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Minister's Message

Our Father

Abba our Father who is in Heaven, holy, holy, holy be your name. The Seraphines continue to surround the heavenly throne, where God is seated proclaiming holy, holy, holy without ever ceasing. Wow, knowing this, I want to become holy here on earth, set apart like know other. Your kingdom come, here on earth, now in the most perfect way, let it be done to me. Give us this day and every day our daily bread, you Lord our spiritual food that comes down from heaven. The Eucharist, most perfect way here on earth to receive Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us for our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Repent and turn back to the Lord. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil. God's abounding love is for everyone, we are all sinners. Amen

The Chapter of Mats, "it is a time to assemble all Secular Franciscans from all fraternities to share and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance for the path we are to take in the coming years." We celebrate the 800-year anniversary of

our Patron Saint Francis. Let us go forth as Secular Franciscans professing in deed and word and most of all in prayer, living a Holy and Godly presence here on earth.

BonServant of Christ,
Phil Pascoe

From the Desk of Sr. Mary Therese

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we move into the Fall season, we have two of the most important Franciscan Feasts to celebrate: the Stigmata of Saint Francis on September 17 and his official Feast Day on October 4th. I would like to share two simple reflections for these feasts that I found on a website called "The Teaching Couple":

THE STIGMATA

In solitude on Mount Alvernia's peak,
Saint Francis sought the divine, the unique.
Bearing witness to Christ's crucifixion,
He received the stigmata, a holy affliction.
His body mirrored Christ's sacred wounds,
An intimate connection that astounds.
Through pain, his faith remained steadfast,
A testament to a love that will forever last.

THE POVERELLO

Francis, the Poverello, lived in humble grace,
Finding God not in wealth, but every face.
He walked barefoot, under sun and rain,
Embracing poverty, dismissing worldly gain.
In simplicity, he found divine wealth,
In service, he discovered spiritual health.
Saint Francis, with his heart so vast,
Your lessons of love will forever last.

I am also sharing the prayer that we said at our recent meeting as we reflected upon the Stigmata. This is a prayer written by Saint Francis:

May the power of your Love, O Lord, fiery and sweet as honey,
wean my heart from all that is under heaven,
so that I may die for love of Your Love,
You who were so good as to die for love of my love.

I hope you will celebrate the upcoming feasts with prayer, joy and a deep gratitude for being counted among the Brothers and Sisters - of Francis, and even more, of Jesus.

Blessings,
Sister Mary Therese, osf

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions

September

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

October

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Sept Birthdays

Jeff Topper 9/26

McKenzie.....10/10

Sept Profession Anniversaries

Pat Bilz.....9/23/2001

Barrick.....10/27/1996

Oct Birthdays

Concetta Glorioso.....10/08

William

Oct Profession Anniversaries

Mary

Sept Necrology

Helen Bunty.....9/28/1979

Rosella Elsesser.....9/28/1977

Catherine Gross.....9/15/1983

William Muller.....9/21/1997

Oct Necrology

Rev. Clair Anstead, TOR.....10/22/1988

Chester B. Barrick.....10/21/2018

Verena Deller.....10/9/1982

Ruth Murnane..... 10/21/1997

Mary E. Sheeley.....10/16/1990

Important Dates in September

Sept. 2 –Labor Day

Sept. 8 -Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Sept. 14-Exaltation of the Cross

Sept. 15-Our Lady of Sorrows

Sept. 17-Stigmata of St. Francis

Sept. 18-St. Joseph of Cupertino

Sept. 23-Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Important Dates in October

October 2 -Feast of the Guardian Angels

October 4 -Feast of Our Holy Father Francis

October 7 -Our Lady of the Rosary

October 11-Feast Divine Maternity Our Lady

October 14 -Columbus Day

October 18-St. Luke Evangelist

October 23-St. John of Capistrano

Sept. 23-Finding the body of St. Clare
Sept. 29-Archangels, Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael

October 28-Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles
October 31-Halloween

Fraternity Prayer Vine



Please continue to pray for the health and the intentions of:

- Mary Barrick
- Pat Bilz
- Fr. Richard Forcier, OFM Conv
- Concetta Glorioso-special int.
- Angie Hedler (Mary H's Aunt)
- Sherlynn Holland
- Bishop Colm O'Reilly
- Margaret Kern (Mary B's mother)
- John Kightlinger
- Dona Klem
- Debbie Loveland (Kathy's sister)
- Jackie Redding
- Sr. Cecilia O'Reilly
- Helen McCarthy (Kathy's Aunt)
- Diana Duke

Reminder: If you want your prayer need(s) added to the prayer vine, OR if you wish to have your name or intention removed, please let your editor know.

September and October Gatherings

The Secular Franciscan Gatherings will be on September 22, 2024 and in October we will have our yearly retreat at the Aisling Retreat House, 4800 Hoffmanville Rd, Manchester, Md 21102 on October 27, 2024.

Secular Franciscan Inquiry

Anyone interested in becoming a Secular Franciscan (OFS) member should contact:

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Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we beg you to send us many holy vocations, and to help those given such callings to respond freely, generously, and faithfully. May their self-offerings and consecrations offer you fitting praise. Amen.

Saints Prayers

When Our Lord was asked by the apostles to teach them how to pray, He taught us all the Our Father. In doing so He revealed to us that God is truly our Father, and that we are His sons. Christ Himself prayed, and taught us that we must also pray to ask for those things we need.

All of the saints led prayerful lives, and some of them, such as St Francis of Assisi, have beautiful and famous prayers that are attributed to them.



St. Conrad's Secular Franciscan Retreat 2023, Aisling Retreat House.

What a fabulous photograph our Fraternity, please make every effort to attend all Franciscan gatherings, we are a family all united in Love with our Savior Jesus Christ.