



The Little Flower Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order St. Margaret de Cortona Region

Come and be fed...body, mind, soul and spirit

August 1, 2021

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we start to transition out of meeting solely by ZOOM, we will need to meet solely in person for the next 3 months. In August we will meet again at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City at 10AM and finish with Mass at Noon. Our July meeting was just lovely. The weather was perfect, our discussions were greatly animated and some were able to attend Mass together. THAT in itself is such a joy! While we pray together each time we meet, attending Mass with each other is necessary in our fraternal life. Please consider staying for Mass if you plan to attend the August Gathering.

In September, in lieu of gathering in person/zoom, we are planning a field trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. This is something we have talked about pre-pandemic and timing seems right to do this now. Beth is securing the St. Anthony bus for this trip. This is open to the first 12 people to reply to me by e-mail, text or a voicemail message. We do open this to people outside of our Fraternity. Please provide names of all those you would like to bring. Right now the date is September 11th and we will be admitted there at 9AM, an hour before general admission. (Specific details will follow on where/when we will meet to catch our bus.) The cost is going to be \$40 per person. This includes transportation/parking, admission to the museum and a donation to St. Anthony's church for use of bus/fuel. With your admission each person will get a 10% discount on one item at the Gift Shop. There are additional attractions for an additional cost. I am waiting for a reply back to see if these can be purchased individually that day. There is a café in the museum, but it might be wise to pack a lunch. (You will need to carry this with you as the bus will likely be parked a good distance away.) I anticipate we would leave the museum around 1 or 2pm.

Finally, in October we will have our elections. I am working to secure a facility to accommodate us for a few hours. More information will be coming soon.

However, ALL of this may become irrelevant if the positivity numbers of COVID increase and things start to head for a shut down once again. Continued prayers that this does not happen.

My friends, please take care of yourselves. This pandemic is not over. In fact I think it will be around for a long time in some way, shape or form. Please consider getting vaccinated if you have not already. I know there are a ton of arguments going either way about this. Pray over it. But, if you chose not to get the vaccine, please make sure you wear a mask and social distance yourselves. I know that message is being beaten into us, but for right now, that is the best we can do.

Stay safe, stay well.

Pax,

Lisa

ZOOM call information – this will be on hold for August, September and October

August we will gather in person at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City.

September – Field trip planned.

October – Elections. This must be in person. The place is TBD.

Agenda for Gathering:

Opening Prayer: Brown Book: Page 35

Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer for Common of One Martyr – St. Maximilian Kolbe

We will select the Presider, Antiphonarian and Reader when we gather.

Presider	TBD
Antiphonarian	TBD (Women will be Side 1 and Men will be Side 2)
Reader	TBD
Invitatory Antiphon	Page 1414 (Antiphon will be repeated after each verse)
Invitatory Psalm	Page 688
Opening	Page 1414 Morning Prayer
Hymn	Page 1692 #171 A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Antiphons	Page 1414
Psalmody	Page 707
Reading	Page 1414 2 Corinthians I: 3-5
Responsory	Page 1415
Gospel Antiphon	Page 1415
Canticle of Zechariah	Page 691
Intercessions	Page 1415
The Lord's Prayer	
Closing Prayer	Page 1416 (Second Prayer)
Closing of LoH	Page 694

Little Flower Business Matters – Lisa Gough

- Infirmarian Report - Helen Tumminello
- Fraternity Elections – we are due to hold our elections in OCTOBER. Al Gigel and Helen Tumminello have agreed to be our Nominating Committee. Please consider stepping up and answering the call to Servant Leadership. Attached, please find a summary of the offices available.

What is feeding our souls? *Minister's Note: I need volunteers!!! Please consider sharing your experiences!!*

This month Al Gigel will give a synopsis of his journey with Fr. Mike Schmidt and The Bible in a Year podcast.

Around the ROOM!

Everyone is invited, when called upon, to share some good news or positive things happening in your life, family, parish, neighborhood, workplace, etc. Each person will be called upon in turn.

Ongoing Formation – We Are Many Parts

Recently, we stumbled upon a topic that seemed of interest. We have created “We Are Many Parts” as a way for us to hear of a members journey. Each month we will hear from a selected a member of the Fraternity to share in their journey to the Secular Franciscans. You can share topics such as who approached you to check us out, what drew you to the Order, what aspect(s) of St. Francis did you find surprising or fascinating, etc. We want to hear about YOUR journey and your initial (and ongoing!) conversion.

Our spotlight this month is our Councilor **Joan Kane**.

And if time permits.... we will do **Bible Roulette!** We will have someone randomly open the Bible, read a passage and then we will discuss the passage. Sort of like Gospel to Life on the fly!

Closing Prayer: Brown Book, Page 36

Birthday Celebrant:

August

Maureen Korzelius 8/30
Helen Tumminello 8/26

Profession Anniversaries:

August None

Charity for June: Mother Seton Academy

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***From the General Constitutions of the Secular
Franciscan Order:***

THE OFFICES IN THE FRATERNITY

Article 51

1. While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the council to animate and guide the fraternity, the minister, as the primary person responsible for the fraternity, is expected to make sure that the directions and the decisions of the council are put into practice and will keep the council informed about what he or she is doing.

2. The minister also has the following duties:

- a. to call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the fraternity and council; to convoke every three years the elective chapter of the fraternity, having heard the council on the formalities of the convocation;
- b. to prepare the annual report to be sent to the council of the higher level after it has been approved by the council of the fraternity;
- c. to represent the fraternity in all its relations with ecclesiastical and civil authorities. When the fraternity acquires a juridical personality in the civil order, the minister becomes, when possible, its legal representative;
- d. to request, with the consent of the council, the pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years.
- e. to put into effect those acts which the Constitutions refer to his or her competence.

Article 522

1. The vice-minister has the following duties:

- a. to collaborate in a fraternal spirit and to support the minister in carrying out his or her specific duties;
- b. to exercise the functions entrusted by the council and/or by the assembly or chapter;
- c. to take the place of the minister in both duties and responsibilities in case of absence or temporary impediment;
- d. to assume the functions of the minister when the office remains vacant.

2. The secretary has the following duties:

- a. to compile the official acts of the fraternity and of the council and to assure that they are sent to their respective proper recipients;

b. to see to the updating and preservation of the records and the registers, noting admissions, professions, deaths, withdrawals, and transfers from the fraternity ;

c. to provide for the communication of the more important facts to the various levels and, if appropriate, to provide for their dissemination through the mass media.

3. The master of formation has the following duties:

a. to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the council, the formative activities of the fraternity;

b. to instruct and enliven the inquirers during the time of initiation, the candidates during the period of initiation formation, and the newly professed;

c. to inform the council of the fraternity prior to profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule.

4. The treasurer, or bursar, has the following duties:

a. to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the one from whom it was collected;

b. to record in the same register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the fraternity council;

c. to render an account of his or her administration to the assembly and to the council of the fraternity according to the norms of the national statutes.

Additionally, the council has four regional area council members, representing the minister at fraternal visitations and local elections. The four areas are: the Maryland/Delaware area, the Maryland/Pennsylvania area, the metro D.C. area, and the Virginia area.