

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

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**Mother of Sorrows July Fraternity Gathering**

July 24 (please note the date) 7:00 pm

Apostolate Committee Work

\*\*Non-perishable food items will be collected for Holy Family Access Food Pantry

Save the Dates for these upcoming fraternity events:

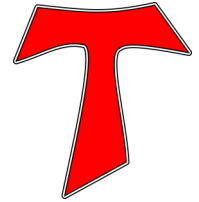
September 25	Spiritual Visitation from Regional
October 3	Transitus at Holy Family
December 18	Christmas Potluck at St. Thomas (STA)
February 22	8:00 am Profession Renewal at STA
March 7	8:00 am Day of Reflection
June 24	Annual Picnic

***Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings***

August 28	Gifts Assessment
September 25	Spiritual Visitation
October 30	Fraternity Gathering Topic TBA

# Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



## Professions

Ted Kusmierz	August 26
Joanne Dusendang	August 26
Mary Ann Swaitlowski	August 26

## Birthdays

Helene Crawford	August 6
Ellie Estes	August 6
Judith VanderLaan	August 7
Margo Kiel	August 8
Jason George	August 11
Catherine Wilson	August 30

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## Message from the Minister

I hope everyone had a good time at the picnic this year. I'm sorry that I was unable to be there, but I heard that everyone enjoyed one another's company immensely. This month we will be working in our apostolate committees on some projects that have been suggested. A couple are rather large, so we will be asking for 1-2 people from each committee to work together as a steering committee for the Day of Reflection and another 1-2 people from each committee to work on the Green Mass Planning Committee. Everyone else will be working in their apostolate committees—Prayer, Education, Direct Service, and Advocacy—on any other projects you wish to do. Bring goodies to share as we work and then, of course, we will leave time to socialize after the work is done.

I would also like to encourage people to attend the August Regional Meeting in DeWitt on August 2-4. It is a beautiful retreat center, and the formation and prayer time with other fraternities in the region is a great experience. Registration forms will be available at the fraternity gathering from Michelle Bryk, and they will also be posted on our website. She will be sending them out as well to those on the prayer line.

Pax et bonum,  
Barbara Scott, OFS

### *Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days*

<b>St. Bridget</b>	<b>July 23</b>
St. Lawrence of Brindisi	July 21
Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula	August 2
<b>St. Clare</b>	<b>August 11</b>
Assumption of Mary	August 15

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

## ***Upcoming Regional and National Events***

### **Divine Mercy Region Annual Meeting**

The DMRC's Annual Meeting in Dewitt will be the weekend of August 2-4. You can download the registration form at <https://divinemercuryregion.com/events/>. This event is open to all fraternity members. Saturday is a nominal cost of \$45. Experience this opportunity to build fraternity and rebuild God's house as a Region! This year's theme is Movement of Love! More information can be found on the registration form.

### **Regional Formation Day**

October 26, 2019

Center for Ministry, Diocese of Saginaw

### **Spring Regional Meeting**

April 18, 2019

Center for Ministry, Diocese of Saginaw

### **20th OFS Quinquennial Congress 2021**

Jubilee! By breaking bread together we open our hearts and listen to the stories of each other, rejoicing in our life and who we are.

Phoenix, Arizona

August 18-21, 2021

### **Pilgrimage to Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Rome**

November 6-15, 2019

Fr. Cyrus Gallagher will lead a 10 day pilgrimage/retreat to Rome and the Franciscan treasures of Italy: Greccio, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, and the tomb of St. Padre Pio. Cost is \$3,696 leaving from Colorado Springs, includes air travel, hotel, transportation, tour and administrative fees, breakfast and dinner daily, taxes, and tips. Contact Fr. Cyrus at 719-661-1145 or [cyrusgallagher38@gmail.com](mailto:cyrusgallagher38@gmail.com).

## 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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**\*\*Please note the new address\*\***

## Hospitality Ministry July

### 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](http://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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