



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

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

September 19, 2021

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You are receiving this Newsletter slightly earlier than normal for two reasons. First, my work is going to become very intense from now until September 30th with the end of our fiscal year. This will leave me no time to devote to the Fraternity. Second, our next Gathering will be **IN-PERSON ONLY** to hold our elections and there is critical information you need to know.

However, our greatest concern is the future of this Fraternity. My friends, if we cannot elect a viable Council/Leaders we will not be able to function and may cease to exist. This is the flat-out truth. We have seen from other Fraternities that once a Council falls apart, the collapse of the Fraternity is not far behind. Is this what you really want? I know many of you have filled leadership positions in the past and are just "riding it out." For those that have not held any roles in the Council...**NOW IS YOUR TIME!**

In an update from the Nominating Committee, an overwhelming percent of the Active Members of the Fraternity declined to be put on the ballot. **WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE ACCEPTING TO COMMIT TO HOLD AN OFFICE!** Most of all, no one has yet stepped up to put their name in for Minister.

I pray that in these coming weeks until we meet, that there will be a change of heart. We have talked about servant leadership (in ad nauseum, actually) but apparently our message has not been received.

Here is the harsh truth and critical message...**WE ARE IN DANGER OF COLLAPSING.** Our Fraternity is so rich in history! There are crates of documents in my house attesting to this. The roles we have played in connection to other Fraternities that have been formed are countless. We have been one of the strongest, if not longest running, Fraternities in the area. Are we really ready to let it all go?

I implore each of you to pray over what YOU want from YOUR Fraternity. How it moves forward is up to each of us...to all of us.

My friends....my last and final plea....please give your "YES" to serve your Fraternity. Our Mother Mary gave God her *fiat* ... so can you.

Pax,

Lisa

Elections of the Little Flower Fraternity

Saturday, October 9, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

3615 Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21218

10 AM

There is Mass at 9AM in the church for those wishing to attend

Coffee, Water and donuts will be available

Opening:

From the Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order (Brown Book)

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Sacred Scripture

Readings from the writings of St. Francis

Reflection/Meditation

Opening Prayer

The Order of Elections from the General Constitutions

Announcement of the Newly Elected Council

Confirmation of the Newly Elected Council

Recitation of the Creed by the New Minister

Declaration of Responsibility of the New Council

Final Prayer and Blessing

Congratulations and Social

Little Flower News:

Birthday Celebrant:

October

Joan Kane October 14th

Profession Anniversaries:

October

Helen Bridges 10/29/2006
Peg Doerfler 10/24/1982
Kelly Frederick 10/01/2016
Ann German 10/01/2016
Al Gigel 10/26/2008
Gary Haigley 10/23/1977
Joan Kane 10/01/2016
Elsie Saylor 10/24/1982

Charity for October and November: Christmas Family

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