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# Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Ordo Franciscanus Secularis (OFS) A Member of Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity

Newsletter

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## April Fraternity Gathering Rite of Admission & Apostleship Update Wednesday, April 27 7:00 pm St. Thomas Lower Level with Zoom Option

We will begin our gathering with Evening Prayer Then we will mark the transition into Candidacy for Tom Eggleston and Michael Page with the Rite of Admission. Finally, Cory Mitchell and Michelle Bryk, OFS will provide an Apostleship Update to the Fraternity.

A Zoom Option is available for those who cannot gather with us in person. See below for details.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88408015553>

Meeting ID: 884 0801 5553

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**Reminder: If you cannot be in attendance, please mail your fair share contributions to Mark Mann, 1007 Diamond NE, GR MI 49503**

**Or electronically transfer via Venmo @OMS-Franciscan-GR**

### Open Appointments

Formation Minister  
JPIC Animator  
Ecumenical Chair

## Mark Your Calendars

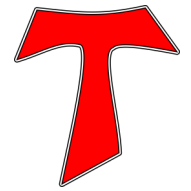
May 25	Fraternity Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas
Jun 22	Annual Picnic	6:00 pm	Cascade Park
Jul 27	Fraternity Gathering	7:00 pm	St. Thomas

### Regional Spiritual Asst.

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# Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



## Professions

Dorothy Deja                      May 20

## Birthdays

Jim Howard                      May 18  
Julie Walters                      May 26  
Margo Dean                      May 28

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## Message from the Minister

Brothers and Sisters,

Let me begin my service as Minister to you with two quotes...

“...Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community...”

Article 21, The Rule of the Secular Franciscan

We must never desire to be above others, but instead, we must be servants and subject *to every human creature for God's sake* (cf Pet 2, 13)

2nd Version of the Letter to the Faithful, verse 47. St Francis of Assisi

So with the first quote in mind, let us to give thanks to our previously elected council members who recently completed their service to our community through some very difficult and challenging times: Barb Scott, Keith & Sue Southerton, Jennifer Bahm, Laura Bouchard & Jason George. We are so grateful to you for your faithful leadership.

Also, we cannot forget to thank those who have served us in appointed roles who also have reached the end of their terms: Michelle Bryk (Formation), Mary VanderPloeg (JPIC Animator), Lori Fedewa (Ecumenical Chair) & Marilyn Hawkins (Infirmarian).

The second quote then reminds those of us who have been called to succeed you as Council must do so in all humility. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

At next months Executive Council meeting, we will be discussing the appointments to all these important open positions. If you have an interest in serving or you feel you know a brother or sister who has the talent to serve in any of these open roles, please let me know. As a reminder the roles are: Formation Minister, Infirmarian, JPIC Animator and Ecumenical Chair

Pax et bonum, Chris Bueche, OFS

# PRAYER PARTNERS

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### NOTES

- 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 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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OR Venmo 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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