



Fraternity of Mary, Queen of Peace Secular Franciscan Order Newsletter

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CANCELLED

Due to concerns about the Coronavirus and to reduce exposure, the following events have been cancelled:

The regular Fraternity Meeting, scheduled for Friday, April 3rd has been cancelled.

The Franciscan Holy Hour for World Peace has been cancelled

The April Council Meeting has been cancelled

Nursing home visit to the Estates at Lynnhurst and Little Sisters of the Poor have been cancelled

Retreats and the remaining days of Lenten Reflection at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake; have been cancelled through Easter Sunday, April 12th

2020 - OFS Spring Gathering, scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020 at: Sisters of Saint Francis Motherhouse, Little Falls, MN has been cancelled

Because of the small group size, the Initial Formation is still scheduled for Friday, March 27 from 7-9pm at the Brother's Friary, but attendance is optional.

Chapter 16-"When You Pray", in the Franciscan Journey Book. In this chapter our Candidates will be learning about Liturgy of the Hours prayer and receiving a Liturgy of the Hours book.



Brenda Berry 4/18
Marty Spicer 4/23

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Message from Pro-Life Action Ministries:

COVID-19 and Abortion: Events Cancelled; Sidewalk Counseling Remains a Must

Abortions continue at the abortion facilities despite all the disruptions in everyday life with the COVID-19 lockdowns and shutdowns. Some facilities have shut down “non-essential services” or have told “non-essential employees” to stay home. Planned Parenthood has made it crystal clear that killing defenseless babies is their absolutely “essential service.”

Though the mandates from governments prohibit our organizing large events, we still must be present sidewalk counseling and in prayer support outside these places of death to pray and do our best to reach out to save the lives of the babies about to be killed. We can do this with “social distancing,” taking care to avoid contracting or spreading COVID-19.

Unfortunately, the **Jericho March & Solemn Good Friday Vigil** have been cancelled.



40 Days for Life Twin Cities Lent 2020
Ongoing through Sunday, April 5
6 AM - 6 PM (but you can come anytime)

LOCATION:

Planned Parenthood
671 Vandalia Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55114

For more information for 40 Days for Life Twin Cities Lent 2020:

<https://plam.org/call-to-action/40-days-for-life-twincities/>

Questions call 651-797-6363

Rev. Brian Walker, 40 Days for Life Twin Cities Coordinator

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I GET TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD?

Pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. No need to bring signs, just pray.

We also ask that you not interfere with the sidewalk counselors who are by the driveway.

Respect the prayer traditions that are different from yours and follow the guidelines of Statement of Participation.

Pray on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, between Charles Ave. and the driveway (north side of

drive). Please leave enough room for a pedestrian to pass and do not stand on the landscaping.

Please do not call out to clients or interfere with sidewalk counselors, they have been trained to speak to abortion clients. If you feel led to become a sidewalk counselor, contact our office.

PARKING & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Do not park in ANY PARKING LOT in the surrounding area, you WILL BE TOWED! You can park on Vandalia St. north of Charles Ave, Pillsbury street by McDonalds' We strongly suggest that you car-pool to the site. At all times read the street signs closely.

Public Transportation: MTC Bus Route# 16 ask for Vandalia St. stop, or the Raymond Avenue stop on Light Rail.

If you must bring signs please let them be upbeat and positive; call us for suggestions.

There may not be a Pro-Life Action Ministries staff person at the site for all times and dates, if you have some concerns call 651.797.6363.

FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF PEACE FOOD SHELF NEEDS

FOOD SHELF Items Needed for March/April.
Please drop off at Queen of Peace Friary

Easter hams

Canned Fruit-fruit cocktail, peaches, pears Applesauce
Chicken Soup and other Soups Baked Beans-flavored
Canned Corn & Green Beans Juices
Spaghetti Sauce (cans or plastic preferred) Spaghetti Noodles
Macaroni and Cheese Mixes
Instant Potatoes (mashed & scalloped)
Condensed Milk Cooking Oil Cereal

BROTHER JOSEPH'S MINISTRY TO THE POOR

Adult Winter Items Needed:

Hats (adult, skull & ski hats): Scarfs: Mittens; Gloves (L, XL):
Thermal Socks (Wool or Polyester)
Men's Thermal Underwear (L, XL)
Underwear, briefs, socks
Men's pants / jeans
Sleeping bags

Toiletries Needed:

Shampoo (tube) Toothpaste Toilet Paper
Men's Body Wash (travel size) Bar Soap
Deodorant (for Men & Women) Tampex
Laundry Soap (quite small) Diapers (size 1,2,3,4,5)
Dish Soap (small)

**ALL THE FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF PEACE THANK YOU FOR
YOUR DONATIONS AND WISH YOU ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS!**

St. Francis quote shared by Steve Smith at the March Fraternity Meeting

Admonition 7 That good works should follow knowledge:

The Apostle says, “the letter killeth, but the spirit quickeneth.” They are killed by the letter who seek only to know the words that they may be esteemed more learned among others and that they may acquire great riches to leave to their relations and friends. And those religious are killed by the letter who will not follow the spirit of the Holy Scriptures, but who seek rather to know the words only and to interpret them to others. And they are quickened by the spirit of the Holy Scriptures who do not interpret materially every text they know or wish to know, but who by word and example give them back to God from whom is all good.

While Francis never said “Preach the Gospel and if necessary, use words.” This admonition does instruct us to not only know and spread the Gospel, but to live the Gospel. “We are to go through the world encouraging everyone, more by deeds than words to do penance, for our sins and too live with the commandments of God fresh in our minds” The Legend of the Three Companions

James 1:22 “Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.” That is Gospel to life and life to Gospel. It is our example and good works that attracts others to the faith.

Coronavirus Prayer – March 2020

(from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another
and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son.

March Prayer requests: (thanking God ahead of time)

- That the Lord will provide for all the needs of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace and guide all their ministries; that the Lord will draw more to embrace this way of life (including Kyle who has been visiting).
- For protection and fruitful ministry for Fr Seraphim and the KaRen community members now traveling in Myanmar and Thailand to visit refugee camps and villages. That they will return home safely.
- That Br Antonio will be blessed as he cares for his ailing father in the Philippines. That the Holy Spirit will provide for Br Antonio as he seeks to have his Visa renewed so that he can return to this country.
- For the physical and spiritual needs of all the Brothers.
- For Br John Mary's health as he waits for additional testing to rule out prostate cancer which has been postponed until June.
- That the Lord will strengthen our fraternity to spread the gospel through good works and follow the example of Saint Francis.
- That the Holy Spirit will guide our Council to be good servant leaders.
- That the Holy Spirit will guide us into deeper conversion during our Lenten journey.
- For all our members who are unable to attend our meetings.
- For all those in our Fraternity with difficult health issues: Mike B, Connie, Janie, Norma, Mike G, Jeannie, Eugene, Janet, Marty M, Marlene, Debbie.
- For Mike Gross recovering from shoulder surgery and undergoing tests for stomach cancer.
- For continued recovery for Marlene from knee replacement surgery.
- For Eugene who needs medical tests for heart blockage, but they have been postponed.
- For Debbie – for physical healing, for healing of family relationships, and for peace.
- In thanksgiving that Jeannie tolerated her uterine surgery well. For peace as she awaits the biopsy results.
- For healing of hurting relationships for Marty Spicer, his wife and his son.
- For Marty Madansky recovering in a nursing home after surgery for pancreatitis.
- For blessings on Mary and Jack as they prepare for their move to San Diego to be near their son. For a safe transition.
- In gratitude for our fraternity being like an extended family to one another.
- In gratitude for friends and family and for blessings on all those dear to us.
- For healing for Helen's grand-daughter Allison.
- For Nini's brother, Don who had shoulder surgery.
- For the soul of Eileen's mother who died 40 years ago.
- For the soul of Jeannie's mother who died 4 years ago.
- In praise that the cancer treatments for Jeannie's sister SueAnn have been very successful.
- That Anne's daughter Megan will not despair, but turn to faith in God.
- For all those who have asked for our prayers and in thanksgiving for prayers answered.
- For all those in the nursing homes where we minister.
- For all those with mental illness and addictions.
- For protection and provision for victims of domestic and sexual abuse.
- For conversion of the whole world – that we will all look to Christ for our answers.
- For all victims of the coronavirus pandemic; for all health care workers; for a merciful public health response.
- For the grace to have extreme faith and courage in these challenging times.
- For all special prayer intentions.

New videos are being produced ongoingly.

Check out

Franciscan Brothers of Peace YouTube channel!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XRukOu_wnUiPr12iZGIJA