

Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home),

IV. DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE BREAK-DOWN OF SOCIETY

Paragraph 46 - "The social dimensions of global change include the effects of technological innovations on employment, social exclusion, an inequitable distribution and consumption of energy and other services, social breakdown, increased violence and a rise in new forms of social aggression, drug trafficking, growing drug use by young people, and the loss of identity. These are signs that the growth of the past two centuries has not always led to an integral development and an improvement in the quality of life. Some of these signs are also symptomatic of real social decline, the silent rupture of the bonds of integration and social cohesion." ~ Pope Francis

ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone; May the Peace of Christ be with you!

The Summer months have arrived and it's looking to be a busy time.

The very recent disastrous flood in Ellicott City and it's cleanup is still a process in it's early stages. Any number of reasons could be proposed and debated for this second major flood in as many years and I'm sure it will be but the important thing to remember are the people involved. One person has lost his life and many hopes and dreams have been shattered yet again. Let us pray for Eddison Hermond and his family as well as for those whose lives were spared but have lost so much.

Our gathering will be June 24th (fourth Sunday) due to Father's Day being on the third Sunday. Our speaker this month is Ray Glennon who will tell us the story of Father Vincent Capodanno, a Navy chaplain who was killed in Vietnam in 1967.

Lastly a reminder that attendance at gatherings is expected as a part of fulfilling our vocation as well as fostering the sense of community within the fraternity.

Pax et Bonum,
Ed



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2016 - 2019**

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Evening Prayer



**Nativity of
St. John the Baptist**



June 24

Fr. Vincent Capodanno Presentation

June 29 – July 1, 2018

Chapter of Mats – Priest Field Center

September 18, 2018

Fraternity Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony

Please Pray For ...

- Connie Baker**, OFS
- Marlene Feaga**, OFS
- Marie Lindung**, OFS
- Jim Manning**, OFS
- Georgianna Papazian**, OFS
- Jim Tebo**, OFS

Remembering Your Profession



OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Deacon Tom Bello**, OFS
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| Barbara Levasseur, OFS | 06/03/02 (16 yrs) |
| Bob Longo, OFS | 06/15/96 (22 yrs) |
| Kevin Kulesa, OFS | 06/15/07 (11 yrs) |
| Dale Edmunds, OFS | 06/23/10 (8 yrs) |
| Patrick Caughy, OFS | 06/24/12 (6 yrs) |
| Cindy Mohler, OFS | 06/24/12 (6 yrs) |
| France Staudenmann OFS | 06/24/12 (6 yrs) |

June Diaper Drive

Twice a year (January and June) our fraternity will conduct a diaper drive for the Howard County Pregnancy Center.

The pregnancy center needs diapers, please see below the breakdown by last name of the size diapers you need to purchase:

- A – I
new born
- J – R
Size 1
- S – Z
Size 2

If you could purchase several packs of diapers and **diaper wipes**, the pregnancy center would be most grateful for our Franciscan generosity.

We will not provide toiletries to the Franciscan Center this month



Treasurer's Report

May – 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,772.78
Common Fund	
Contributions	<u>391.97</u>
Total	\$ 2,164.75

Expenses:

Brother Lawrence	100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Office Supplies	42.89
Web Fee	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$ 257.89

Ending Balance: \$ 1,906.86

Thank You for your monthly contributions

Contributions are tax deductible

June Birthdays



Boniface Kim, OFS	06/05
Richard Lam, OFS	06/06
Chris Donaldson, OFS	06/06
Mary Chandler, OFS	06/18
Joan Babin, OFS	06/18
Dale Edmunds, OFS	06/25
Eileen Perego, OFS	06/26

Food for Thought

The Gift of Humility

"Humility is like an empty space that leaves room for God. A humble person is powerful because he is humble, not because he is strong."

Pope Francis, Aug. 15, 2017

Why be a Secular Franciscan?

What advantage is there in living a professed Gospel Way of Life?

Basically, the way of the Commandments of God is the way that leads to perfection. Actually, the way of the Commandments is encompassed in living up to the first two commandments: to love God all out, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our challenge as Secular Franciscans is to LIVE these two commandments. Only by LIVING them can we hope to mold ourselves as dedicated Secular Franciscans seeking spiritual perfection in closer union with God.

Professed Secular Franciscans, like the religious, are a visible sign, a witness and an inspiration to all those who they meet. This thought is a great challenge to our responsibility as a Secular Franciscan.

Religious and professed Secular Franciscans express what Christ means to them by the very structure of their lives. All in the Church are called upon to observe the evangelical councils of poverty, chastity and obedience. In a religious and professed Secular Franciscan they become visible and tangible, a Religious taking these vows and a Secular Franciscan professing publicly to live in the spirit of them. By living in the spirit, God becomes real to us and this reality of God in our lives can bring our humanity to the fulfillment that comes from sharing in the Divinity of Christ."

The Gospel life must be lived in such a way that Secular Franciscans witness to it. This is such a very important thing for us to keep in mind at all times. If we do not bear the responsibility we could risk the possibility of becoming a scandal.

To help us live the reality of God in our lives we need faith without questioning. We should help others believe by ourselves praying and living the faith.

People must see from our lives that God exists and that He brings happiness to those who follow in the Gospel footsteps of His Son.

When we radiate joy because of our close association with Christ we help others to believe and experience in themselves, more and more, the spiritual riches available through Christ

The Secular Franciscan Home Page: <http://secularfranciscans.org>



Apostolate

Volunteer Driver for the Disabled American Veterans
Bill Siefken, OFS

I am a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans program to provide transportation services to disabled vets needing transport to VA medical facilities for treatments or to obtain medications.

I am also the caregiver for my 92-year-old mother-in-law who lives with me.

Therese and Richard Lam, OFS
Apostolate

My wife, Theresa and I are deeply involved in our own parish, the Holy Korean Martyrs Catholic Church. We have been Sunday School teachers for many years.

We are currently teaching 5th grade and the Liturgy coordinator for the English Mass. We are also involved with organizing our Sunday School program from 2013 to present. Theresa is a member of the Legion of Mary at our church as well.

OUR GATHERINGS

All should make every effort to attend our gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, contact a council member (see page 1 for telephone numbers). If you are a candidate or are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund to:

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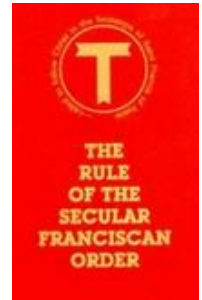
At the Friary

Chapel Open Daily
Noon Mass every day

From 9 AM – 5 PM

For more Information call:
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General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order



December 8, 2000

The Form of Life Article 13

2. In this spirit of conversion, they should live out their love for the renewal of the Church, which should be accompanied by personal and communal renewal. The fruits of conversion, which is a response to the love of God, are the works of charity in the interactions with the brothers and sisters.