



July 2021

**Ordo Saecularis Franciscanus
St. Margaret of Cortona Region**

Next Fraternity Gathering

**Monday Evening at 7:30- July 26,2021
St. Joan of Arc Meeting House
219 Law Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001**

Agenda

7:30 pm: **Opening Prayer**
page 35 of Ritual Book
Liturgy of the Hours: Evening
Prayer Memorial of Saints
Joachim and Ann, Parents of
Mary
Hymn#172 on page **1694**
verses **1** and **3**
Psalms on page **723**
Reading, Responary and
Antiphon to the Canticle of
Mary on page **1203**
Concluding Prayer as in
Morning Prayer on page
1202
Presider- **Margaret Wise**
Antiphonarion- **Anne Dulik**
Reader-**Stan Glodek**
Ongoing Formation:
Questions for Chapter 2 -
Dating God.
Discussion Questions for
Chapter 2 were sent out by
email on July 18th
Closing Prayer followed by
Social



Br. Emmanuel
July 9th

Regional Visitation

As mentioned in the June Newsletter, next month we will be having a Regional Fraternal and Pastoral Visitation. Please make every effort to be present. We are a small fraternity and each member's contribution and presence is important. The Visitation provides the Region an opportunity to: get acquainted with us; evaluate our record keeping, formation and functioning according to the Rule and the Charism; provide suggestions; and strengthen the bond between Padre Pio Fraternity and the Region. This is done in an atmosphere of fraternal affection and dialogue.

“Totally love Him, who gave Himself totally for your love.”

St. Clare of Assisi

Upcoming Elections

Fraternity Elections will be held in September. Ginger Bahr heads the Nominating Committee. Ginger will be contacting members to see who is interested in running for council offices. We were supposed to have the Election March 2021 but because of Covid and not meeting in person, it was delayed.

Members Must be Present to vote. No absentee ballots!

We are in need of a Formation Director. Joy is stepping down. Joy generously filled the Fraternity's need when Allen Siegel resigned as Formation Director. Through the years Joy has been a true servant leader.

I have been told that if we fail to have enough people to serve on the Council there is a possibility that

we could be disbanded as a fraternity.

Please pray to the Holy Spirit and discern if you are being called to serve on the Council.

To view the duties of each council member check out the Region's website:

www.saintmargaretofcortona.org

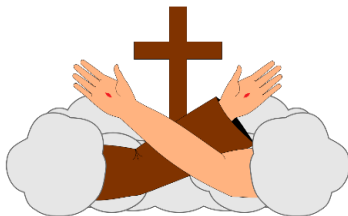
Click: Documents and then Constitution.

Council Duties are Articles 49- 52.

The Fraternity is where we grow in our Franciscan vocation. Active members give it life!

Bonnie Ng, O.F.S.

July Profession



Br. Emmanuel Wenke,

7/25/2014

St. Clare of Assisi

Feast Day August 11th

“One of the gifts Clare brought to her task as a spiritual leader was her attitude of encouragement to people. It is one of the hallmarks of greatness to enable others to do better than their best, and Clare was no exception. Her skill in leading others forward soon became known and she began to exert considerable influence. It seems that guidance in prayer and godly living was as much in demand then as it is now, and that serious spiritual endeavor was less and less the preserve of a professional elite. Many people were responding to new ideas about the apostolate, to the changing situation of the laity and to consequences of lay education. God was no longer mainly the concern of monks and nuns, and ordinary folk everywhere were looking for the sort of guidance which had, until recently, been largely reserved for religious. Clare and her sisters while remaining (unlike many similar groups) in the mainstream of orthodoxy, rapidly became the nucleus of a wider community of lay people who longed to know God better. Single men and women came, young and old, as well as married couples,

who all committed themselves to a regular life of prayer. People were drawn by Clare personally; they found her attractive and felt they could entrust themselves to her. They saw that she had some quality about her which they wanted to share, and many who, for one reason or another, were not able to join a community, did their best to live a ‘regular’ life without a rule in their own home. With this kind of outreach in mind, the night watchman, Ioanni de Ventura, said that she begot many sons and daughters. She taught them to live chastely, whatever their walk of life, to love poverty and to practice austerity, in what was then an appropriate manner but which now seems to us quite horrendous. She also encouraged them to open their hearts to God’s great love for them and to learn the skills of love for themselves.”

From: *This Loving Mirror: Reflections on Clare of Assisi.* Sister Frances Teresa Downing, O.S.C. Tau Publishing. Pages 99-100

July Apostolate

Franciscan Center- \$20

Brother Emmanuel had the opportunity this month to visit with his sister, **Sr. Frances Marie** and her community of **The Passionist Nuns** in Whitesville, Kentucky.



Prayer Intentions

Mary Simmons and family
Ron Teller
Jeffrey Teller Jr.
Baby Ava (Donna's Grand Niece)
Wes Wise
Catherine Fischer and her sister Mary Ann.
Margaret Wise's mother Ruth
Armando- Ginger's father
Don- Donna and Roland's Son in law
David- Anne's husband
For all those in our Book of Intentions

