

**Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity
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A Member of Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity**

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Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Gathering

Wednesday, February 27

****Special Additional Time at 3:00 pm (Rectory
Conference Room)**

Regularly Scheduled Time at 7:00 pm (LL Church)

Special Guest Presentation on the Rule

Jan Kaeding, OFS

Divine Mercy Regional Councilor

St. Thomas the Apostle

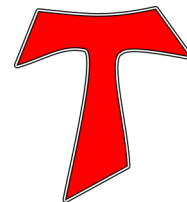
***Please bring laundry soap, paper towels, or Kleenex for
Holy Family Access 6 Food Pantry (See page 3 for details)*

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

March 27 Fraternity Elections
April 24 Movie Night—Sign of Contradiction

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Birthdays

Pat Fieberg	Feb 2
Larry Forrester	Feb 6
Jan Windy	Feb 10
Rose Skorka	Feb 12
Jerry Swaitlowski	Feb 22

Professions

Jim Howard	Feb 21
Linda Spencer	Feb 21
Virginia Champion	Feb 28
Sharon Wohlner	Feb 28

Message from the Minister

In spite of the bad weather, we had a wonderful Profession Renewal last month! So many braved the roads to celebrate this wonderful day.

This month I am excited that one of our Regional Councilors, Jan Kaeding, OFS, will be making two presentations on the Rule. She gave this presentation at last Fall's Formation Day and it was a marvelous presentation. It was so good that we asked her to come to our fraternity to talk for those that couldn't make it to the Formation Day. She will be speaking twice to hopefully include more of our members, once at 3:00 pm in the Rectory Conference Room and again at 7:00 pm in the church basement. I encourage you all to attend. She is fantastic!

The sad news is that we had to cancel the Assisi/Rome Pilgrimage for this June due to low registrations. We are hoping to reschedule it in 2020 or 2021 and open it up to the National Fraternity. Watch for details later.

Please help support in prayer those moving forward into the formation process.

Last month and this month, we welcome Pat Herwaldt, Julie Howard, and Mary Thiry.

Pax et bonum,
Barbara Scott, OFS

Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days

St. Frances of Rome	Mar 9
St. Joseph	Mar 19
Annunciation	Mar 25

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. This month please bring laundry soap, paper towels, or Kleenex to our monthly gathering. Donations will go to Holy Family Access 6 Food Pantry. 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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Hospitality Ministry February

Set-Up

Clean-Up

Volunteers are needed for both set up and clean up this month.

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

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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