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

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## November Monthly Gathering Rite of Welcoming Part 3 Wednesday, November 17 7:00 pm St. Thomas Lower Level

This month we will be welcoming in the two that couldn't make the October Gathering into the Inquiry stage of Initial Formation, John Langan and Jack Hartman. Barb Scott will lead us through formation on Roles of the Council. 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:

Join Zoom Meeting

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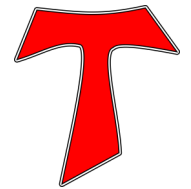
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**\*\*Please mail your fair share checks for the month if you don't plan to attend to Jeff Dills (address on the back on the newsletter). You may also electronically transfer your fair share using Venmo. You can find our account at @OMS-Franciscan-GR.**

# Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



## Professions

No anniversaries in December

## Birthdays

Cami Mann	December 1
Ray Boisvenue	December 3
Chuck Drollinger	December 18
Sue Southerton	December 18
Keith Southerton	December 23
Verona Dunn	December 24
Virginia Champion	December 31

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## Message from the Minister

Thank you to Michelle Bryk for her great presentation last month. If you missed it, or would like to look at it again, we will have the link and summary for you in the December Newsletter.

The Laudato Si Action Platform will be available from the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development on Sunday, November 14. We will have the link available in the December Newsletter as well. Religious organizations as well as parishes, dioceses, families, schools, universities, hospitals, and businesses are encouraged to work to implement Laudato Si through seven goals spanning all of Christian life. These goals are:

1. Response to the Cry of the Earth—focusing on renewable energy
2. Response to the Cry of the Poor—focusing on defense of human life
3. Ecological Economics—sustainable production, fair trade, ethical consumption, etc.
4. Adoption of Simple Lifestyles—sobriety in the use of resources and energy
5. Ecological Education—education reform in the spirit of integral ecology
6. Ecological Spirituality—recover God’s vision of the world through prayer and formation
7. Emphasis on Community Involvement and Action—promote advocacy

Since it is the month of November and thinking about our end on this earth as well as remembering those that have gone with Sister Death, I would like you to consider naming Our Mother of Sorrows in your bequests when putting together your final wishes. What better way to give to your fraternity than a gift that will help those in your Franciscan family.

Pax et bonum,

Barbara Scott, OFS

## ***Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings***

Nov 17	November Fraternity Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas
Dec 29	Annual Christmas Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas
Jan 22	January Fraternity Gathering	8:00 am	St. Thomas (Saturday Morning)

# Council Nominations are Due by December 1, 2021



Dear Fraternity Members,

Please take some time to prayerfully consider who you feel should represent our Fraternity as a council member for the next three years. Our elections will be in March 2022 and the time to prepare begins now. Thank you for your prayers and your participation.

## OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS COUNCIL REQUEST FOR NOMINATION(S) FOR OFFICE

I the undersigned Professed Active Secular Franciscan nominate the following Professed Active Secular Franciscan for the Office of:

Minister \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Minister \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Councilor(s) – Up to four \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This (these) nominee(s) is (are) a professed, active member of Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity.

NOMINATED BY:

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Phone – Area code and number \_\_\_\_\_

I am an Active Professed Member of Our Mother of Sorrows SFO Fraternity.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND THIS COPY OF THE NOMINATION FORM BY December 1, 2021 TO:**

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## The Latest Edition of the Tau Has Arrived!

[Click this link](#) to see the latest edition of the Tau.

### INTRODUCING ELFO EXECUTIVE LEADERS OF FRANCISCAN ORGANIZATIONS

By Sharon Winzeler, OFS

#### **Executive Leaders of Franciscan Organizations Members**

- Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities
- Commission on Franciscan Intellectual Tradition
- Federation of Sisters and Brothers of the Third Order Regular
- Franciscan Action Network
- Franciscans International
- Franciscan Media
- Franciscan Mission Service
- Franciscan Pilgrimage Program
- Lutheran Franciscan Order
- Secular Franciscan Order USA

We'd like to introduce you to a group called ELFO - Executive Leaders of Franciscan Organizations. This group consists of leaders of 10 national Franciscan organizations who come together each month for a virtual meeting. The idea of ELFO originated with the Franciscan Federation, most notably Sr. Margaret Carney. The inaugural meeting was in August 2020, and meetings continue on a regular basis.

During their meetings, ELFO participants have built strong relationships. They share about the unique mission of their organizations, as well as news of their organizations' programming and significant events. During this past year, participants have identified common themes and challenges, including finances, technical support, public relations and communications, fund-raising, and demographic changes in Franciscan provinces and congregations.

ELFO members are committed to ongoing collaboration. Each of these organizations share the charism of living a Gospel life. Working together, they hope to find new ways to further the mission of the wider Franciscan family through their presence in the world.

## 20th Quinquennial Congress Jubilee!

August 3-7, 2022 Phoenix, Arizona

The 20th Quinquennial Congress in Phoenix, Arizona will be a time to join a large gathering of Franciscan brothers and sisters to celebrate and renew our Franciscan calling in the spirit of conversion. You will not want to miss it! The theme for this Quinquennial is JUBILEE, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of Memoriale Propositi, as well as to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first Quinquennial Congress held in the United States. Given these two anniversaries, it will be a joyful event.

*Please take advantage of the early Registration through the end of December.*

*We are striving to make this Quinquennial as affordable as possible so we can be together as brothers and sisters of Francis in next year's historic celebration!*

[Register Here](#)

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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. 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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2265 Burton Pines SE  
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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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