



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

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

December 29, 2021

From the Minister's Desk

Brothers and Sisters of Penance,

The message I had prepared for this newsletter was pushed out of my mind by the Lord during my spiritual reading this morning. And I was sent down a different path. The original message was focused on spiritual self-development. The new message is to pray away from ourselves and toward our family, friends, priests and Church.

It stems from an experience described in my reading in the life of St. Faustina Kowalska. On the day that St. Faustina was leaving home to join the convent, her family and friends gathered to say farewell to her. Amidst the joy and love of that gathering, a profound sorrow crept into her heart. Faustina describes it thus: "I was very sorry not to have seen two of my sisters. I felt interiorly that their souls were in great danger. Pain gripped my heart at the thought of them" Faustina sensed that some temptation or trial was placing the souls of her sisters in danger, and she turned to Jesus to beg graces for them. Our Lord then told her: "I am granting them not only necessary graces, but special graces as well." (Diary, 401).

From this experience St. Faustina teaches us to be ready to pray for our family and friends, our priests and our Church, in unexpected situations and without cease, so that Jesus might bring them all His graces and mercy. As we place perfect trust in Jesus, we must never give up hope for our loved ones, because Jesus brings healing to our families, our friends, our priests, and His Church when we open our doors to Him.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, as You call us to greater union with You, grant healing and forgiveness to my family, my friends, our priests and Your Church so that You may reign in our hearts, our homes, our priests and Your Church as Lord and Savior everyday.

Phil Pucher, OFS, Minister

ZOOM information

<https://jhuapl.zoomgov.com/j/1612498331?pwd=Y2p4bFJZaHlxdElaeTFDM3NwUDcrZz09>

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Password: 748638

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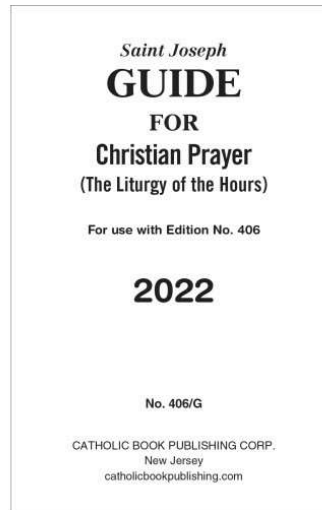
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Dial 1-833-568-8864 US Toll-free (same Meeting ID and Password as above)

Agenda for Gathering Saturday, January 8, 2022:

Opening	Brown Book
Liturgy of the Hours	Participants will be determined that day
Rite of Admission for Dennis Bernardo	(Due to COVID we did this informally in early 2020 via zoom, but per the guidelines it must officially be done in person)
Business Matters	Minister Phil Pucher
Short Break	
Christmas Mystery	Minister Phil Pucher
Closing	Brown Book

2022 Guide Books are here! They will be available at the January Gathering. We kindly ask for a \$5 donation to cover the cost.



The key to our success is COMMUNICATION

If you are in need of prayers for yourself or an immediate family member, please make sure to contact our Infirmarian

Helen Tumminello

Phone 410-859-8343 (Preferred)

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Helen will then get out an e-mail and make phone calls with the information.

A little bit of homework for everyone – please keep our contact information in a place with your Will and/or final wishes so that your loved ones can notify us at the appropriate time.



Upcoming Events

**Little Flower Fraternity celebrates 60 years in October 2022!
Stay tuned for more details!**

**2022 Quinquennial Congress is coming
August 2022 in Phoenix, AZ!**

**Please see the Tau USA or go to
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/> and click on "Quinquennial"
for more information**

**St. Margaret of Cortona Region is planning to hold a retreat in 2022.
More to follow.**



Birthday Celebrant:

January

Dennis Bernardo	January 2 nd
Frank Passaro	January 6 th
Kelly Frederick	January 12 th
Peg Doerfler	January 13 rd
Teresa Knauff	January 19 th
Marissa Reynoso	January 20 th
Mike Huether	January 21 st

Profession Anniversaries:

January

Beth Dykton	01/23/2011
Lisa Gough	01/23/2011
Marissa Reynoso	01/31/2015

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of 11/30/2021	\$2,139.54
Add: Deposits	\$233.00
Less: Disbursements	
Ck #1501 Fr. Bart Karwacki (Profession)	\$75.00
Ck #1502 St. Francis Church (Profession)	\$100.00
Ck #1503 Franciscan Family Apostolate (OCT-DEC)	\$225.00
Ck #1504 St. Vincent de Paul (St. Joe's)	\$500.00
Ck #1505 Franciscan Center	<u>\$125.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$1,347.54
Less: withhold for future Retreats	<u>\$300.00</u>
TOTAL Available for use:	<u>\$1,047.54</u>

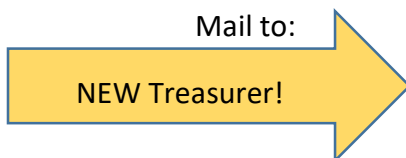
Charity for January:



Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) <https://www.iccr.org/> is a group that we have supported for quite some time. Marge Lane's daughter is a part of this group. Please check out their website above for more information. By supporting this group, it helps us answer our call to the care for God's creation. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

Charity for February: Fr. Guy's Chihumba School

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