



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

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

January 25, 2022

From the Minister's Desk

Facebook is an excellent way to stay in touch with family, friends, and organizations to which we belong, a way to share thoughts, pictures, and information. At the same time because it is an almost immediate tool of communication it can bring messages that cause emotional pain and anger into our lives.

On Sunday, January 23, I posted a comment on Facebook that was supportive of our good, holy priests while admitting there are bad priests that have brought scandal into the Church. Out of the blue, from a person I do not know who is a Facebook friend of one of my Facebook friends, came an attack on Holy Mother Church, all priests and on me personally for supporting priests. Outraged by the viciousness and obscenities used, my initial reaction was to respond intemperately. I wrote a reply with venom in my heart. Thankfully, impressed by Jesus, I decided to edit it and as I read it I realized I had fallen into a trap because I was responding with anger and irrational arguments not as Jesus would, not as Francis would. In short, I realized I was commenting in the same way she had.

At that point, nudged by the Holy Spirit, I recalled a proverb I had copied recently, ""Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble." (Proverbs 21:25 NLT.) I prayed a prayer I had written in response to reading that proverb. "Lord, teach me constantly when to speak and when to hold my tongue and help me to do it. Amen."

So, I deleted that response and copied the prayer for priests from St. Faustina's Diary into the comment box, commented peace and all good and hit send. I have yet to receive a response.

I learned four lessons from this experience: first, don't speak or write in anger. If your response is verbal pray a short prayer before responding if in writing read it over and ask the Lord if you should send it. Second, answer with prayer for the situation. Turn away from the negative, stay positive. Third, remain in the Lord and he will give you peace and then offer that peace to all others without exception. Finally, our Franciscan walk helps us deal with challenging situations with a peaceful heart and soul as we live Gospel values in our hearts and into the world. Peace and all good.

Phil Pucher, OFS, Minister

OUR FEBRUARY MEETING (February 12th from 10am-Noon) WILL BE IN PERSON

IN BURKE HALL AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

(ZOOM will also be available. See following logon info.)

Mass at 9am in the church for anyone interested.

PER BALTIMORE CITY GUIDANCE: MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING NEED TO BE ADHERED TO
IN CHURCH AND IN BURKE HALL

Please be considerate of your Brothers and Sisters
and properly wear your mask (over the nose) during these gatherings.

If you feel strongly against following these guidelines,
we kindly request that you not attend in person but virtually.

ZOOM INFORMATION

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

Meeting ID: 161 249 8331

Password: 748638

One tap mobile

+16468287666,,1612498331# US (New York) OR

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

Please remember that if you require a beverage or snack, please bring your own.

Agenda for Gathering Saturday, February 12, 2022:

Opening	Brown Book
Rite of Admission for Dennis Bernardo*	Minister Phil Pucher, Dennis Bernardo and entire Fraternity
Short Break	10 minutes
Business Matters	Minister Phil Pucher
Ongoing Formation on The Rule with Q&A	Lead by Al Gigel
Announcements and final remarks	Anyone
Closing	Brown Book

**We were unable to perform this Rite in January as initially planned due to the guidance from Baltimore City that gatherings could not occur in person which required us to revert back to ZOOM.*



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) or e-mail: hlcave@outlook.com

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

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:

*Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea culpa! I oopsied! I omitted listing Al Gigel's birthday on January 20th
A very happy belated birthday to our Brother!*

February

Ann Amrhein February 12th
Helen Anthony February 11th

Profession Anniversaries:

February

Marge Lane 02/27/2005
Frank Passaro 02/27/2005

Treasurer's Report:

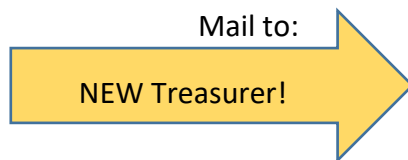
Balance as of 12/31/2021	\$1,347.54
Add: Deposits	\$717.00
Less: Disbursements	
Ck #1506 Helen Tumminello Reimbursement Prof	\$111.88
Ck #1507 Lisa Gough – Guide Books reimbursement	\$111.50
Ck #1508 St. Margaret of Cortona Day of Reflection	\$165.00
Ck #1509 ICCR (January Charity)	\$125.00
Ck #1510 Lisa Gough Guide Book Postage Reimburse	<u>\$13.26</u>
Sub-Total	\$1,537.90
Less: withhold for future Retreats	<u>\$300.00</u>
TOTAL Available for use:	<u>\$1,237.90</u>

Charity for February:

Fr. Guy's Chihumba School



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