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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace and joy reign in your heart!

At our fraternity gathering on August 15, we welcomed **Leticia Aguilar** and **Javier Aguilar** into the inquiry phase of formation. Welcome, Leticia and Javier, to our Secular Franciscan family. At the same gathering, Brother Pat led us through the first phase of the appreciative inquiry process. Once again, everyone left the fraternity gathering feeling energized and proud to be a member of our fraternity. I want to strongly encourage you to attend the Day of Reflection on Sunday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. when Brother Pat will help us to experience the next phases of the process – Dreaming and Design. The timing of the final phase, Destiny, has not been determined yet.

I want to extend a personal invitation to you, your family and friends to join our Capuchin Brothers in celebrating the **Transitus** (Passing) of St. Francis on Sunday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monastery Chapel and to attend the **Solanus Casey Concert** on Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the same Chapel. I am grateful to **Teresa Westbrook-Lienert**, chair of the Concert committee, and the other members of the committee for all of their time and effort in planning this event. More detailed information about these events is included on the following pages of this newsletter.

In preparation for the commemoration of the passing of our Seraphic Father, St. Francis of Assisi, from his earthly life to his heavenly reward, I would like to offer for your reflection the following reading describing the last days and hours of St. Francis's life.

Readings from Br. Thomas of Celano and St. Bonaventure

“St. Francis spent the last few days before his death in praising the Lord and teaching his companions whom he loved so much to praise Christ with him. He himself, in as far as he was able, broke out with the Psalm: ‘I cry to the Lord with my voice; to the Lord I make loud supplication.’ He likewise invited all creatures to praise God and, with the word he had composed earlier, he exhorted them to love God. Even death itself, considered by all to be so terrible and hateful, was exhorted to give praise, while he himself, going joyfully to meet it, invited it to make its abode with him. ‘Welcome,’ he said, ‘my sister death.’” (Celano, Second Life).

“When the hour of his death approached, Francis asked that all of the brothers living with him be called to his death bed and softening his departure with consoling words, he encouraged them with fatherly affection to love God. He spoke of patience and poverty and of being faithful to the holy Roman Church, giving precedence to the holy Gospels before all else. He then stretched his hands over the brothers in the form of a cross, a symbol that he loved so much, and gave his blessing to all followers, both present and absent, in the power and in the name of the Crucified. Then he added: ‘Remain, my sons, in the fear of the Lord and be with him always. And as temptations and trials beset you, blessed are those who persevere to the end in the life they have chosen. I am on my way to God and I commend you all to his favor’.

“With this sweet admonition, this dearly beloved to God, asked that the book of the Gospels be brought to him and that the passage in the Gospel of St. John, which begins, ‘before the Feast of the Passover’ be read. Finally, when all God's mysteries had been accomplished in him, his holy soul was freed from his body and assumed into the abyss of God's glory, and Francis fell asleep in God.” (Bonaventure, Major Life).

Looking forward to seeing you at the Day of Reflection on September 19. Have a restful and fun Labor Day weekend.

Your sister in St. Francis,
maryann

**Because of Labor Day, the Fraternity Council will be meeting on September 12th,
rather than on September 5th.**



Celebrating Anthony M. Lienert



Tony was born to Robert Marcellus Lienert (1926-1988) and Audrey Jean Gagnon (b. 1924) on January 8, 1963 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Tony is the youngest of his four siblings Paul (Anita), Jean (Tim Jennings), Ted (Joann), and Tom. He attended first and second grades at

Anchor Bay Catholic Elementary School (now Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception) in Anchorville (hometown of Archbishop Vigneron), and third through twelfth grades at Anchor Bay Elementary, Junior High & High School in New Baltimore. Tony graduated from Michigan State University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture.

Tony was employed at Ray Wiegand's Nursery in Macomb from 1986-2001, served as an adjunct faculty member from 1998-2003 at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron, worked at Perennial Impressions in Oxford from 2002-2003 and Glenda's Garden Center in Novi from 2006-2008. He is currently employed at Eradico Services in Novi as a Tree/Shrub Care Technician and Diagnostician.

Tony married Teresa Rose Westbrook on August 12, 1995 at St. Mary, Queen of Creation Church in New Baltimore. The ceremony was performed by Fr. Nicholas Zukowski, assisted by Deacon Richard Hulan, SFO. Other Fraternity members in attendance included Ben and Dorothy Stapel, Joe Doeran and Maxine Piaszeczny. Congratulations to Tony and Terry on their 15th Wedding Anniversary! We wish you many more years of happiness together.

Tony learned about the Secular Franciscan Order through one of his college friends, Steve Spreitzer, who suggested that he might make a good Franciscan. Tony was thinking about the priesthood at the time, so he decided to consider various Franciscan communities. It

was eventually determined (on account of his personal quirks and eccentricities) that community life was not his calling; a friar told him, however, that he would always be a Franciscan. While dating Terry, Tony learned that she was inquiring into the SFO, and he decided to explore a vocation as a Secular Franciscan. The rest, as they say, is history.

Tony has served the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity in the following capacities: as a speaker on Franciscan spirituality for Franciscan Information Nights (with Terry and Joe and Faye Boland); presented teachings at Third Sunday Meetings including Franciscans and the Arts; Franciscanism and the 12 Steps; co-chair of the Hospitality Commission; and lector for fraternity events.

Tony is a parishioner at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan and serves in the music ministry at his parish. In his free time, he enjoys reading, cemetery and nature walks, genealogy (motto: "I chase dead people"), cooking and internet surfing.

Tony shared this reflection on the Franciscan way of life: "To me, Franciscan life is more than something I do; it's a life to be lived, striving to leave myself open to being regularly refined by the fire of God. Many days, one may see little progress, or even regression. The life of fraternity, however, is tremendously supportive through both the joys and sorrows of life. In my Franciscan family, I've found tremendous diversity in living the charisma, and the spirit of joy that carries one through times of sorrow; some of my richest Franciscan moments have been when we gather to honor the passing of a member of the family, and declare 'Blessed are they that Death finds doing your will.' Another touching moment for me was one year, during the Transitus, when I was asked to help break and distribute bread in memory of Francis' final sharing. It was a most humbling experience, to act in imitation of our Seraphic Father."

We love you, Tony!



For our September Day of Reflection, please bring a bag lunch and a dish to pass.

The gathering begins at 11 AM for everyone.



Deceased:

Valerie Ridley (†July 25, 2010)
 Linda McClain (niece of Norma Rae) (†Aug. 14, 2010)

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Les and Josie Lafata
Peter Aluzzo	Tony Lienert
Jan Atkinson	Janice Litch
Kay Balas	Rose Longo
Gertrude Beattie	Ilene Manning
Evelyn Bishop	Joseph Marra
Janet & John Bodell	Sophie Martin
Rocco Cesaro	Maria McNally
Loretta Chmielarczyk	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Clara Falzone	Rosie Patin
Wesley Faust	Dolores & Bob Peckham
Marie Fontanive	Theresa Pfaendtner
Mary Gillen	Joseph Pierce
Natalie Grabowski	Diane Raymond
James Heymes	Mary Saber
Caroline Hojna	Francis Scallion
Dora Sue Jay	Gene Snyders
Anna May Jezak	Alice Vier
Donna Marie Johnston	Helen Wardowski
Denise Joseph	Joseph Wisk
Mary Klein	Stephen Yuhase
Maryann Kummer	Veronica Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Mary Ann Avery, niece of Lorraine Korte
 Avian, great nephew of the Atkinsons
 Melanie Bruss, niece of Dan and Jan Atkinson
 Angelina and Joey Daleo,
 daughter-in-law & son of Josie and Les Lafata
 Lucy Devus
 James Donahue, Jr., brother-in-law of Julia E.-Donohue
 Edmund Erzbischoff, father of Julia
 Fr. Ed Ertzbischoff, brother of Julia

Parents of Clara Falzone
 Sylvia Rosales-Fike
 Karen Fitzpatrick, daughter of Mary Klein
 Stefan Florescu, husband of Caroline
 Bob Fontanive, husband of Marie
 Leo Frangos, nephew of Donna Marie Johnston
 Doreen & Billy Gerwollis, dter/son-i-l of Sophie Martin
 John Gold, husband of Rose
 Judy Hojna, Caroline's sister-in-law
 Ted Hojna, husband of Caroline
 Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Tyrone Mack, brother of Anna Tyler
 Manning Family, especially Bill, son of Ilene
 Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier
 Charlie, John McCaay & Family of Ilene Manning
 Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Simone Robinson, mother of Joanne Schumacher
 Amy Schumacher, daughter of Joanne
 Bob Stevenson, son-in-law of John and Janet Bodell
 Dan Tyrna, grandson of Mary Hebert
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Andrew Arcznski	Thomas Greenia
Christopher Beattie	John Marra III
James Anthony Brannigan	Joseph Marra, Jr.
Thomas Chmielarczyk	Gerard Williams

Memorials (all by Jo Marie Nardi):

Fr. Jogues Constance, Br. Vincent Reyes, Valerie Ridley,
 Barbara Ertzbischoff, Raymond and Sylvia Novelly

Help keep our list up-to-date; to remove names of those who no are no longer in need of urgent prayer, or to add names of members and immediate family members who are in great need, call:

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335

We ask, however, that you pray for ALL who have asked for our prayers.

Franciscan Saints of September

- Sept. 1 St. Beatrice de Silva Menezes, Poor Clare, virgin, Founder
Bl. Benedict Sinigardi of Arezzo (-1282), Franciscan
- Sept. 2 Bb. John Burté, Severin Girault, Apollinaris of Posat and Companions**, 1st and 3rd Order Martyrs
- Sept. 3 Bl. Gabriel Tarazona Rodríguez, Bl. Jerome Yo and Companions**, 1st and 3rd Order Martyrs
- Sept. 4 St. Rose of Viterbo, Secular Franciscan, virgin**
- Sept. 5 Bl. Gentle of Matelica (1290-1340), Franciscan, Martyr
- Sept. 5 Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, (not a Franciscan) Virgin, Founder of the Missionaries of Charity
- Sept. 6 Bl. Liberato of Loro Piceno, Franciscan
Bl. Mino Altimanni of Siena (-1290), Franciscan
Bl. Benedict of Florence (-1482), Franciscan priest
- Sept. 7 Bl. Leonard Ghesio of Prato (-1440), Franciscan priest
Bl. Giles of Florence (-1484), Franciscan friar
St. Santes of Monte Fabri, Franciscan friar
- Sept. 8 Bl. Serafina Sforza (1432-1478) Spouse, Poor Clare
Bl. Paschal Fortuño Almela (1886-1936), Franciscan, Martyr of the Spanish Civil War
- Sept. 9 Bl. Frédéric Ozanam (1813-1853)** Secular Franciscan, Parent, Founder: St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Sept. 10 ... St. Vincent of St. Joseph, Franciscan friar
- Sept. 11 ... Bl. Bonaventure Gran (Grau?) of Barcelona, Franciscan friar
SG Mychal Judge (-2001), Franciscan priest, Martyr of the World Trade Center
- Sept. 12 ... Bl. Joseph of Florence (-1220), Franciscan
- Sept. 12 Bl. Francis of St. Bonaventure, Bl. Apollinaris Franco and Bl. Paul of St. Clare, Martyrs
- Sept. 17 ... Stigmata of St. Francis**
- Sept. 18 ... St. Joseph Desa of Copertino (1603-1663) Conventual Franciscan priest
- Sept. 19 ... St. Francis Mary of Comporosso, Capuchin Franciscan
- Sept. 20 ... Bl. Ladislaus of Hungary (-1445), Franciscan priest
- Sept. 20 Bl. John Francis Balanti of Siena (-1525), Franciscan priest
- Sept. 22 .. Bl. Luigi Mary Monti (1825-1900)** Secular Franciscan, Founder
St. Ignatius of Santhià, Capuchin Franciscan Priest
Conventual Martyrs of the Spanish Civil War (-1936): Bb. Paschal Fortuño Almela, and Companions
- Sept. 23 ... St. Pio Forgione of Pietrelcina, Capuchin Franciscan Priest
Bl. Sebastian of Florence (-1432) Franciscan martyr
- Sept. 24 ... St. Pacific of San Severino (1653-1721), Franciscan priest
Finding of the Remains of St. Clare
- Sept. 26 .. St. Elzear of Sabran and Bl. Delphina of Glandenes**, Secular Franciscan spouses
Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa and Companions, “The Capuchin Martyrs of Valencia”
Bl. Andrew of San Gimignano and Bl. John of Prato (-1455), Franciscan friars
Bl. John Francis of Casale (-1508), Franciscan priest
Bl. Lucy of Caltagirone (-1400), Poor Clare
- Sept. 28 ... Bl. Innocent of Berzo, Capuchin Franciscan
- Sept. 28 ... Bl. Francis Piani of Calderola (1424-1507), Franciscan
- Sept. 28 ... Bl. Bernardine Tomitano of Feltri (1439-1494), Franciscan
- Sept. 29 .. Bl. Charles of Blois, Duke of Brittany (1318-1364)** Secular Franciscan
- Sept. 29 St. John of Dukla (1414-1484), Franciscan
- Sept. 29 Bl. Angelo of Florence (-1484), Franciscan friar
- Sept. 30 ... Bl. Felicia Meda of Milan (1378-1444) Poor Clare Virgin, Abbess



September 1	Michael O'Brien *	September 10	Beverly Joseph *
	Rita Collins *	September 14	Mary Schalm *
	Theresa Coschino *	September 18	George Pelyak
September 2	Maryann Bourgeau	September 23	Thomas Petsuch *
September 5	Clara O'Keefe	September 24	Br. Patrick McSherry
	Clara Falzone		Sheryl Ann Nordstrom
September 8	Mary Burghardt *	September 26	Lorraine Korte

(*) indicates a permanently excused member

Rule Reflection for September

SFO Rule, Art. 19; SFO Constitutions, Art. 23

SFO Rule, II, Art. 19

Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

SFO Constitutions, Article 23

1. **Rule Art. 19** Peace is the work of justice and the fruit of reconciliation and of fraternal love (see *Gaudium et Spes*, 78). Secular Franciscans are called to be bearers of peace in their families and in society:
 - they should see to the proposal and spreading of peaceful ideas and attitudes;
 - they should develop their own initiatives and should collaborate, individually and as a fraternity, with initiatives of the Pope, the local Churches, and the Franciscan Family;
 - they should collaborate with those movements and institutions which promote peace while respecting its authentic foundations.
2. While acknowledging both the personal and national right to legitimate defense, they should respect the choice of those who, because of conscientious objection, refuse to bear arms.
3. To preserve peace in the family, the brothers and sisters should, in due time, make a last will and testament for the disposition of their goods.

Personal Reflection: One of the reasons for making a will is to preserve peace in the family when you die. Have you made a will?

Shared Reflection: Do you consider yourself a peacemaker? Do others consider you a peacemaker?

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary to Paul and Mary Ann Bourgeau



August 14, 2010



Congratulations to Javier and Lettie Aguilar



Capuchin **Fr. Carmel Flora** is now at the Nazareth House Nursing Home in Wynnum, Queensland, Australia. He was chaplain to the home for about 18 years, and the friars continue their chaplaincy to the home. Carmel's health has stabilized, but he is now too easily confused to use e-mail. E-mail can be sent to him through the local minister, Br. Michael O'Dwyer at sma@capuchinfriars.org.au. His postal address is:

Fr. Carmel Flora, OFM Cap
c/o Our Lady of the Angels Friary
92 Walnut Street
Wynnum QLD 4178
Australia

Mark Your Calendars

- September 10... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
September 12... Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
September 19... SFO Day of Reflection (everyone at 11:00 a.m., bring a bag lunch)
October 3 Leadership Council meeting (3:30 p.m.)
October 3 Transitus (7:00 p.m. in the Monastery chapel)
October 8 Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
October 10 Remembering Fr. Solanus Concert (3:00 p.m.)
October 17 Third Sunday gathering (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
October 23 SFO Mass for All Deceased Franciscans (10:00 a.m.)
November 7 Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
November 12 ... Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
November 21 ... SFO Profession Mass (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)
December 5 Leadership Council meeting (2:30 p.m.)
December 10 Christian Service at the Meldrum Soup Kitchen (10:30 am - 1 pm)
December 19 Christmas Concert (Formation at noon, everyone at 1:30 p.m.)



The Fr. Solanus Cell: August 2010 at Jim and Charlotte Heymes' home in Okemus, Mich.

From the Friars' Choir

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian
any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Live the Gospel!



The Fourth Annual Remembering Fr. Solanus Concert

October 10, 2010 at 3:00 PM
St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel

Featuring Local Talent:

The Fr. William Cunningham Memorial Choir
The Detroit Public Schools Drum Choir
The Metro Catholic Gospel Choir

Tickets are \$15.00

For ticket information call:

• Teresa Westbrook-Lienert •

Friends of the Detroit River annual Fall Dinner Cruise will be on September 9th
6 P.M. to 9 P.M. at the Rivard Plaza Dock

Tickets are \$50 single or \$90 a couple

The **Friends of the Detroit River Annual Meeting** is September 29th
7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

at the Westfield Center 2700 Westfield, Trenton, MI 48183 (behind the Library).

Guest speaker will be Dr. Lynda D. Corkum,
Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Windsor

For more information on either the cruise or the meeting call **734- 675-0141**.



Coco 7 years old medulloblastoma

Coco was enjoying a beautiful spring day in the park with her three siblings and her mom, Robbi. Suddenly, she fell from the monkey bars and screamed out in pain. A CT scan of Coco's head revealed a cancerous tumor growing in the little girl's brain. Coco had emergency surgery to remove the tumor, and then was referred to St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital for treatment.

At St. Jude, doctors diagnosed Coco with medulloblastoma, a rare and aggressive brain tumor. She began a protocol of radiation, followed by chemotherapy. Robbi has found encouragement from the family-centered care offered at St. Jude. "The doctors and nurses are very supportive here," she said. "No matter what's bothering you, someone is there to help you and explain things."

Coco's family is grateful for the donors who help support St. Jude. "St. Jude told me, 'let that be your last worry. The only thing you need to be worried about is getting Coco better,'" Robbi said. "It lifted a burden from me." Today, Coco is doing well. She returns to St. Jude every few months for checkups. She likes playing board games and watching movies.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 ORD. WK 23 Pss Wk 3	6 LABOR DAY	7	8	9	10 MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	11 9/11 Remembrance
12 ORD. WK 24 Pss Wk 4 Grandparents' Day LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2:30 PM	13	14 St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	15	16 EMB Board: 10 AM	17	18
19 ORD. WK 25 Pss Wk 1 FRATERNITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION Everyone: 11:00 AM	20	21	22	23 AUTUMN BEGINS	24 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	25
26 ORD. WK 26 Pss Wk 2	27	28	29	30		

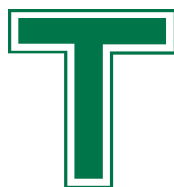
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Sylvia Stanik

Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sopian (chairs)

Christian Service Commission:

Patricia Munafo (chair)

Hospitality Commission:

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

& Tony Lienert (chairs)

Vocations Ministry Commission:

To be announced (chair)

Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

The entire St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Chuck & Bev Sopian

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in small groups:

Fr. Solanus Cell (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

St. Joan of Arc Satellite (2nd Tuesday, 1 pm):

Frank Liccardello

Bl. Luchesio Cell (4th Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

Patricia Munafo (contact)

OTHER SFO-AFFILIATED GROUPS:

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Jo Marie Nardi

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