



“Share the Joy”

*Holy Spirit Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
of Claremont*



Newsletter

Renewed & Confirmed: Live the Treasure

December 2018

Minister’s Corner:

A Short Message

I pray everyone had a great Thanksgiving whether you worked at the OLA Thanksgiving Day Dinner or spent time with relatives and friends or simply enjoyed a quiet day and now we are quickly approaching Advent, this is a joyous time to reflect on the past year and to look forward to the New Year. I encourage all of you to spend time alone to pray and think about what matters most to you and how in the coming year you can deepen that commitment whether a relationship, prayer life, attending daily mass, visiting the sick or reading a great book and the list can go on and on. A very Blessed December to each and every one of you.

Peace and All Good,
Claudia T. Minister

Calendar of Events:

- Dec 1st 4:00 - 6:30 pm Renewal of Profession at St Margaret Mary Church, Chino
- Dec 7th 3:00 - 4:00 pm Silent prayer before Blessed Sacrament (Reflection Room) at OLA. Meal to break fast at local restaurant.
- Dec 9th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Monthly Fraternity Meeting, Convent at OLA
- Dec. 10th 6:30 ~ 9:00 pm Initial Formation, Classroom at OLA.
- Dec 14th 6:30 ~ 9:00pm Fraternity Council Meeting at Good/Thompson house.
- Jan 13th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Annual Epiphany Party
- Jan 14th 6:30 ~ 9:00 pm Initial Formation Classroom at OLA
- Feb 5th 5:30 ~ 8:30pm Winter Shelter at Holy Name of Mary
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in when Judith, Randy and Bill had to be elsewhere. As usual Claudia Good covered the Saturday evenings. Members of the Fraternity were able to supervise the event. Because of the generators gifts of time, talent and treasure by members of the OLA community we were able to serve about 200 guests and helpers and provided about 100 take home boxes. We had a second group come in later because St Ambrose was not serving the homeless this year and they didn’t realize we ate in a single settings. 40 parishioners cooked turkeys, stuffing, mash potatoes, sweet potatoes and green beans and another 15 donated 30 pies. 45 volunteered to set up the auditorium and kitchen on Wednesday, serve the meal, wash dishes and clean up the auditorium at the end of the meal on Thursday.

Two JPIC Events:

On First Friday, December 7, we will have a fast and prayer day for healing for the Church and our country. Not only is our Church hurting, but our country has rarely ever been so divided as it is now. Who you support is immaterial. Our country needs to end this terrible division. It affects not only every adult and but so many of those younger. Mark 9:29 says that a demonic presence can only be handled through prayer and fasting. Therefore, we are asking everyone to fast that day. Those of us who can will meet at OLA at 3:00 pm and participate in a Holy Hour. If you are unable to join us at OLA, we ask that you join us simply by spending a few minutes in prayer sometime between 3:00 and 4:00. At 4:00 we will then go to a local restaurant and break our fast together.

If you would like to prepare for this event with a novena, it will start Nov 29. The importance of doing something to help heal our Church and country cannot be overstated. Please join us.

A second JPIC Event is participating in Winter Shelter on Tues Feb 5 and Wed Feb 13 at Holy of Mary (HNM) parish in San Dimas. This is a 4 month program for the poor and

Thanksgivings Day Meal:

It took a combined effort to sign up people to help, cook and attend the dinner the three weekends before Thanksgivings Day, but Jaqui and Marie were able to fill

especially the homeless. They are given a served delicious dinner; have the opportunity to take a hot shower and meet with a doctor, dentist, or social worker; and spend the night inside the hall on a cot with a pillow and warm blankets. We will help other HNM ministries serve dinner, hand out towels and whatever else is needed. We will have a sign up sheet at both the Dec meeting and Epiphany party.

Epiphany Party:

Our annual Epiphany Party will take the place of our January Fraternity meeting. We will discuss details at the December meeting. Its open to families and guests. We will invite the Felician Sisters can join us.

Ongoing Formation:

We will be continuing our study Pope Francis' Encyclical letter, *Laudato Si* in December. Please study the 1st half of chapter four before the meeting. Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM's video will address the first half of Chapter Four. The three subheadings examined here include the themes of: (A) Environmental, Economic, and Social Ecology; (B) Cultural Ecology; and (C) Ecology of Daily Life. Try to study the section before the meeting. This is the ninth section. Mary Macleod, OFS and Diana Cerda, OFS will lead this session. There will be no ongoing formation in January. Remember, if you are unable to lead the training, you are responsible for finding a substitute.

Snack Schedule:

Randy and Amelia will be responsible for the December snacks. Because of the Epiphany Party everyone is scheduled for January.

Renewal of Profession:

We will have our Annual Renewal of Profession on December 1st, at the 4pm Mass at St Margaret Mary Parish in Chino. We have been invited to have a small reception in the Library afterwards. This is another outreach opportunity. Please bring finger food to share. We will be opening it to members of the parish to drop by.

Change in Council Meeting location and dates:

Because of the distance some members of the council have to travel we are experimenting with having most council meetings to Saturday from Friday and are testing meeting every other month in a restaurant. However, the next council meeting will be on a Friday at Claudia Thompson.

Rite of Welcome:

Chris has completed his Orientation so we will be formally introducing him to the Fraternity using the Rite of Welcoming as part of the December meeting.

Adopt-a-Family:

We will be providing Christmas help to four families selected from the UncommonGood's Clinic to College program and those who have received help from St. Vincent dePaul at OLA. We will obtain gift cards for food and gifts for the kids using money from the Palm Sunday Bake/Craft Sale. Please start collecting non-perishable food for packages we will give along with the gift cards after the December Meeting. We will have details about the Families after this Sunday.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Teresa Cullen, OFS, Jackie Foley, OFS, Jaqui Bradley, Julie Bash, OFS, Gorge Wurzel (Jane's brother) and Edison Marshal (Dixie's husband) who are in need of healing.
- Members of our Fraternity: Ann, Ted, Alma and all Secular Franciscans who are, for whatever reason, unable to attend Fraternity meetings.
- That people listen to Pope Francis's call for dialog rather than absolutism.
- For peace, patience, strength and understanding throughout the world.
- To be thankful for our many blessings.

Thoughts of Francis and Friends:

I hunger, bumping through a crowd towards Him. Heart burning: "Lord answer!" Imaging He says, "Child do something grand!" Struggling to reach. Before Him at last. "What shall I do with my life?" In love, kind and gentle He says: "Be poor." Surprised, amazed, dumfounded, onward stumbling to follow His word go I.

Will Moore,, OFS

Absent members:

Jackie Folley, OFS, Theresa Cullen, OFS, and Rachel Rodriguez, OFS are open to visitors since they can no longer attend meetings. Just call ahead.

For those who cannot attend in person:

We may try to add video at the December meeting. We will send out an email with details. Please checkout using Skype and Goggle Hangouts, which we plan to test before the meeting.