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# Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Ordo Franciscanus Secularis (OFS)

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**August Monthly Gathering  
Prayer of Remembrance  
Wednesday, August 25 7:00 pm  
St. Thomas Lower Level**

We will be back in the lower level this month. We will be remembering our losses and our joys over the past year and a half. Be prepared to offer a name to our prayer ritual that you want the fraternity to remember in prayer. Wear your own mask if you choose. Fully vaccinated members need not wear a mask unless they choose to. **Bring a snack to share.**

If you still wish to attend virtually, please click this link or call in:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83924265370?pwd=bTNUSW1GbkhKays1YVY1V2VzNEdnQT09>

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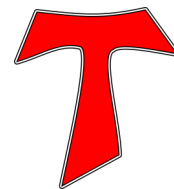
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**\*\*Please mail your fair share checks for the month if you don't plan to attend to Jeff Dills (address on the back on the newsletter). You may also electronically transfer your fair share using Venmo. You can find our account at @OMS-Franciscan-GR.**

# Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



## Professions

Jim Dohm                      September 30  
Mary Lou Harig              September 30  
Catherine Wilson            September 30

## Birthdays

Alan Supran                    September 2  
Chris Walters                 September 4

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## Message from the Minister

Our first meeting back together in July was wonderful! We had lots of time to share our highs and lows over the past year, some time to pray together and for each other. It was great to reconnect!

This month we will continue remembering our joys and our losses over the past year through a Remembrance Service. People can participate virtually as well. Michelle will also lead us in Formation.

Looking ahead at October, please mark your calendars for Transitus at St. Thomas on the evening of Sunday, October 3.

For those that ordered Regional apparel, we are canceling our order. You will receive your money back. Due to supply chain issues, they can only get the shirts in two colors. As a council we have decided to wait and reorder when supplies are back to normal.

We are gearing up for our council elections next March. If anyone is interested in serving on the Election Committee, please let me know either at our monthly gathering, via email, or phone.

Pax et bonum,

Barbara Scott, OFS

## *Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings*

Sep 29	September Fraternity Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas
Oct 3	Transitus		St. Thomas (time TBD)
Oct 27	October Fraternity Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas
Nov 17	November Fraternity Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas

## 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.*



### Open to Learning

“To foster communion among members, the council...should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity.” (Rule #24)

“Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Mt 1:20-21)

**Do I dedicate time each week to learn and grow in my faith, especially in my Franciscan charism?**

**Do I bring things that I have learned to the fraternity in monthly gatherings?**

Please pray for those elected and appointed to Divine Mercy Regional Council:



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Treasurer	Dawn Pulcer OFS
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Councilor	Marilyn Webb OFS
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Councilor	Kathleen Carsten OFS
Formation Director	Michelle Bryk OFS
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## 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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OR Venmo to:  
**@OMS-Franciscan-GR**

## 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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