

Immaculata Fraternity Mission Statement:

As members of the Secular Franciscan Order we seek to live the Gospel so as to inspire others to share love in Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis.

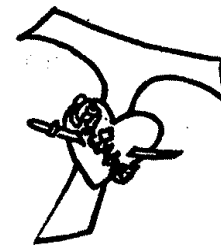
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Immaculata Vision ~ ~ December, 2017

Immaculata Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

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Calendar of Events for December, 2017:

- 1 – First Friday Adoration, Queen of Angels old Church, all day. Liturgy of the Hours and Benediction at 5 pm
- 3 – First Sunday of Advent
- 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10 – Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 – Human Rights Day

11 (2nd Mon.) – Council Meeting @ Lorraine's @ 4:00 pm

11 (2nd Mon.) – Our Fraternity Christmas Party @ Lorraine's @ 6:00 pm (See info at right)

- 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 – Hanukkah

14 (2nd Thurs.) – Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Brigade, 4:00 pm @ St. Thomas' KDC.

- 17 – Third Sunday of Advent
- 20 – Hanukkah ends
- 21 – Winter Solstice

23 (4th Sat.) – NO Fraternity Gathering/Meeting.

- 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve
- 25 – The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day – Holyday
- 26 – Kwanzaa begins
- 28 – The Holy Innocents
- 31 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- 31 – New Years Eve

Looking Ahead to January, 2018...

- 1 – Solemnity of Mary
- 7 – Epiphany Celebration @ Mickie's @ 1:00 pm
- 8 (2nd Mon.) – Council Meeting @ Lorraine's @ 4:00 pm
- 15 – Martin Luther King Day - Holliday

18 (3rd Thurs.) – Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Brigade, 4:00 pm @ St. Thomas' KDC.

27 (4th Sat.) – Fraternity Gathering @9:30 am @ St. Thomas's KDC

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Birthdays & Profession Anniversaries:

- December Birthdays: 7th – Mary Belle Neufell
- 14th – Velma Chromity

January Birthdays: 3rd – Romy Quinsaas

December Anniversary.: 8th – The Canonical Establishment of our Immaculata Fraternity, 1983

December Profession Anniversaries:

- 8th – Gloria Torres, 1983 (Charter Member)
- 8th – Georgia Zepek, 1983 (Charter Member)
- 8th – Jim & Mary Belle Neufell, 1985
- 8th – Lisa Boebinger, 1990
- 7th – George Molchan, 1991
- 7th – Carol Bryant, 1995
- 8th – Ken Wilde, 1996
- 3rd – Mickie Rogers, 2000
- 6th – Romy & Joice Quinsaas, 2002
- 7th – Velma Chromity, 2005
- 8th – Bruce McAdams, 2013
- 8th – Camille Page, 2013
- 8th – David Burrola, 2016

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Our Fraternity Christmas Party is coming up!
On Monday, December 11th @ 6:00 pm @ Lorraine's.

Lorraine's famous chili will be served. Corn bread by Bruce Mc Adams & Marie Calendar's. This would be a great time to bring your **Christmas cards for your brothers and sisters** (and any Christmas gifts!) Also, **please bring diapers or something for Riverside Life Services.**

Please bring something to share for dessert.

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Our Epiphany Celebration is also coming up!
Sunday, January 7th, 2018 @ Mickie's @ 1:30 pm

Please bring your favorite **Potluck** dish (with yummy food in it!) to share. We will be drawing new **Prayer Partners** for 2018. We will also be doing new **Extractions** for a Saint, Deceased and Scripture for the new year. Be sure to bring your gift for your **Prayer Partner for 2017.**

See you there!

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POP QUIZ!!

Do you know who our new (since June 24th) Fraternity Council is?

(Hint: some new, some old. For the answer and a picture, please see the last page of this newsletter)

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For Our November 18th Fraternity Gathering

On-going Formation Questions

from: Bruce McAdams:

Topic: What it means to be Admitted to the Secular Franciscan Order.

Reflection Questions: *How did you feel when you were admitted to the Secular Franciscan Order and became a Candidate? And what did it mean to you?*

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Spiritual Assistant's Letter

From the Desk of **Bob Murray, OFS**

Are You Ready for Christmas?

November 18, 2017

Did you know that the lyrics to the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" is not about Christmas at all?! That poem was first printed as a little booklet in 1780 and was actually a catechism to help young Catholics learn their faith at a time when practicing Catholicism was criminalized in England. Some years later, Charles Dickens wrote the story 'A Christmas Carol' and it was first published 1843. It too is often remembered and recited at Christmastime, but how does Dickens' story relate to the birth of Christ?

Today, Christmas decorations have been on display in the stores since before Halloween and I have already been receiving ads in the mail for Black Friday. Soon, little kids will be lined up in the mall to see Santa. Is that what Christmas is about?

As people of faith, as Catholics, as Franciscans, you and I are called to remember and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas (a contraction of Christ's Mass) is about the Incarnation of God's Son and his birth. This Advent, as another new church calendar year begins, re-read and contemplate the narratives that relate the wonderful events that surround the Savior's birth. They are found in the first few chapters of Matthew and Luke.

The recently elected Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order (head of the world-wide Benedictine Order, and a noted scholar of scriptural studies), Gregory Polan, OSB, recently wrote an article for the November/December 2017 edition of "The Bible Today" magazine noting that: "We often approach the birth narratives of the gospels with feelings of emotion and sentiment. A baby's birth, sweet voiced choirs of angels, adoring shepherds and barnyard beasts, precious gifts for a newborn King – all these combine in our imaginations to produce an effective and emotional response."

But is an emotional response adequate? Might it be more appropriate for us to reflect deeply on these stories... on what they meant for the early church and what they mean for us today? So, we must ask: (1) Why did Jesus come into the world?" and (2) Why would God want to send his son into the world?

The Church has two acceptable theologies concerning God's purpose for sending his son into the world. Both of these originated in the early 1200's, one by St. Dominic and the other by St. Francis of Assisi. Their theological teachings have had a big impact on the church for over 800 years.

Both theologies are based in scripture and both are found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The most common one, the dominant theology, comes from the Dominican Theology; it is centered in redemption and salvation... meaning that Jesus only came into the world to save us from our sins.

On the other hand, Franciscan Theology offers another point of view. It says that redemption and salvation are the result of God's love. We did not, cannot, cause God to do anything including sending his Son into the world. God had longed planned that Jesus would enter creation, long before creating men and women; it was His project. According to Franciscan theology the birth of Jesus had **always** been God's plan... there had always been a plan A, never a plan B. Additionally, in Franciscan thinking, Jesus' salvific act – an act of love - could not have taken place without the Incarnation.

As we contemplate the stories surrounding the Lord's birth we find that they are filled with dis-belief, blind-belief, unspoken words, difficult challenges and intrigue. As Advent begins we might reflect on the difficult issues found in the first few chapters of Matthew and Luke.

Here are some of my observations and this list is not complete so feel free to add more.

- God picked Mary in her lowliness. She was a woman of no importance, from a town of no importance. Soon she was to be the wife of a carpenter of no importance; a man who had no big future, no big aspirations. She would be the wife of a man largely unknown outside of Nazareth except maybe for his carpentry skills.
- Elizabeth is introduced as a secondary figure and Joseph is introduced simply as the man Mary is engaged to.
- None of Joseph's words are recorded, only his actions.
- Elizabeth is old and has never conceived while Mary is young and betrothed... but not married... a virgin.
- Both births are announced before the conception of each boy.
- God named each child through his messenger, the Angel Gabriel
- Each child was to have a decisive place in salvific history
- Both children will become great, but Jesus will be the greater
 - ✦ John would be **filled** with the Holy Spirit
 - ✦ Jesus would be **conceived** by the Holy Spirit.

So you see, there is much to consider, to reflect upon, to rejoice in. May you have a very blest Christmas as you celebrate with family and friends... especially with your best friend during Mass... Our Blessed Lord and Savior. The angels sang a message of peace; I say peace to you and your families. Bob
~~ Bob Murray, OFS

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Rich Mullins

I think I would rather live on the verge of falling and let my security be in the all-sufficiency of the grace of God than to live in some pietistic illusion of moral excellence. Not that I don't want to be morally excellent but my faith isn't in the idea that I'm more moral than anybody else. My faith is in the idea that God and His love are greater than whatever sins any of us commit.
(Submitted by Ray Hardwick)

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Council Meeting Notes for November 13th

- **Council Formation:** by Ray: from the Care & Feeding of Fraternity Councils. Listening to others “Can you hear me now?” We hear with our ears, we listen with our hearts ~~ Jo-Ann Hardwick
- **From our Formation Director:** Ray: Debbie Welch will be received (become a candidate) at our Fraternity Gathering on Nov. 18th. Debbie has volunteered to pick up Sekoiya for their candidate classes beginning Dec. 7th. They will start studying the Rule.
- **Emeritus Program** – what is it? It’s for those who can’t come to the meetings. More info later.
- **We will begin a Scholarship Fund** – beginning end of January, Carol will put away \$50/month – to maybe help someone go to Regional Retreat in Malibu.
- **Plan our next Fraternity Gathering:**
At: St. Thomas’ KDC @ 9:30 am on Nov. 18th
Opening Prayer: by Georgia Zepek with a song in honor of Debbie’s Admission: *“Here I am Lord”* in the back of this newsletter.
Ongoing Formation: by Bruce McAdams, on the topic on being admitted into the Secular Franciscan Order and the Tau Cross
Break: Fellowship & Refreshments by (whoever wants to bring something to share.)
After Break: What was everybody’s opinion on last month’s Interfaith dialogue with Lutherans.
Closing Prayer: by Bob Murray, OFS.
- **Regarding our PB&J Apostolate – a new group within the fraternity:** In December it will be Thursday, Dec. 14th @ 4:00 pm @ KDC.
- **Our next Council Meeting will be on Dec. 11th** before our Christmas Party.
- **Our January Council Meeting** is the 2nd Monday, January 8th at 4:00 pm at Lorraine’s house.
- **Next PB&J Brigade** is the 2nd THURSDAY, Dec. 14th @ 4:00 pm @ St. Thomas’ KDC.
- **Ray’s Book Recommendations:** *“Poverty of Spirit”* by Jonannes Baptist Metz. And 2 good books for the way Franciscans are supposed to pray: (1) *“Into the Silent Land”* by Martin Laird, O.S.A. (A guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation) and (2) *“Franciscan Prayer”* by Ilia Delio, O.D.F.
- **Retreat Master** for the 2018 Serra Retreat: Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D.! Start saving your \$.

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(From the Word Among Us Catholic Magazine – Daily Meditations for November, 2017)
Monday November 6, 2017
Luke 14:12-14

... their inability to repay you. (Luke 14:14)

One day, a father asked his daughter to join him on a trip to the inner-city, where he wanted to reach out to the homeless. On the way, they stopped off at McDonald’s to buy some food to hand out. When they reached their destination, however, the girl became afraid and decided to stay in the car where it

was safer. So, she watched her dad walk up to perfect strangers, all of whom were struggling, and talk with them. She was touched by the way her father offered friendship to these people as well as food. Gathering her courage, she got out of the car and joined in. Within moments, she was laughing and sharing stories with people she had once feared.

What a beautiful way to think of our heavenly Father’s generosity toward us! Day after day, God gives us many gifts, freely and happily, without expecting anything in return. He knows we could never repay him, but that doesn’t stop him. He loves us too much. He enjoys our company too much to remain aloof.

Now, as generous as the girl’s father was, he still had certain conditions on his love. He could give only so many hours, and he could afford only so many meals. After he was done, he and his daughter went back to the comfort of their home and the warmth of their family.

By contrast, our heavenly Father’s love is unlimited and unconditional. He reached out to us when we were lost in sin. He came to us in Christ and offered his very life to rescue us. He was so rich that he could afford to save each and every one of us.

Just as the homeless people had to decide to trust the father and have lunch with him, we, too, have to trust that our God has only good things to give us. We, too, have to “come and eat.”

In today’s second reading, Paul cries out, “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” (Romans 11:33). Our Father has unlimited resources. He has unlimited love for us. His arms are always open. So, let’s run to him today and receive his gifts.

“Father, thank you for your unconditional love.”

- Romans 11:29-36
- Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36

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(From the Word Among Us Catholic Magazine – Daily Meditations for November, 2017)
Saturday, November 18, 2017
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Luke 18:1-8

Render a just decision for me against my adversary. (Luke 18:3)

How often, when you hear this story, do you picture a stocky old woman with a grating voice—a stereotypical “nag”? You might compare her stubbornness to the persistence of a bulldog or the relentlessness of a broken record. Today when you think of her, try something different: look at her as a model of confidence, contentment, and courage.

Courageous: This widow fears neither her adversary nor the annoyance of the judge; she bravely demands justice. It takes fortitude to continue when things aren’t going your way. It’s tempting to give up hope when your prayers are not immediately answered. The “long time” that the judge refuses the widow’s request doesn’t stop her (Luke 18:4). She keeps reminding him of her request, and she can teach us courage in pursuing God even when we encounter setbacks.

Confident: This woman is convinced that she’s in the right and that God cares about her. So when she faces the road-block of an uncooperative judge, she doesn’t give up. She knows God is on her side, and that knowledge emboldens her. Just so, each of us can be confident in God’s personal care for us.

Contented: As she waits on God’s timing, the widow shows a certain level of contentment. She trusts that God will set things right. So too Jesus promises that as we persist in prayer and trust God, we will find contentment even while we

wait. We can be content knowing that we are doing what God asks of us. The rest is up to him, and we can trust he will answer us.

Jesus ends his parable by asking whether, when he returns, he will find any faith on the earth. This was not an arbitrary question tacked onto the end of the parable as an after-thought. The kind of faith Jesus is looking for is the faith of this persistent widow: one that demonstrates courage, confidence, and contentment. When we have faith like this, our prayers are not filled with desperate begging but with joyful expectancy. So, imitate the persistent widow today as you bring your needs to God.

“Jesus, I bring my needs to you boldly and confidently. I will trust in you even while I wait to see your will unfold.”

- Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
- Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43

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Secular Franciscan Saint/Blessed of the Month Club:

(Catholic saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.)

The Servant of God Elizabeth of Austria Widow, Third Order, 20th December

Born in 1554 to the German Emperor Maximilian II a daughter Elizabeth, like her Patron Elizabeth of Hungary, this Elizabeth was to be an honor to her family and to the Third Order.

At aged 15, Elizabeth was married to king Charles IX of France after only four years together the king died and Elizabeth returned to Vienna, the 29 year old widow resolved not to remarry.

On 27 October 1572, the Queen had given birth to her first child, a daughter, in the Louvre Palace; she was named Marie Elisabeth. Elizabeth left her daughter in the care of her grandmother Catherine, this was the last time she saw her daughter for her last and greatest tragedy came on 2 April 1578, when the six-year-old daughter Marie Elisabeth died.

Publicly entering the Third order of St. Francis she taught them by her example, at home Elizabeth spent much time in prayer and outside participated in processions and other devotions, Elizabeth wore only the plainest of clothing and fasted often, distaining public amusements.

She tended the sick in hospital and visited homes in the city looking for the poor sick, providing them with medications, occasionally bringing the poor home to her own table as on Thursdays when she provided a banquet for them in honor of the Last Supper.

Elizabeth founded a convent of Poor Clares-Mary, Queen of Angels, where she often did her cooking for the poor. Interested in the upkeep of churches she was more interested in having worthy priests to say Mass and care for the souls of the poor as such she loved to help educate young men as they prepared for the priesthood.

Elizabeth died aged 35 at Vienna in 1592. She chose this text from the office for the dead for her epitaph:

“Since I sin daily and yet do not do penance, the fear of death disturbs me. As in hell there is no redemption, have mercy on me, O God, and save me.”

Several miracles have occurred at her tomb.

Prayer of the Church

(Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy constant pity, O Lord, cleanse and defend Thy Church, and since without Thee we cannot abide in safety, may we ever be governed by Thy grace. Through this same Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Source: Habig, Marion A., O.F.M., 1959, ed., *The Franciscan book of Saints, The Servant of God Elizabeth of Austria*, Franciscan Herald press, Chicago, Illinois, (p.p.896,897)

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Please keep in your prayers:

(If you are in need of prayers, please email me at lisa.sfo@att.net and I'll add your intentions to our list below:)

and please add to your Prayer List the following:

Bob Murray's wife Diane is having leg problems, please pray for her health concerns.

Our brother Bruce McAdams had extensive back surgery, but is now home. He doesn't want any visitors or phone calls (maybe send him a card or two). He is in a lot of pain and just greatly needs your prayers.

Please pray for the health of my husband Bob Boebinger, he has a lot of pain and several health issues. We're hoping he can go back to work soon. Thank you kindly! (Lisa)

Our Sister Dixie Marshall wrote: *Please pray for our little great granddaughter Ava Marie Marshall and her brother Aaron Liam Marshall. They are 3 and 4. She is experiencing speech delays and is having to live with challenges at home. Please also keep in prayer her mother Candice and her father Aaron Marshall who is trying his best to deal with the challenges and protect the children. Also, please remember our daughter June Marshall who is also doing her best to be of help to everyone. Thank you all and God bless you. Dixie*

Update on Georgia Zepek's parents: *My mom (Ruthie King) is still not doing very well with dementia. Please keep the family in your prayers. God Bless You, Georgia*

Please add Tiffany Maskew to our prayer list. She is only thirty years old and she had a stroke.

Thanks, Carol

Please continue to pray for Ken Wilde for emotional reasons and migraines and pneumonia. Ken also had surgery on his right hand. (Ken is very lonely! He would like his fraternity brothers and sisters to call him, or come by to visit if they can, but please call him first.)

Please continue to keep Jo-Ann Hardwick in your prayers & Ray who has a lot of pain in his knees, lower back and hip.

Donna Baylor asked for prayers for her daughter Beth Baylor, who suffers from paranoia. And please keep Donna in your prayers also.

Please pray for Sekoiya Spencer's sons Darius and Jason. Please continue to pray for David Burrola and Aarne Lozano.

Please continue to pray for Lorraine's beau Edward Watkins, still recovering from pneumonia. Edward also had an auto accident and is in a rehab facility. Please continue to pray for MaryBelle & Jim Neuffell. MaryBelle had risky heart surgery on Sunday, Oct. 22nd. As of Sunday, Oct. 29th she was in critical condition. She had congestive heart failure and is trying to get over pneumonia. But she feels each and every prayer prayed for her. For Jim Neuffell to keep up his strength in caring for MaryBelle.

Update on Mary Belle: (email from me dated Nov. 4th)

Hello All, my husband Bob just called Jim Neuffell to see how Mary Belle was doing. Here is what he said:

Mary Belle is at Arlington Gardens Care Center - 951-351-2800, 3688 Nye Ave, Riverside, CA 92505 (off of Magnolia, near Polk).

She had gotten pneumonia and an infection in the hospital. She will be on kidney dialysis for awhile. And have diverticulitis. Her kidneys are all binding up and she can't urinate for 5 days. They're now trying to get her muscle strength back. I need to send them a card!

And that's all I know right now.

Please continue to pray for Mary Belle.

Please definitely keep Jim also in your prayers -- he's tired and has to make so many decisions.

Peace & Blessings, Lisa & Bob (Millen) Boebinger

And responding emails from Camille and Joice & Romy:

To Mary Belle and Jim: I keep you in prayer for healing and comfort. May you find rest as you journey together through this time. You are kept in tender prayer with wishes for Peace and All Good. Camille

Hi all. Thank you Lisa. We are keeping up our prayers for Mary Belle, Ken, Bruce, Jo Ann and others needing our collective plea. Had a chance to visit Mary Belle the other Sunday when she was still in the hospital at RCH, before she started dialysis. For someone battling serious health setback, she was in high spirits, in her usual jovial, witty self entertaining visitors. She was able to walk across the room before visitors arrived. We hope and pray that healing and speedy recovery will continue for our sick sisters and brothers, in Jesus mighty, merciful name. We are also praying for Deacon Jim, for strength and his own health. Also for Ray taking care of Jo Ann. God bless us all. Peace, Joice and Romy

Please continue to pray for Stella Pacifica Caywood's sons Mark and Paul.

And please continue to pray for George & Barbara Molchan.

Please pray for all those unemployed in our fraternity who are looking for a job, along with those who have lost their healthcare coverage. And who are in great financial problems due to being unemployed or other problems.

And please continue to keep your Fraternity brothers and sisters in your prayers along with their intentions.

AND ... Have you hugged & prayed for your Franciscan Prayer Partner lately?

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Do you know what our Region's website is?

<http://www.stfrancisregion.org/>

Check it out sometime!

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Your Monthly Pearls of Wisdom:

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

~~ **Stephen Covey**

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. ~~ **Margaret Mead***

It was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny

Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!

~~ **Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol**

The Daily Extra: Groaners: World's Best Bad Jokes

and Puns: A guy goes into a restaurant for breakfast at Christmas time. After looking over the menu he orders eggs Benedict. When his breakfast arrives, it's served on a big, shiny hubcap. He asks the waiter, "What's with the hubcap?" The waiter sings, "There's no plate like chrome for the hollandaise!"

The Daily Extra: Riddle: What can one not keep, two hold, and three destroy?

The Daily Extra: Did You Know . . . The International Committee of the Red Cross was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1917, 1944, and 1963, making the Red Cross the only recipient to receive the prize three times.

The Daily Extra: 100 Years Ago on This Date . . .

December 12, 1917: Father Edward J. Flanagan establishes Father Flanagan's Home for Boys, later known as "Boys Town," a home for troubled and neglected boys in Omaha, Nebraska. Flanagan's motto was, "There are no bad boys. There is only bad environment, bad training, bad example, bad thinking."

The Daily Extra: Spelling Bee: Choose the correct spelling of this frequently misspelled word:

poinsetta poinsettia pointsetia

The Daily Extra: Easy Energy-Saving Tip: A load of dishes cleaned in the dishwasher used 37 percent less water than washing by hand.

The Daily Extra: Trivia: Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, household waste increases by 25 percent. In the United States, trash from wrapping paper and shopping bags totals more than 4 million tons.

The Daily Extra: Household Tip: For more gripping power when opening stuck jar lids, put on a pair of rubber gloves.

The Daily Extra: Money-Saving Tip: Stock up for the next year. Go shopping after a major holiday and buy holiday-themed items like cards, gift wrap, and decorations on sale or clearance. The discounts are tremendous, and you can put the items in the closet until next year, saving a bundle in money and time.

The Daily Extra: Groaners: World's Best Jokes and Puns: Luke and Obi-Wan are in a Chinese restaurant having a meal. Skillfully using his chopsticks, Obi-Wan deftly dishes a large portion of noodles into his bowl, and tops it with some chicken and cashew nuts. All this is done with the consummate ease you'd expect from a Jedi Master. Meanwhile, Luke is using his chopsticks in both hands,

dropping food all over. Obi-Wan looks at Luke disapprovingly and says, "Use the forks, Luke."

- The Daily Extra: First Time:** The first electric traffic light was installed in which U.S. city?
- a. Chicago
 - b. New York City
 - c. Philadelphia
 - d. Cleveland

The Daily Extra: Trivia: Kisses in color: In 1962, Hershey's added red and green foil-covered Kisses to the traditional silver lineup for Christmas.

The Daily Extra: Doodle Moment: What do you wish for the new year? Doodle it.

(Answer to Riddle: a secret)

(Answer to Spelling Bee: poinsettia)

(Answer to First Time: d. Cleveland, Ohio. The electric traffic light was installed on August 5, 1914, at the corner of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue. It had red and green lights and a buzzer warning when the colors were about to change.)

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Immaculata Fraternity – Finally – here is your new Fraternity Council, Elected June 24th, 2017:



The new happy bunch is ready to get started!

From left-right: **Lisa Boebinger, Councilor,**
Georgia Zepek, Councilor,
Ray Hardwick, Formation Director,
Bob Murray, Spiritual Assistant,
Bruce McAdams, Vice-Minister,
Lorraine Cardin, Minister,
Carol Bryant, Treasurer,
Camille Page, Secretary

appointed to the council: **Brenda Rogers, Councilor** (not pictured)

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(He who sings well, prays twice! ~ ~ St. Augustine)

Here I Am, Lord

by Dan Schutte

Verse 1: I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2: I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 3: I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

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Prayer of St. Francis

by Sebastian Temple

Verse 1: Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Verse 2: Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,

And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Verse 3: O Master, grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled, as to console,

To be understood, as to understand,

To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Verse 4: Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

A---men.

Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy. Text: Based on the prayer traditionally ascr. to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226. Text and music © 1967, OCP. All rights reserved.

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Upcoming events around the Order:

Sunday, November 19th: Pope Francis promoting World Day of the Poor

Sunday, December 3rd @11:00 am @ Mother Cabrini in Burbank, Procession with Adoration & meal. \$15. Contact Bill Mussatto.

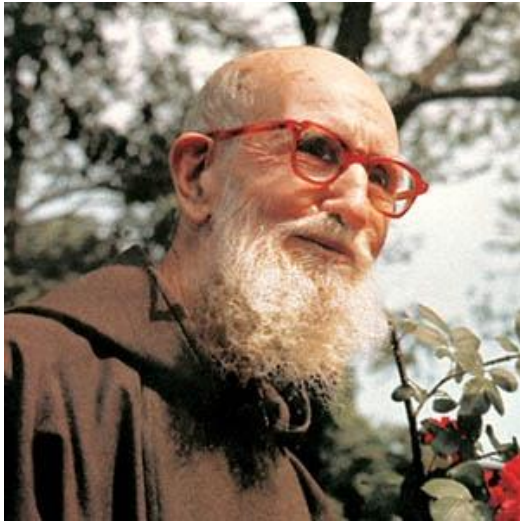
Tuesday, December 26th on PBS: "The Sultan and the Saint" documentary-movie.

Monday, January 15th, 2018 (MLK Day): Regional Chapter Gathering and Election. Invite observers, pay \$30.

Sunday, January 21st, 2018: @ Claremont – Muslim Dinner @ 6:30 pm. Need people to help. Showing 2 videos, prayers. For 100 people, 30 seats for Franciscans.

Saturday, February 10th 2018: Profession, 3:30 pm @ San Luis Rey Chapel, Fr. Steve presiding. Dinner @ Vitalli's Restaurant afterward.

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Father Solanus Casey, Cap.: “May God bless you and multiply His graces and joys in your soul!” Amen!

(Being beatified November, 18th 2017)

(If you wish to tune in for the beatification Mass at 4 p.m., you can watch live via The Michigan Catholic.)

(www.themichigancatholic.org)

And from an email (dated Nov. 14th) from our John Ubelhor:

Lisa: So great about Fr. Solanus.

I am in Poverello Fraternity in Kirkland WA and we will be meeting this Sat. For sure will be discussing about Fr. Solanus. Our formation director Mary Powell is also a former Detroit native. Fr. Solanus was so loved by folks from that part of the country.

Will be viewing the beatification ceremony at Ford Field on EWTN. Supposed to be 70,000 wow. Thanks so much for the heads-up.

I'm still looking at 2 more years working up here. Still plan to move back down to Riverside when I retire.

By the way, Elaine & I had another grandchild in October. That now makes 2 (Alexander John & Evan Anthony).

So—Hello to Bob and say hi to all the Immaculata's for us.

Miss you all.

Peace & Fr. Solanus pray for us.

John & Elaine

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An urgent email from our Brother Aarne Lozano, dated Nov. 16th....

Lisa, please forward--

With great hesitation I regret I must ask for your assistance once again. Due to unfortunate circumstances I have sold my home that I have lived in for the past 14 years. I signed an agreement with the bank and the new owners. Now I must leave my home by early December in order to receive relocation assistance. I can come up with the first month's rent but will need to come up with the deposit as well. Unfortunately, I have not found a new home for me, my brother Mel, and our pets. I will need to raise \$1000 for my

security deposit. I am not expecting the fraternity to come up with this amount, that would be expecting too much-- but any amount you can help us with would be very much appreciated. Since I am receiving relocation assistance if you can help financially then this will be a loan which I can reimburse as soon as I receive the funds from the bank and new owner. So, basically, you are welcome to assist in one of three different ways: 1) You can help us with our move the weekend of Dec 8-10th, 2) You can assist financially with whatever amount you can help with, and/or 3) Your PRAYERS!! My brothers and sisters in the fraternity, as always I am indebted to all of you for any assistance that you provide. Thank you so much!

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Did you know: We have 2 Apostolate Groups?

Here they are and who are in the groups:

PB&J Brigade – Sandwiches for the Poor:

Lorraine Cardin, Georgia Zepek, Brenda Rogers, David Burrola, Joice & Romy Quinsaas, Camille Page, and Lisa Boebinger.

Committee to Visit the Excused in Our Fraternity:

Brenda Rogers, Ray Hardwick, Bruce McAdams, Camille Page, Lorraine Cardin, Carol Bryant, Aarne Lozano, and Joice Quinsaas.

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The Lord Shares Our Burden:

“There is no cross, big or small, in our life which the Lord does not share with us.” ~~ Pope Francis

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