



## **OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS                      NEWSLETTER**

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of any members who are in need of assistance.**

**Next Meeting: St. Thomas the Apostle-Basement**

**Date: May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Wednesday**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

### **Announcements:**

- ❖ **We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following members: Frank Borgia May 27, Margo Dean May 28, James Dohm May 30, James Hickey May 16, James Howard May 18, etc.**
- ❖ **Congratulations to the following members professed in May and may St. Francis continue to lift you up before Our Lord: Dorothy Deja May 20, etc.**
- ❖ **The Fair Share to our Franciscan Regional has increase to \$42.00 a year per Professed Member(effective Jan. 1, 2013). The \$5.00 increase was the result of an increased needed by our Franciscan National which has not increase for a number of years. So our Fair Share is \$42.00 of which \$17.00 is sent to National. Too many numbers-Our Mother of Sorrows will pay about \$3.50 monthly per Professed Member.**

# **Prayer for Pope Francis I**

**Dear Lord, We rejoice in the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Francis I.  
What a wonderful gift you have bestowed upon us in this courageous leader!**

**We thank you for your continued guidance of our Most Holy Church, and we  
Pray you continue to extend your blessings to our Church Fathers and all your  
faithful.**

**We ask that you be with Francis now, as he embarks on a great undertaking,  
Shepherding, stewarding, and renewing the flock.**

**We pledge to you, our Lord, our most true and humble obedience to your will  
Through our Holy Father who guide and fosters us through these turbulent times.  
Amen.**

## **Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI May**

**Administrators of Justice.** That administrators of justice may act always with integrity and right conscience.

**Seminaries.** That seminaries, especially those of mission churches, may form pastors after the Heart of Christ, fully dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel.

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## June Gathering-June 19, 2013

### Picnic

### Johnson Park Shelter

**Everyone Invited:** As always the Picnic is intended as a family gathering. The Liturgy of the Hours will not be read at this gathering.

**What to do:** The fraternity council will supply the soft drinks, bread, condiments and sandwich meats. Please bring your own place settings, tableware and such. Also most importantly bring a dish to pass. Here are the breakdowns of what to bring: Those members whose last name begins with the following letters bring the following items to pass:

A-F Dessert

G-O Salad or Side Dish

P-Z Main Dish

Paul W. The Raspberry Pie

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### **Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations**

God Does Not Love Us If We Change,  
God Loves Us So That We Can Change

Those who pray learn to favor and prefer God's judgment over that of human beings. God always outdoes us in generosity and in receptivity. God is always more loving than the person who has loved you the most! All you can bring is today's latest product, whatever it is, for a new dose of love. It will always be immature on some level. It will always be inadequate, but that is not the point. It is not the perfection of the gift, but the willingness to lovingly offer the gift that pleases all parents and surely then the "Super Parent" that some of us call God.

God does not lead the soul by shaming it, just as a good parent would not shame their child. It doesn't work anyway. We all have done it at times, and if we were raised in a punitive way ourselves, we still tend to think that is the way to motivate people-by shaming them or making them feel guilty. I've done it enough and I've received it enough to know that it eventually backfires. It never works. We close down and stop trusting after that, and we use all kinds of defense mechanisms to avoid further vulnerability. So God's way actually works-to love us at even more deeper levels than we can know or love ourselves. It is really quite wonderful, and one wonders why anyone would want to miss out on this.

Adapted from *Following the Mystics Through the Narrow Gate* ...  
*Seeing God in All Things*

**NATIONAL PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**  
**to the SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

**O, Good and Gracious God, God of mercy, compassion, generosity, and love, as we live our lives today in the model of St. Francis, choosing daily to live the Gospel life, help us to help others hear Your call.**

**Help us to help others to recognize their vocation as a Secular Franciscan that you have already planted in their heart.**

**Help us, so that together we all may work to bring the Gospel to life.**

**Amen!**

**MAY GOD GIVE YOU PEACE!! RAY BOISVENUE OFS, MINISTER**

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