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Minister's Letter

Black History Month!!

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Sisters and Brothers,

I am reminded of Pope Francis' **Fratelli Tutti** as we celebrate Black History Month. In **Chapter 2: A Stranger on the Road** he speaks to the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). I think it is a good time to reflect on this section from the Fratelli Tutti Study Guide and the way of life we profess as Franciscans and our responsibility to live it.

"This parable is a challenge to each of us to prioritize the needs of the other and begin to "restore the dignity to the suffering and to build a society" that honors the human person and the common good of all (no. 71). **This is the profound meaning of the call to love our neighbors as ourselves: to recognize the dignity and worth of each human person and move from indifference to seeing the other as a brother or sister deserving of our time and in whom we can find fulfillment as children of God (nos. 78-79). Pope Francis closes this reflection on the Good Samaritan by calling to mind the words Jesus speaks in Matthew 25:35, which compels us to see "Christ himself in each of our abandoned or excluded brothers and sisters" (no. 84-85). No one is outside the body of Christ.** If we are to rebuild a global society rooted in universal fraternity and social friendship, we must be willing to model the example of the Good Samaritan and work to uphold the dignity of each human person. Practically, this means that we must work to create a society that promotes the flourishing of all our brothers and sisters. This includes, but is not limited to, learning to think beyond borders to welcome the stranger (nos. 80-83) and working to eradicate racism from our individual mindsets and our policies (no. 86)."

We continue to collect white towels and socks for the Capuchin Shower Program.

Our February Gathering is on Sunday February 20 at 1:30. We will meet in person at the Solanus Center and on Zoom. At our gatherings we track excused and non-excused absences. If you are unable to attend please email or text Bernadette Mikowski at 313.586.4806 berniemikowski@yahoo.com or leave a message on our office phone 313.579.2100 x1136. This will ensure absences are recorded as excused. We will record attendance for both in person and on zoom.

ZOOM Information, for computer/Zoom app:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8765411335?pwd=YSs0VkxXR3RWT2VlaTV3V2RsZzM5dz09
Meeting ID: 876 541 1335
Passcode: 694109
ZOOM Information, for phone call/conference call dial in:
929 205 6099 US
Meeting ID: 876 541 1335
Passcode: 694109

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen

Attention Adorers -- First Friday Adoration!

Eucharistic Adoration February 4 Schedule:

9:30am – Melissa Lindow, Sidney Davis
10:00am – Joe Quesnelle
11:00am – Mary Myler
Noon – Julia E-Donahue
1:00pm – Paula Jerzy
2:00pm – Bernadette Mikowski
3:00pm – Open

Eucharistic Adoration March 4 Schedule:

9:30am – Melissa Lindow, Sidney Davis
10:00am – Brittney Walendzik
11:00am – Mary Myler
Noon – Julia E-Donahue
1:00pm – Paula Jerzy
2:00pm – Bernadette Mikowski
3:00pm – Open

At noon there will be benediction. We are partnering with the friars in this endeavor. Even if you aren't signed-up join us for adoration. I'm hoping to get more than 1 Secular Franciscan in the chapel for each hour. Come and participate. This is considered service and a spiritual work of mercy.

Monthly Prayer Request for Priests
Archdiocese of Detroit, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rev. M. Depcik, O.S.F.S.	2 Rev. A. Depeyster	3 Rev. E. Desforges, O.F.M. Conv	4 Rev. G. Deters	5 Rev. P. Dias, S.A.C.
6 Rev. D. Dillion, S.J.	7 Rev. T. Dinh, O.F.M. Cap	8 Rev. M. Djonovic	9 Rev. T. Donahue, C.C.	10 Rev. G. Donatelli, S.J.	11 Rev. J. Dorr, S.J.	12 Rev. N. O'Souza, S.A.C.
13 Rev. J. Dudek, Rev. J. Dumas	14 Rev. S. Eckart	15 Rev. F. Ejimadu, Rev. M. Ellis	16 Rev. S. Esack, S.A.C.	17 Rev. K. Esenther, S.J.	18 Rev. John Esper	19 Rev. Joseph Esper
20 Rev. A. Espinoza	21 Rev. R. Essman	22 Rev. J.I. Ezratty-Rolland, M.C.	23 Rev. J. Fabian, Rev. L. Fares	24 Rev. E. Fedewa	25 Rev. P. Fennessy, S.J.	26 Rev. S. Fernandes, S.A.C.
27 Rev. A. Fernandes, S.A.C.	28 Most Rev. R. Fisher					

REFLECTION

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Focus on the Admonitions (VII and VIII)

https://franciscantradition.org/francis-of-assisi-early-documents/the-saint/writings-of-francis/the-undated-writings/the-admonitions/148-fa-ed-1-page-132

[VII: Let Good Action Follow Knowledge]

1. The apostle says: The letter kills, but the spirit gives life. 2 Cor 3:6
2. Those people are put to death by the letter who only wish to know the words alone, that they might be esteemed wiser than others and be able to acquire great riches to give to their relatives and friends.
3. And those religious are put to death by the letter who are not willing to follow the spirit of the divine letter but, instead, wish only to know the words and to interpret them for others.
4. And those people are brought to life by the spirit of the divine letter who do not attribute every letter they know, or wish to know, to the body but, by word and example, return them to the most high Lord God to Whom every good belongs.

[VIII. Avoiding the Sin of Envy]

1. The apostle says: No one can say: Jesus is Lord, except in the Holy Spirit; 1 Cor 12:3
2. and: There is not one who does good, not even one. Rom 3:12
3. Therefore, whoever envies his brother the good that the Lord says or does in him incurs a sin of blasphemy because he envies the Most High Himself Who says and does every good thing. Mt 20:15

Questions to discuss or to answer in your journal

+ Come, Holy Spirit! Open my mind and heart as I contemplate Admonition VII.

- How do we get sidetracked in our lives by the "letter of the law" (the literal words) as opposed to the spirit of the law (the intent of the law)?
- What are some ways that we can come to understand the spirit of what is asked of us in Scripture?
- Try to give an example of where "the letter" and "the spirit" affect us as Secular Franciscans.

+ Admonition VIII—Holy Spirit, help us to increase our humility as we consider Admonition VIII.

- First, take a look in the Catechism to see what it says about sinful envy is. (2538-2540) (2553) https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/__P8U.HTM
- When we see the gifts of others, what are some ways that we can avoid the sin of envy?
- Spend some time thinking about the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given you. How can you make the most of these gifts in your spiritual life? In your family life? In your life in fraternity?

January

2.....Bernadette Mikowski
7.....Gary Johnson
10.....Bridget Schultz
12.....Betty Zaranek
22.....Ben Stapel
25.....Thomas Nozewski
25.....Paul Catrow
28.....Beverly Hanus
30.....Joe Quesnelle

February

1.....Stephen Haycox
28.....Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

Members of our Fraternity

Lettie Aguilar
Dan and Jan Atkinson
Claire Boutain
Joyce Brouillette
Jerry Borycz
Sophia Cisneros
Sidney Davis
Salina De La Rosa
Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
Daniel Gabriel
James Heymes
Gary Johnson
Joyce Kaminski
Esther Kelley
Patricia Long
Ilene Manning & Family
Stella Mordarski
Ray Mylenek
Jo Marie Nardi
Mary Poole
Barbara Pardington
Diane Raymond
Marilyn Ricard
Mary Saber
Joe Sapian
Bridget Schultz
Ben Stapel
Anna Tyler
Terry Westbrook-Lienert

February Franciscan Calendar

February 4 – St. Joseph of Leonissa
February 6 – Sts. Peter Baptiste, Paul Mika and Companions
February 7 – St. Collette
February 8 – St. Josephine Bahkita – Patron Saint of Human Trafficking
February 9 – Blessed Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel
February 19 – St. Conrad of Piacenza

Please help to keep our prayer list up-to-date. Call:

Eileen Smith

Our Deceased Members

Ralph Marson
Ralph Barnowskiu
Patricia Cardellio

Relatives needing prayers

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
Tiffany Fogg, niece of Daniel Gabriel
Ron Gray, friend of Melissa Lindow
Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
David Kaminsky, son of Joyce Kaminsky
Frances Krempasky, daughter of Mary Krempasky
Luke, grandson of Mary Krempasky
Patricia McCleary, mother of Therese Joseph
Thomas McCleary, brother of Therese Joseph
Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas Nozewski
Kathleen Penridge, cousin of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
Melinda Ann, daughter of Julia Ertzbischoff-Donahue
Karen Plousse, daughter of Joyce Kaminsky
Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
Jim Smith, grandson of Claire Boutain
Tom Sherfield, son-in-law of Claire Boutain
Sandra Woods Family
Denise Maltese, mother of Brittney Walendzik
Melanie Corcoran, sister of Brittney Walendzik

Students, Faculty, and Staff of Regina High School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BD: Stephen Haycox	2 **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**	3	4	5
6 *Pss I*	7	8	9	10	11	12 **10:30 am - 12:00 pm** **Council Meeting**
13 *Pss II*	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 **FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M.** *Pss III*	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 *Pss IV*	28 BD: Teresa Westbrook-Lienert					

Fax et Phonum

Minister
Eileen Smith .....
Vice Minister
Joe Quesnell .....
Treasurer
Sue Barna Ayoub .....
Secretary
Bernie Mikowski .....
Formation Minister
Sylvia Sniger .....
Councilors:
Doris Allen .....
Ron Kessler .....
Sharon Kessler.....
Brittney Walendzik.....
Spiritual Assistant:
Fr. Bill Hugo .....

APPOINTMENTS

Continuing Formation Coordinator:
Joe Quesnelle.....
Gospel Happenings/Healing Service Social Coordinators:
Ron & Sharon Kessler .....
Hospitality co-Coordinator:
Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue
Ona Moore .....
Infirmarian:
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Caring Hearts
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JPIC Coordinator:
Doris Allen .....

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Our Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Eileen Smith.....

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE SOCIAL

Wednesdays at 2 PM

FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES

2nd Saturday of each month
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Franciscan Ministries Office next to St. Aloysius
Contact

FRANCISCAN BOOK DISCUSSION

Prior to each of our monthly meetings, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, a Franciscan Book Discussion group gathers in the Solanus Center Library for anyone interested. For more information, contact:

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