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Fonte Colombo is known as the Franciscan Sinai because it was here in 1223 that St. Francis wrote the final Rule of the Friars Minor. When he had finished, he left to preach in the Middle East where he contracted a very painful eye disease. He then returned to Fonte Colombo and had his eyes cauterized. The shrine stands on a hill-top still covered with luxurious vegetation and ancient oaks. There is a small chapel called the Chapel of the Magdalen, although originally it was dedicated to St. Cecilia. In the sanctuary of the chapel there is a small altar upon which Br. Leo celebrated Mass. On the window to the left of the altar is a *TAU*, a symbol of the cross, with which Francis often used to sign his letters. It is believed that Francis himself painted this *TAU*. For him, this represented the sign of salvation according to the vision of Ezechiel in which the angel saved from death those who had been sealed with this sign. It continues to represent the Franciscan movement.



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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

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

At our Leadership Team meeting of January 15, the following councilors agreed to serve as coordinators for the on-going development of the three dreams articulated by our fraternity during our Appreciative Inquiry sessions: **John Bodell** (new membership), **Bev and Chuck Sopian** (spreading the word about who we SFOs are and what we're about), and **Teresa Westbrook-Lienert and Tony Lienert** (inter-Franciscan collaborative efforts). At the January fraternity gathering, many of you volunteered to participate directly in the follow-up process. I am grateful to John, Bev and Chuck, Terry and Tony, and to all of you for giving of your time and talent to work on moving our fraternity forward into the future.

At our fraternity gathering on January 16, **Roseanne Jamieson** and **Kathy and John Trupiano** were formally welcomed into the Inquiry Phase of the initial formation process. Welcome Roseanne, Kathy and John! At the same meeting, **Hank Forsy** and **Letitia Aguilar** were admitted to the Candidacy Phase. Please pray for Hank and Lettie as they discern their vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order.

Thanks to the Council, a memorial card containing Marian Crosby's Prayer for Vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order was printed and laminated. We used these at our January gathering and a copy is being sent with this issue of *The Poverello* to each member on our mailing list. The front side of the card bears the *Tau* that Saint Francis painted on the wall of a chapel at Fonte Colombo, and the reverse side bears the prayer for vocations. We will continue to use this prayer at our gatherings, and invite you to pray this prayer daily at home.

Please plan to attend the **Mass for our deceased** SFO brothers and sisters on Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. Article 24 of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order states: "This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them." Our Franciscan vocation calls us to pray for one another, which includes praying for those who are experiencing the joy of eternal life.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Fraternity Gathering on February 20. Please pray daily for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.

Your sister in St. Francis,
maryann

2011 Calendar: February thru April

Feb 11	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Meldrum Kitchen ministry
Feb. 19	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Leadership team meeting
Feb. 20	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering
Feb. 26	10:00 a.m.	SFO Mass for Deceased
Mar. 11	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Meldrum Kitchen minister
Mar. 19	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Leadership team meeting
Mar. 20	11:00 a.m.	Fraternity's Day of Reflection
Apr. 8	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Meldrum Kitchen ministry
Apr. 16	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Leadership team meeting
Apr. 17	1:30 p.m.	Jubilarian Celebration <i>without Mass</i> (Prayer service)
Apr. 24		Easter Sunday

A FRANCISCAN FIRST

On January 8, 2011, an unprecedented event in United States Franciscan history took place. At the annual meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association in Boston, the Academy of American Franciscan History sponsored a panel on the history of the Franciscans in the United States since 1840. For the first time ever – to the knowledge of the historians present – the presentation included input from five different elements of the Franciscan family (lacking only

the Poor Clares). **Timothy Kulbicki, OFMConv.**, the Dean at St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore presented a paper on the history of the Conventual Franciscans. **Patrick McSherry, OFMCap.**, the archivist of St. Joseph Province of the Capuchin Franciscans and spiritual assistant of St. Bonaventure's SFO Fraternity in Detroit, shared the story of the Capuchins, while **Jack Clark Robinson, OFM**, gave a brief history of the Order of Friars Minor. **Margaret Guider, OSF**, a professor at Boston College, as well as a member of the leadership team of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters presented an overview of all of the diverse communities of the Third Order Regular in the United States. **William Wicks, SFO**, a former national minister of the Secular Franciscan Order, added an account of the history of the Secular Franciscans in this country.

In his comments following the presentation, **Joseph Chinnici, OFM**, of the Franciscan School of Theology and former president of the American Catholic Historical Association, remarked that the varied representation of Franciscans on the panel was a good beginning to a much larger project addressing the history of the more than 39,000 members of the Franciscan family here in the U.S. He voiced a concern that as we continue to write the history of the Franciscans in the United States that we do so, not only for Franciscans, but for a broader audience. The writing of United States Franciscan history must be incorporated into the larger story of American history, the larger story of Church history and the larger story of Franciscan history in general. The story must also include such elements as the laity's involvement in Catholic action and the social mission furthered by the Franciscans, for example, the work of the Secular Franciscans for Civil Rights in the 1950s and 1960s. Finally, Franciscan history in the United States is a history of prayer, the prayer of ordinary Catholics inspired by the Franciscan charism, thus it will be appropriately both an "Incarnational" history and one written from those often on the "margins" as it comes to power within the Church.

The Academy of American Franciscan History will soon undertake the production of a series of books on the history of Franciscans in the United States since 1840. **Joseph Chinnici, OFM**, **Angelyn Dries, OSF**, who is a professor of historical theology, **Jeffrey Burns, PhD**, the director of the Academy and **Jack Clark Robinson, OFM**, will be the principle editors of the series.

History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States

Volume I (1917 - 1942)

Volume II (1943 - 1978) [in 2 parts]

by William Wicks, SFO

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**Br. Pat, Hank Forys, John Bodell, Kathy and John Trupiano,
Roseanne Jamieson, Maryann Kummer, Letitia Aguilar**



Deceased Relatives:

Madeline Abood, sister of Beverly Joseph
Al Purchin, husband of Rosemary
Barbara Nardi, sister-in-law of Jo Marie

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Les and Josie Lafata
Peter Aluzzo	Frank Liccardello
Kay Balas	Rose Longo
Gertrude Beattie	Joseph Marra
Evelyn Bishop	Sophie Martin
Rocco Cesaro	Maria McNally
Clara Falzone	Mabel Michaels
Wesley Faust	Genevieve Ochenkowski
Marie Fontanive	Eleanor Pulido
Mary Gillen	Rosie Patin
Natalie Grabowski	Dolores & Bob Peckham
James Heymes	Theresa Pfaendtner
Caroline Hojna	Joseph Pierce
Dora Sue Jay	Mary Saber
Anna May Jezak	Francis Scallion
Donna Marie Johnston	Gene Snyders
Denise Joseph	Alice Vier
Mary Klein	Helen Wardowski
Jerry and Helen Koslowski	Joseph Wisk
Mary Ann Kristensen	Stephen Yuhase
Mary LaBudie	Veronica Yuhase

Relatives needing prayers:

Eric Chelmicki, nephew of Sandra Sherman
Richard Dulay, brother of Leah
George Ertzbischoff, uncle of Julia
Fr. Ed Ertzbischoff, brother of Julia
Family of Clara Falzone
John Gold, husband of Rose
Ted and Judy Hojna
Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
Esther Mae Kelly, wife of Charles

Manning Family
Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
Melanie McAleer, sister of Alice Vier
Marilyn Nichols, daughter of Anthony Brodeur
Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
Family of Joanne Schumacher
Victoria Snigier, mother of Silvia
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
Christopher Beattie
James Anthony Brannigan
Thomas Chmielarczyk
Thomas Greenia
John Marra III
Joseph Marra, Jr.

Memorials offered by Jo Marie Nardi:

Mary Ala
Josephine Drobny
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Please help to keep our list up-to-date. Call:

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**Our fraternity supports
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
This month's Patient of the month:**



Remi (1 year old)
suffering from bilateral retinoblastoma



Celebrating Patricia Cardellio



Patricia Bryce Cardellio was born to Josephine Conlogue Bryce and Alec Bryce on March 7. Pat's Dad, a Scottish immigrant, was a Detroit Firefighter and her Mom was a kind and loving mother who worked hard at raising six children: Pat, Doug, Alan, Kathy, Richard and Michael. Pat's grandparents lived in the same house and it was a wonderful experience. Pat grew up in the Livernois-McNichols area and attended Gesù Elementary School. While attending Immaculata High School, Pat worked at J.L. Hudson's during the Christmas season and at the Detroit News checking want ads on Saturday. In addition, during the summer, Pat worked for Dr. Maurice Castle, an Orthopedic physician.

Pat attended the University of Detroit for one year where she met her future husband Jesse, who had immigrated from Italy as a child. Pat left college to marry Jesse and they moved to Chicago while he attended medical school. They returned to Detroit where he finished his internship and residency in ophthalmology. Jesse now practices at Henry Ford Hospital in Warren. They moved to Grosse Pointe and raised their five children: Mark, Kristy, Matthew, Jay and Anna Maria. Pat maintained a very active volunteer life helping at the children's schools, as well as keeping the house running smoothly and tending to the garden.

When the last child went off to college, Pat began seriously planning to return to school herself. She always envisioned finishing college. With one daughter, Kristy, now living in Florence, Italy, Pat was able to begin traveling a little to visit Kristy.

The year 2010 was a very rewarding one for Pat, she graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Detroit-Mercy with a Degree in History and she was professed as a Secular Franciscan in November. The seed for Pat's path to profession was planted, she believes, before she was born. Her mother was blessed by **Fr. Solanus Casey** while she was pregnant with Pat. The seed flowered when she sat next to **John and Janet Bodell** at the birthday party of a mutual friend. They talked about the Bodell's SFO experience and Pat felt her calling to join the Secular Franciscans. The SFO group is a wonderful, spiritual refuge and outreach.

Spending time with her grandchildren, Nicolette, Sabrina, John, Christopher, Alec, Hannah, Lily, Tommy and Liam is Pat's favorite hobby. Other interests include reading, traveling (especially to Italy), volunteering at Children's Hospital, membership in a garden club and the Herb Society of America, a cooking club, and *Tau Beta*, a group that supports the Children's Center in Detroit. Pat looks forward to growing in her prayer life and in her understanding of the depths of the Catholic Church. *We love you, Pat!*



From the Friars' Choir



*Of all the things you wear,
your expression is the most important.*

— Janet Lane



- Feb. 1 Stephen Haycox
- Feb. 3 Josephine Perry
- Mary Ann Montpetit
- Feb. 13 Sylvester Lafata
- Feb. 18 Clara Kowalski
- Feb. 19 Rocco Cesaro
- Feb. 20 Mabel Michaels
- Feb. 21 Claudia Damian
- Feb. 23 Mary LaBudie
- Feb. 28 Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

FEBRUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 WORLD CANCER DAY Pray for a Cure	5
6 ORD. V Pss Wk 1	7	8 St. Joan of Arc: 1 PM	9	10	11 MELDRUM KITCHEN 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Solanus Cell ?	12
13 ORD. VI Pss Wk 2	14	15	16	17	18	19 Council Meeting at 1:30 PM
20 ORD VII Pss Wk 3 FRATERNITY GATHERING Formation at Noon Everyone: 1:30pm	21	22	23	24	25 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	26
27 ORD. 8 Pss Wk 4	28					

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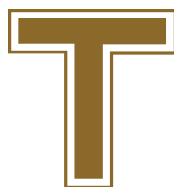
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The entire St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

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

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Frank Liccardello

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

Connie Musial

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Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

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