



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

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

March 4, 2022

Monthly Encouragement from the Minister,

Saint Paul wrote to the Ephesians and to us, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Chapter 5 Verses 1-2) A tough goal yet an attainable one.

Let's look at how one Franciscan attained this goal in her life. Our regional patroness was struck by the sight of her illicit lover in sexual sin murdered, at this sight Margaret of Cortona was converted in her soul to become a true follower and imitator of Jesus in the footsteps of St. Paul and St. Francis. She was moved by the Holy Spirit to imitate, as best she could God in her life, and ultimately was recognized by those she met as a holy woman of God and after her death by Holy Mother Church as a canonized saint.

Margaret developed a tender devotion to the suffering souls in purgatory and offered for the rest of her life all her mortifications and troubles for their delivery into heaven. When she was on her deathbed, she saw an army of souls that had been delivered from purgatory forming an honor guard, a royal escort for her entry into heaven.

Her work of charity after her conversion in favor of the purgatorial souls, whose prayers can not benefit themselves but only us, can be shared in by every Secular Franciscan as an integral part of our daily prayers. Commit to praying for the souls suffering in purgatory in either morning or evening prayer intercessions or both. During the day pray frequently a short ejaculatory prayer for them using one like the one below. And picture yourself meeting the heirs of heaven you helped to release from purgatory by your prayers as they help escort you into the fullness of heavenly glory.

And so let us pray: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all the souls suffering in purgatory through your mercy rest in peace. Amen.

In the joy of Jesus and Francis,

Phil Pucher, OFS, Minister

**OUR MARCH MEETING (March 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.

Effective March 1st the mask mandate was lifted in Baltimore City. However, we do recognize that some of our sisters and brothers may still wish to mask for their own personal safety and well-being.

******HELP US HELP ST. FRANCIS CHURCH FOOD PANTRY!******

******PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO EACH GATHERING!******

(Note: If you are bringing items from your personal pantry, please check the expiration dates and kindly do not bring expired items for donation as they will likely be discarded)

ZOOM INFORMATION

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

Meeting ID: 161 249 8331

Password: 748638

One tap mobile

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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, March 12, 2022:

(always subject to change by the will of the Holy Spirit!)

Opening	Brown Book
Liturgy of the Hours	Please volunteer to help lead in this prayer!
Business Matters	Minister Phil Pucher
Short Break	10 minutes
Ongoing Formation	Fr. Bart Karwacki
"The Many Real Presences of The Eucharist"	
Announcements and final remarks	Anyone
Closing	Brown Book



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 410-859-8226 (Preferred) or e-mail: htumminello@aol.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.

NEW FEATURE'S COMING SOON!!!

- In next month's edition of the Little Flower Newsletter, we hope to include the prayer requests received since the previous month.
- Upcoming events at our local parishes. We are also going to add everyone's home parish to our Roster so we know how far and wide we can take our message! The events we will advertise can be of any nature, but preferably they be based in evangelization and our ongoing conversion. Stay tuned for more information on how to get the events at your parish published.

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:

March

Gary Haigley	March 14 th
Cathy Via	March 11 th

Profession Anniversaries:

March

Maureen Korzelius	03/21/1965	57 years!
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Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of 01/25/2022	\$1,537.90
Add: Deposits	\$1,770.00
Less: Disbursements	
Ck #1511 Chihumba School	\$150.00
Ck #1512 St. Francis Church – Feb Hall	\$50.00
Ck #1513 Helen Tumminello Mass Card	<u>\$15.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$3,092.90
Less: withhold for future Retreats	<u>\$300.00</u>
TOTAL Available for use:	<u>\$2,792.90</u>

Charities for March:

It has been decided that this month we will support the people of Brazil and the Ukraine. Your generosity will go far to help our Brothers and Sisters in their hour of need.

From our National Minister General, Tibor Kauser, CIOFS:

Monetary aid is requested to the states Bahia and Minas Gerais, Brazil that suffered catastrophic damage from devastating floods shortly after Christmas. The people of these regions have lost everything,



From Catholic Relief Services:



Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who may flee to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and our partners are preparing, and we need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs, as well as those related to families forced to flee their homes as the situation intensifies.

CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, fuel to keep warm, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more.

The situation there is rapidly unfolding, and we could not do this work without your help. When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis.

Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give a vital gift today!

Please make **ALL** checks payable to: **LITTLE FLOWER FRATERNITY**

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

-Amen