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The Fraternity Gathering for December will be Virtual

December 30 at 7:00 pm

Franciscan Christmas Devotion Prayer Service



The Franciscan Christmas Devotion from the Secular Franciscan Companion is made up of prayer dialogue along with hymns. Jason George will be providing the music. **To aid in our meaningful prayer, please join with your favorite creche display and a candle by your computer.** Please join us using the link below:

Topic: December Fraternity Gathering

Time: December 30, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 876 7124 2477

Passcode: 311342

One tap mobile

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***We will still be taking up a collection for HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid by mailing your donation check to Jeff Dills. Please send two checks marking one for HELP and the other for your Fair Share or one check with a note dividing up the amount.**

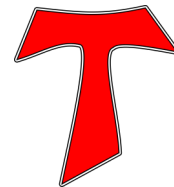
****Please mail your fair share checks for the month to Jeff Dills (address on the back on the newsletter).**

Need help getting on to Zoom?

Technology can be very daunting sometimes. If you are new to Zoom or would like to join us using your telephone, please call Barb Scott, 550-5916. We can practice joining Zoom either through your computer or your phone.

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Professions

No Professions in January

Birthdays

Marilyn Hawkins

January 19

Lois Flickinger

January 23

Message from the Minister

I would like to update the fraternity on a few things. First the Region held its Annual Ministers Gathering via Zoom this year. We honored our deceased fraternity members that passed away August 2019-August 2020. Gloria Heflin-Oates and Camilla Sonefeld were remembered. The budget was approved with no increase in fair share to the Region. The Region is starting an online orientation session since many fraternities are not meeting in person. These people will be referred to the appropriate fraternities to continue their formation once we are able to meet in person again. Look for order forms soon for apparel (shirts and hats) with the Region's logo. There will be an option to add our fraternity name under the logo.

Second we will need to have an updated roster to Region by December 31. If your address, phone number, or email has changed, please contact Carol Dills, as soon as possible. Also, if you wish to be permanently excused or wish to withdraw from the fraternity, please let Carol know as well as soon as possible.

Lastly St. Isidore fraternity has requested to disband. This is a very emotionally painful time for their fraternity. Regional Council has asked our fraternity to assist by reaching out in compassion to those members we know. Let us pray for those members as they work through this process.

Pax et bonum,

Barbara Scott, OFS

Welcome to Orientation!

In addition to the three mentioned last month, please welcome Cory Mitchell to Formation as well. I will be adding Cory and Chris Willmeng to our prayer partner list this month. Michael Page, and Tom Eggleston will be added when we get their contact information. We look forward to meeting you all face to face at some point in 2021.

Year of St. Joseph

In this year of St. Joseph, we would like to reflect on various gifts of leadership that St. Joseph was given. We pray for his intercession in developing these gifts in ourselves to use for the common good of the fraternity.

Empowerment—Permitting others to have freedom to explore new horizons and to grow in service

“And when Jesus was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the Passover. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” (Luke 2:43,46)

How have I empowered members of my fraternity to grow in discovering new ways of serving God?

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NOTES

****Please note the new format****

- We ask you to pray for the person you are partnered with all month.
- We encourage **either** person to call to check in or ask for prayer requests.
- All numbers are cell numbers, if available
- M=Mailing list
F=Formation
- Prayer requests can be emailed to Barb Scott and Michelle Bryk

We encourage you to call your prayer partners and check in to see how they are fairing especially over these holidays. Specific prayer requests can be sent to Michelle Bryk if needed.

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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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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Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

Jan 30 (Saturday)	Franciscan Charisms	10:00 am	Online
Feb 27 (Saturday)	Profession Renewal	8:00 am	St. Thomas
Mar 6 (Saturday)	Day of Reflection	8:00 am	St. Thomas
Mar 24 (Wednesday)	TBD	7:00 pm	St. Thomas

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