin our gathering promptly at 12:30.

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

Clothing Drive

Consistent with our mission to spread love to all, we have committed our Fraternity to a clothing drive for the homeless. Please bring any old, discarded or unused clothing which you have or may secure. The clothing sorted, bagged, and taken to the Kensington homeless area for distribution.

Prayer Petitions

Please contact 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.

- Ashlyn - safe delivery of baby
- Repose of souls recently departed in 2018
- Persia family - healing and financial recovery and finding employment
- Terrance and Julie - healing
- Kathy - spiritual intention
- Terry - conversion of family
- Anne F.- Recovery from fall
- Rose B. - Recovery from leg surgery
- Mary P. - Diagnosed with heart murmur
- Jamie - Recovery from addiction and anxiety and spiritual growth
- C - mental and spiritual healing
- David - success on new job
- Baby Laura - healing brain tumor and relief from seizures
- Mike - infection in spine causing paralysis - healing

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July/August Meeting Place

The St. Francis Parish is going to be installing air conditioning in Conway Hall this summer so we will not have access to it for our July and August gatherings. We haven't determined where we will be meeting for those two months but hope to have an update for you soon.

St. Francis Inn Needs

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Paper Towels
- Men's (particularly boxers) & Women's Underwear
- Men's Shoes
- Diapers (especially 3T-4T & 4T-5T)
- Prayers

Formation Information

Due to some last minute travel plans as well as a number of other calendar conflicts, none of our usual formators will be available to attend our June gathering. I ask that everyone take some additional time for prayer and contemplation and use it to prepare to share ways God has worked in your life since our last gathering. This sharing will be a great way to support and strengthen each other in our Franciscan journey.

Food for Thought

The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members.

~ Article 22, Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

The fraternity, summoned by the Holy Spirit in Christ's name, is an aspect of penitential life that is both highly meaningful and irreplaceable. (They) each other to grow in the love of God through reciprocal love, encouragement, fraternal correction and so forth. Together they overcome difficulties, are freed from selfishness, and give witness of conversion to God.

The local fraternity is the basic living organism of the whole SFO. It is the center for spiritual growth, apostolic outreach and loving union among members. Fraternity should be a place where we are offered an opportunity for conversion, for spiritual growth. There are two facets of Fraternity Life. One is internal calling, and the other is external calling; internal spiritual growth and external apostolic works. Both are important for the life of SFO. The Rule of SFO calls Secular Franciscans to go from Gospel (conversion) to life (apostolate).

~ Fr. Irudaysamy OFM Cap, Fraternity as a Fundamental Element of St. Francis Spirituality (*FUN Manual*)



St. Francis, pray for us
