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Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Gathering

Wednesday, January 23 7 p.m.



**Renewal of
Profession
Rite of Welcome
St. Thomas the Apostle**

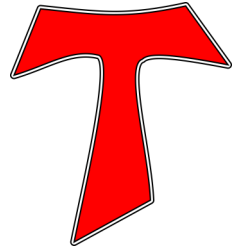
**Mass & Social
Guests welcome**

*****Please bring any canned goods, health & beauty, or paper products (See page 3 for details)***

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

February 27 Formation—Election Preparation
March 27 Fraternity Elections
April 24 TBD

Celebrating the Milestones



Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!

Birthdays

Rose Hickey January 5
Marilyn Hawkins January 19
Lois Flickinger January 23

Message from the Minister

What fun we had at our December Christmas Party! Thank you, Carol Dills, for that great game! We all loved playing it so much, that we kept playing it even after the winner was declared!

This month we are celebrating SIX fraternity members who will be professed 25 years and TWO that have been professed over 50 years! Please come and celebrate with them and renew your own profession as well. We will meet in the Church at 7 p.m. for the Renewal Mass. After Mass we will welcome three people into Inquiry who are preparing to profess into our fraternity. Finally, we will then enjoy social time in the basement.

25 Years Professed

Fr. Jim Chelich
Jim Flickinger
Alvin Matkovich
Harriet Pilson
Rose Skorka
Jerry Swaitlowski

51 Years Professed

Judy VanderLaan

66 Years Professed

Josephine Simon

Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days

Joseph of Leonissa, Priest	Feb. 4
Peter Baptists, Paul Miki and Campions	Feb 6
And Martyrs	
Colette	Feb. 7
Conrad of Paicenza, Hermit	Feb. 19

Bold denotes Third Order Secular Saints & Blesseds From Proper Offices of Franciscan Saints and Blessed in the Liturgy of the Hours



2019 Fraternity Elections

In March we will again elect a new slate of officers and counselors to lead our fraternity for the next three years.

For our leadership discernment we pray:

Give us, O God, leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our own souls and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek more than our own enhancement - though enhancement we hope for - more than security for our own plans and vision - though security we need - more than satisfaction for our own selfish wants - though many things we desire.

Give us hearts to choose and follow the leader who will work with other leaders to bring Your will to the agenda and help us to fulfill it.

Give us leaders who lead us to virtue without seeking to impose their own version of virtue on others.

Give us leaders who will provide for the advancement of our Order without dictating to others to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves to choose as leaders those who can tell strength from power, growth from greed, leadership from dominance, and real greatness from the trappings of grandiosity.

We trust you, Great God, to open our hearts to learn from those to whom you speak in different tongues and to respect the life and words of those to whom you entrusted the good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, Great God, give us the vision as Secular Franciscans to know where holy leadership truly lies, to pursue it diligently, to ask it to respect the integrity of every person in the entire Order.

We ask these things, Great God, with minds open to your word and hearts that trust in your eternal care. Amen.

Adapted by: Kevin Queally, TOR and Anne Mulqueen, OFS

APOSTOLATE COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Direct Service *First apostolate project: We are collecting items for local food pantries at our monthly fraternity meetings and will then donate them to local food pantries. Please bring any canned goods, health & beauty, or paper products that you would like to donate to our monthly fraternity meetings at St Thomas if you are able. This month's donation will go to St Thomas. If you have any questions or suggestions for future donation locations, feel free to reach out to Laura Bouchard, OFS at bouchardfamily6@gmail.com or cell 616.813.7648.*

Fair Share Update

If you are excused from attending the fraternity gatherings and would like to send your fair share amount, please make check payable to Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity and send your check to:

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West Olive, MI 49460

Hospitality Ministry January

Set-Up

Beth Price

To sign up online please visit Sign Up Genius
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044dabac2aa7fd0-

Clean-Up

Volunteers needed

To Be Excused

If you are unable to attend a fraternity gathering due to health or other hardship reasons, please email:

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