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Minister's Letter

JULY 16 1:30PM SALINA'S PROFESSION MASS!!
POTLUCK AFTER MASS BRING A DISH TO PASS!!
JULY 30 SOLANUS FEAST DAY NOON MASS PLAN TO ATTEND!!
AUGUST 20 1:30PM FRATERNAL VISITATION!!

Renewal of Commitment: "We thank you Lord, for having called us to the Secular Franciscan Order. We ask forgiveness for not living fully the Gospel and our Rule. We pray that you will allow us to experience once again the zeal of the first day when we made our Profession. Today we renew our commitment to live the Gospel according to the Rule and Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order. May we live in peace with everyone, and may our gratitude bear witness to the great gift we have received: our Franciscan vocation which bids us to "go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Church's mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by our deeds and by our words."

Sisters and Brothers,

Celebrate Salina's Profession on Sunday July 16 at 1:30pm Mass in the Chapel. The mass fulfills our obligation for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Salina will be leaving us to join the Peace Corps and will serve as an English teacher in Africa. Those who know Salina observe her Franciscan charism in many ways especially her caring heart for others. I had the opportunity to read her Profession letter to the Leadership Council and was extremely touched by the depth of her Franciscan spirit. Salina has given me permission to print it in this month's Poverello. Please take the time to read and ponder it. It is from her heart and it greatly touched my heart as I'm sure it will touch yours. We will miss Salina, but as you know a Franciscan is only as far as your heart. Salina, we will hold you in our hearts and will pray for you and your mission always.

Solanus Casey Feast Day Sunday July 30 at NOON Mass in the Chapel – Attendance Requested. We have been invited to attend the Noon Mass by our Capuchin brothers. At this mass we will celebrate the founding of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The Secular Franciscans played a significant role in its founding along with Blessed Solanus and Fr. Herman Buss. Members of the Solanus Casey and Herman Buss families will be in attendance. We have been asked by the friars to pack the chapel with Secular Franciscans. I promised I would socialize the event and encourage all of you to attend. Let's celebrate our history and participate in this joyful occasion. The July 30 mass will fulfill the obligation for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Another high note to celebrate is Steve Wasko, who won the 2023 National Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Award. CONGRATULATIONS STEVE! Steve, was nominated by our Fraternity for his exemplary work as Founder and Executive Director of the St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Community Resource Center a faith based non-profit. This program empowers youth and families with hope. The facility also included substantial green infrastructure development focused on protecting the environment. Steve has also received numerous awards and grants to fund JPIC projects. This includes the Green Storm Water Infrastructure (GSI), national Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Green Infrastructure Educational program and the Anti-Racism Coalition to address the injustice of Racism within the Archdiocese of Detroit parishes with grant money received from the St. Joseph Province of the Capuchins.

The JPIC Award (previously the Peace Award) was begun in 1950 by the North American Federation of the Third Order of St. Francis, now the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (NAFRA). Steve was selected from nominations submitted from fraternities across the country. Steve will participate in the JPIC award ceremony in August in St. Louis.

We have a Fraternal Visitation scheduled for our Gathering on Sunday August 20: 1:30pm – In Person Attendance Requested. Jim Graczyk, our Regional Minister will meet with the Leadership Council at Noon and with the members of our fraternity at our 1:30 gathering. It is important that you attend. Regional Visitations occur every three years.

We are once again helping an immigrant family through Sr. Valerie Knoche, IHM of the Agape Center and St. Clement of Rome Church in Romeo. Susan Ayoub, Mary Myler and Bernie Mikowski represent our fraternity in this wonderful outreach. Susan brought the needs of the family to our June gathering. The immigrant family has 4 children between the ages of 1 and 8 years old. The family was in need of 2 car seats and other items. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we collected money and Ray Mylenek donated two new car seats and delivered them to Susan who in turn delivered them to the family. I continue to appreciate our fraternity and the generosity of our members. If you want to donate funds to the needs of this family, please contact Susan Ayoub, Mary Myler or Bernie Mikowski.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH 9:30AM TO 4:00PM.

The schedule for the Solanus Novena and Feast day

Saturday, July 22 (St Mary Magdalene)- FAITH (NOON—Mass)

Sunday, July 23 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time) - HOPE (9am—Mass)

Monday, July 24 (St Sharbel)- LOVE (NOON– Mass)

Tuesday, July 25 (St James)- PRUDENCE (NOON—Mass)

Wednesday, July 26 (Ss. Joachim and Anna)- JUSTICE (NOON– Mass)

Thursday, July 27 (Bl Mary Magdalene Martinengo, OSC Cap)- TEMPERANCE (NOON-Mass)

Friday, July 28 (Bl Mary Teresa Kowalska, OSC Cap)- FORTITUDE (NOON-Mass)

Saturday, July 29 (Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus) - 2pm Anointing of the Sick with novena prayers

Feast Day of Blessed Solanus Casey: July 29- 4pm (vigil) July 30- 9am (Archbishop Vigneron) Mass and Noon Mass—Remembering the Soup Kitchen

Help support the Capuchin Shower Program by donating white towels and socks.

AUGUST 2. Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula, Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order

Help keep our Fraternity Prayer List updated. Please review the list of names for both members and relatives needing prayers. Send you changes to me by email esaint6@yahoo.com

Happy Summer and may our Glorious God bless you and your family this summer with his goodness and all the beauty of his divine love.

Peace and Blessings,
Eileen

Salina's Profession Letter

My name is Salina De La Rosa and it is with great hope that I become a professed Secular Franciscan. During my time with you all I have come to know that saying yes to this call was 100% the Holy Spirit. I have always felt that there was something more that I was called to do and to be. I have longed for a simple lifestyle rooted in trusting God, but always felt like an outcast because I could care less for material items, image, and "fitting in. My heart, mind, and actions were drawn more towards building relationships, simplicity, and contemplation in all areas of my life. When learning about the OFS, it was like an orphan finally finding their way home.

I remember reading those first few pages of the Franciscan Journey and sitting with this passage for quite some time: "Respect and reverence color the way we deal with people... whatever judgments we have about others, we choose to avoid anything... that would fracture our relationship with one another" (ii). That spirit of unity, openness, and love to all people and never doing anything that would break that relationship is what I love most about the fraternity I call home. With so much brokenness in the world and pain, I love that I am part of a people whose hearts warm and melt in the presence of those who need Him most. After going so long without all of you, I couldn't imagine living the rest of my life having this Franciscan spirituality and knowing I am all alone in this call.

So why do I truly, deeply, from the depth of my being want to be professed? Well, I try to think of who I was before I was confirmed (age 21) and it pains me to think of. The things I did, the way I thought, and carelessness of my faith. I still cannot imagine that that is who I used to be. If the sacraments are an invisible sign of a visible reality and if we truly know and believe that there are graces and gifts that are bestowed upon us to help us better serve our purpose - to give us strength and confidence to speak boldly yet genuinely about our Lord - then God only knows what level of humility, simplicity, and love God will bestow upon me to help me live out this call. I could not imagine going off to do what I am about to do without 1.) having God's blessing and graces and 2.) officially being part of a community of brothers and sisters who my heart has hoped for since as long as I can remember.

I thank you for your consideration,

Salina De La Rosa

MEDITATION by Sally McCuen

At the Solanus Casey Center there are three main people that we focus on; St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Solanus Casey, and Jesus Christ. Each is intricately woven throughout the Center, but there are also particular sections where each individually stands out. Although everything at the Solanus Center is based on Franciscan Spirituality, it is the Creation Garden where St. Francis is prominently featured. The Creation Garden brings to life through sculpture a poem that St. Francis of Assisi wrote in the 1200's. The poem is entitled Cantic of the Creatures. It describes the wonder and praises ushering forth from all of creation, and specifically highlights seven images. As the Solanus Center was being envisioned, the seven images were given to artists from various communities and cultures to bring the images to life.

All the images are referred to as a brother or sister because God, the Creator of all, is the Father of all. So for Francis, the sun was addressed as Br. Sun and the moon was Sr. Moon. Likewise, fire was referred to as Br. Fire and the wind as Br. Wind. Water was called Sr. Water and the earth was addressed as Sr. Mother Earth. Even death was looked at tenderly as Sr. Death which takes us by the hand at the end of our life and to leads us back with God after we have completed our life's purpose. The poem is glorious.

Each facet is praising God in its very being, doing exactly what it was created to do. The world is a symphony of praise to God the Creator and Father. It's very being and function erupts in glorious strains. As you read the poem, you become immersed in the wonder.

The wonder and glory that screams forth from the poem seems to have come from something beyond the ordinary human experience. What was going on in the life of St. Francis to give life to this Divine insight? What is the backstory?

The poem, Cantic of the Creatures, is said to have been dictated by Francis after a night of turmoil. Francis was in a little hut like dwelling slowly recovering from yet another illness. He was blind except that he could detect light and dark as well as vaguely recognize some shapes. His inner turmoil seemed the most distressing. Francis was watching his community of brothers splinter apart. He worried that maybe he had not done what Christ had wanted him to do. He hadn't heard Christ's direction and he was the reason the community was fracturing and in dishevel.

Francis tossed and turned all night lost in his despair. He was broke open. When the morning light crested and filled the mouth of his dwelling with light, Francis moved towards the light. In that moment, God glanced his way and bestowed on him a glimpse of what God sees the universe doing...a sustaining refrain of glorious praises filling all that is. On a level so basic and pure, God shared with Francis a mystical experience in which he was transported into the melody of praise itself.

This Divine experience was healing for Francis. He felt in his very being that all was well because God's experience of creation is wondrous. Francis let go into God his worry and doubt. Francis embraced in a deeper way a love for all that is. The poem tries to capture the profound reality Francis experienced. Each of us invited to entertain the magnificent symphony of praise and wonder flowing forth from all of creation.

Read the Cantic of the Creatures: Stay with any of the stanzas in the poem that speak to you.

CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing,
Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You,
Most High One. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven
You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of
weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and
playful and robust and strong.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces
various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.
Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You,
Most High, shall they be crowned.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks -St. Francis of Assisi





THE WORD

PORTIUNCULA

means "little portion"
in Italian.

In 1216, in a vision, it was reported that St. Francis obtained from Jesus himself the **Indulgence of the Pardon of Assisi**.

"Lord Jesus, I pray that anyone who enters this little chapel with a contrite heart and has received pardon through the sacrament of confession will surely go to heaven.

And I pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary may intercede on my behalf."

- St. Francis of Assisi

The Blessing of the Portiuncula



Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula is an ancient abandoned church dedicated to the Mother of God, Assisi, Italy; venerated for the apparition of Angels, belonging to the Benedictine monks of Subasio.

The Chapel was restored by St. Francis and is where he founded the Order of the Friars Minor (1209).

The Chapel is situated inside the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels.

SOURCE: COMMUNIO.STBLOGS.ORG

To avail of the Plenary Indulgence of the Portiuncula

- 1 Confess your sins to the priest.
- 2 Attend the Holy Eucharist & receive communion on any of these dates from July 25 until August 10:
- 3 And pray the following prayers:
 - The Apostles Creed
 - Our Father
 - Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

LET US PRAY

O God, Who dost permit us annually to celebrate anew the dedication day of the Little Portion of Our Lady of the Angels: graciously hear the prayers of Thy people and grant that all who enter that chapel or another as representing it, to ask mercy and graces, may rejoice in the plenary answer to their prayers. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.





July

- 1 Daniel Atkinson
- 6 Sophia Cisneros
- 9 Joyce Kaminski
- 11 Anthony Cerroni
- 15 John Gillen
- 22 Chuck Sapian
- 24 Barbara Pardington

August

- 9 Anna Tyler
- 9 Jane Freeman
- 13 Janet Atkinson
- 22 Mary Poole
- 25 Patricia Munafo
- 30.....,.,.,. Marilyn Ricard
- 30..... Susan Barna Ayoub

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

Laura Sapian




Relatives needing prayers

- Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite Uvon Cisneros, relative of Sophia Cisneros
- 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
- 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

Members of our Fraternity

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| Dan and Jan Atkinson | Esther Kelley |
| Claire Boutain | Mary Krempasky |
| Joyce Brouillette | Ilene Manning & Family |
| Jerry Borycz | Mary Poole |
| Daniel Gabriel | Barbara Pardington |
| James Heymes | Bridget Schultz |
| Gary Johnson | Ben Stapel |
| Joyce Kaminski | Terry Westbrook-Lienert |

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>ST. JUNIPERO SERRA</p> <p>BD: Daniel Atkinson</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting</p>
<i>Pss I</i>				BD: Sophia Cisneros		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BD: Joyce Kaminski <i>Pss II</i>		BD: Anthony Cerroni			ST. BONAVENTURE	BD: John Gillen
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M.						BD: Chuck Sapien
<i>Pss III</i>						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<i>Pss IV</i>	BD: Barbara Pardington					
 30	31					
<i>Pss I</i>						



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS OF THE PORTIUNCULA	3	4	5
6 <i>Pss II</i>	7	8	9 BD: Jane Freeman BD: Anna Tyler	10 ST. CLARE OF ASSISI	11	12 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Council Meeting
13 FRATERNITY GATHERING 1:30 P.M. BD: Janet Atkinson <i>Pss III</i>	14	15 ASSUMPTION	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Pss IV</i>	21	22 BD: Mary Poole	23	24	25 BD: Patricia Munafo	26
27 <i>Pss I</i>	28	29	30 BD: Sue Barna Ayoub BD: Marilyn Ricard	31		

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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

Eileen Smith.....

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HEALING PRAYER SERVICE SOCIAL

Wednesdays at 2 PM

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2nd Saturday of each month

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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