

# The Poverello

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# Minister's Letter

**June 11 1:30pm Gathering – Chapter Reports!!**

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY!!!**

**June 16 Sacred Heart of Jesus!!**

**June 17 Immaculate Heart of Mary!!**

*“No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.” 1 John 4:12-14*

*“Devotion to the Sacred Heart has a twofold object: It honors first with adoration and public worship the Heart of Jesus Christ, which is the seat of his love for us; secondly it makes reparation for our ingratitude towards this Divine Heart.” (Blessed Solanus Casey)*

Sisters and Brothers,

**At our June 11 gathering the Leadership Council will present their Chapter Reports.** You will receive a copy in the mail to read before the gathering. This is an opportunity to hear from the Council, ask your questions and share your thoughts.

**Our Orientation Class has six people interested in our Fraternity.** This is a beautiful testament to our Franciscan vocation. Continue to pray for vocations. We have another Orientation Class beginning in September. **Please consider joining Doug Gordon on our Vocation Committee.**

**Our gathering on July 16 at 1:30pm we will celebrate the Profession Mass for Salina De LaRosa.** She will be leaving in August for the Peace Corps in Africa. The mass will fulfill our Sunday obligation. We will have our annual picnic after mass. I hope as many of you can attend. Profession is a joyous celebration.

**We have a Fraternal Visitation scheduled for Sunday August 20.** 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.

On May 29, 2023 we celebrated the 136-year anniversary of our fraternity. It was founded on May 29, 1887.

**Eucharistic Adoration – First Friday of each month 9:30am to 4:00pm.**

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

*In His Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde, Pope Francis described the 7 virtues of St. Joseph as “a beloved father,” “a tender and loving father,” “an obedient father,” “an accepting father,” a father who is “creatively courageous,” “a working father,” “a father in the shadows”. Feb 28, 2021*

Happy Father's Day to all fathers. May God's blessings continue to shine upon you.

Peace and Blessings,  
Eileen

# Reflection

My Question for God:

*How do I know when God is calling me to do something?*

Romans 12:1

Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

1Corinthians 12:7

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

Exodus 3:4,7,10

When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses!" "Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. . . . Then the Lord told him: "Go for I am sending you To Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."

1Samuel 3:4,10

The Lord called out, "Samuel!". . . .And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."

Psalms 119: 105

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

The first step in knowing your calling is getting to know God intimately through His Word. As God communicates to you through the Bible and as you pray, He will show you what He wants you to do and where He wants you to go. God always calls you in two different ways: general and specific. God's general call is to obey His Word, do what is right and show genuine love for others. But God also has a specific call for each person, a special role He wants you to play, based on the unique gifts He has given to you. For most of us, that call will not be as obvious as it was to Moses and Samuel in the verses above. When God is ready to call you to a specific task, He will keep interrupting your thoughts. Your heart will long to do what God wants you to do; you will know it is what you should do. Then opportunities to serve will follow again and again. Seize the moment and follow God's call. Don't let the window of opportunity close and miss all God has in store for you.

Divine Challenge

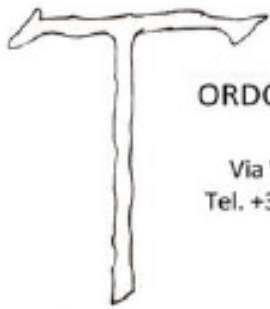
YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE ME; I CHOSE YOU. I APPOINTED YOU TO GO AND PRODUCE LASTING FRUIT(John 15:16)

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# Congrats to our Jubilarians!





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My dear Sisters and Brothers,  
may the Lord give you his peace!

This year we have started the celebration of the Franciscan Centenaries (2023-2026), which has to inspire us to get back to the origins, to give thanks to God for the gifts we receive through Saint Francis and through our vocation. The way of life to which God has invited us enriches us and inserts us into a big family which is our spiritual home. Celebration is always somehow a remembering and thanksgiving for the time we could live and for those many things we have received during this time. These years have to be a time for us to give thanks to God for these gifts, to learn more about our Seraphic Father St. Francis, and thus grow both individually and also in our fraternities together with our brothers and sisters. This will make us feel home.

At the feast of Pentecost, we should focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in Saint Francis, and how the Holy Spirit intends to guide us through the example of our Seraphic Father who always lived and did everything under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I kindly invite you all to contemplate this in order to discover the works of the Holy Spirit in you, especially during this significant period of time. This is how we can deepen our vocation, strengthen our dedication to our mission, and live the spirituality of Saint Francis in a more personal way; let me say, 'let him into our lives in a deeper sense'.

I would like to share with you some scattered thoughts, seeking and finding the traces of the Holy Spirit in our life. These scattered thoughts are about penance, fraternity, mission, servant leadership, celebration.

The very first thing that came into my mind is penance. We had been called 'brothers and sisters of penance', and Saint Francis has happily embraced this expression, which represents closely not only the religious friars and sisters, but us, seculars, too. What a treasure it is that our Rule begins with the encouraging words of Saint Francis! He calls blessed "all those who love the Lord with their whole heart, with their whole soul and mind, with their whole strength (Mk12:30) and love their neighbors as themselves, (Mt 22:39 2) who hate their bodies with their vices and sins, who receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who produce worthy fruits of penance."<sup>1</sup> He calls all of them blessed, "because the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon them (Is 11:2) and make its home and dwelling place (Jn 14:23) among them, and they are children of the heavenly Father whose (Mt 5:45) works they do, and they are spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mt 12:50)."<sup>2</sup> What a great treasure it is to give home to the Holy Spirit, what a dignity it is to be "the temple of the Holy Spirit"<sup>3</sup>!

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<sup>1</sup> St. Francis: Letter to the Faithful I.

Our way of life is “performing fitting fruits of penance because YOU KNOW THAT we shall soon die. Give and it will be given to you. Forgive and you will be forgiven. If you do not forgive people their sins, the Lord will not forgive you yours. Confess all your sins. Blessed are those who die in penance, for they shall be in the kingdom of heaven.”<sup>4</sup>

We often think about penance, as a negative thing that means giving up something, it means restriction, becoming poorer, weaker. But how could something that bears fruits be negative? The Holy Spirit is always positive. Let us think about penance as a gift of the Holy Spirit, present in our life, in which we bring fruits, in order to enrich both ourselves and our neighbors! This is how the Holy Spirit will rest upon us. I pray that all of us may discover this fruitful meaning of penance again.

The second word which is so close to the works of the Holy Spirit is fraternity. Those brothers and sisters, who are in the same fraternity, starting with the local fraternities to the international fraternity, are gifts from God, as Saint Francis makes us remember in the Testament: and the Lord gave me some brothers<sup>5</sup>. Saint Francis, filled with the Holy Spirit, lived his life with the real freedom of the children of God. This freedom isn't something that we can take for granted, and it isn't something that we can achieve. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit, that allows us to enjoy the freedom which makes us find our proper place in the world, in creation. Having one common father of all of us, who created “all creatures, animate and inanimate, which bear the imprint of the Most High”<sup>6</sup>, means that we all are brothers and sisters. Understanding and believing this is a gift of the Holy Spirit. This has led Saint Francis to look at all his brothers as gifts from God. We must do the same. Our brothers and sisters are the gifts from God and our fraternities are being brought together, guided and animated by the Holy Spirit. We can live our fraternal life only if we respect this and find the works of the Holy Spirit in all that we do in the fraternity and for the fraternity. I pray that those brothers and sisters who, at this moment, may not be considered as gifts from God, be filled with the Holy Spirit to experience the goodness of the heavenly father, who created all of us, and by whom we all are brothers and sisters. And I pray that those fraternities which do not presently feel the freshness and inspiration in fraternal life, may be guided by the Holy Spirit and get back to the refreshing fountain of life.

The third thing I would like to mention is our missionary service. How many times have we read, that Saint Francis did something “inspired by the Holy Spirit”! His missionary spirit to spread the Gospel was very deep and strong. During the course of the eighteen years which by then had passed, his flesh rarely or never had any rest, as he traveled through many distant regions, so that the willing spirit, the devout spirit, and the fervent spirit which dwelt within him might scatter the seed of the word of God everywhere.<sup>7</sup> We too, have to strive to ask the Holy Spirit to inspire all of us, so that we may have the same willing spirit, devout spirit and fervent spirit, that Saint Francis had. Our presence in the world, our work among the people, our apostolic mission need these virtues, which come from inside. They depend on them. What matters in our service is not the quantity of what we do, but the way we do it. To let others see who we are, to let others see the Holy Spirit, to spread the Gospel is much more important than the meters, pounds, numbers or even the hours. The seed of the word of God can be scattered only with this willing, devout and fervent spirit. I pray that each brother and sister, and each fraternity, which does not have this spirit yet, or has not found his way, be filled with the Holy Spirit and find his proper missionary service. Also, for those who are serving but are facing some uncertainty or tiredness, may they rediscover their mission and be filled by the Holy Spirit.

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2 St. Francis: Letter to the Faithful I.

3 1Cor. 6:19

4 Fragment found in a Manuscript in the Worcester Cathedral

5 St. Francis: Testament 14.

6 OFS Rule 18

7 1Cel2 IV

The fourth thing to be mentioned is the servant leadership. During the period of the last General Chapters the International Fraternity has learned, shared and projected a lot about the idea of servant leadership. But we all, who are in any of the services at any level, must always remember, how Saint Francis experienced it. He, as the leader of the Order, wanted to be a servant and not a leader, because for him the Holy Spirit was the real General Minister. "With God," he would say, "there is no preference of persons, and the Holy Spirit, the general minister of the Order, rests equally upon the poor and simple."<sup>8</sup> Therefore, we have to listen to the voice of the poor and simple, especially of those among us, because often their voice is the voice of the Holy Spirit, their cry is the cry of the Holy Spirit, their request is the request of the Holy Spirit. I pray that each one of us, who has a service of leadership may be attentive and obedient to the calls of the Holy Spirit, who is – as Saint Francis said – the real general minister of the Order.

The last thing I would like to call your attention to is to find your way back to the real spirit of celebration. Celebration is always joyful, and with a grateful spirit. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of joy, the spirit of sharing and welcoming, the spirit of thanksgiving, the spirit of unity. When we celebrate these centenaries, we should remember the great deeds and gifts from God, give thanks for them, and do all this with a joyful heart opened to God and to each other. I also invite you to re-kindle that fire which was set in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, when we first felt called to be Secular Franciscans. May these years be for us the time to go back to our roots, give thanks to God in a joyful spirit! May these years be for us the time to strengthen the fraternal spirit at all the levels of our Order! Learning about our past and living intensely in the present will give us the hope to a great future. I pray for all the fraternities, especially for the local fraternities all over the world, that they may celebrate these centenaries in a joyful spirit, having "the Spirit of the Lord and Its holy activity"<sup>9</sup>.

Finally, I invite all of you to pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, together with Saint Bonaventure, and I am sure that God will grant us the spirit of renewal, the spirit of strength, the spirit of unity and the spirit of joy.

We beg the all-merciful Father through thee, his only-begotten Son made man for our sake, crucified and glorified for us, to send upon us from his treasure-house the Spirit of sevenfold grace, who rested upon thee in all his fullness:

the spirit of wisdom, enabling us to relish the fruit of the tree of life, which is indeed thyself;

the gift of understanding: to enlighten our perceptions;

the gift of prudence, enabling us to follow in thy footsteps;

the gift of strength: to withstand our adversary's onslaught;

the gift of knowledge: to distinguish good from evil by the light of thy holy teaching;

the gift of piety: to clothe ourselves with charity and mercy;

the gift of fear: to withdraw from all ill-doing and live quietly in awe of thy eternal majesty.

These are the things for which we petition. Grant them for the honor of thy holy name, to which, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, thanksgiving, renown, and lordship for ever and ever.

Amen.<sup>10</sup>

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8 2Cel CXLV

9 RB 10:8

Your brother and your minister



Tibor Kauser

CIOFS General minister

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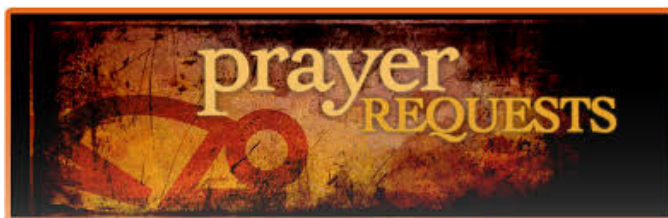
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



5 ..... Joe Sopian  
11 ..... Melissa Lindow  
15 ..... Claire Boutain  
29 ..... Paul Ivan

## Franciscan Holy Days

June 1 – St. Felix of Nicosia  
June 5 – Pentecost  
June 12 – Trinity Sunday  
June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua  
June 19 – Corpus Christi Sunday  
June 22 – St. Thomas More  
June 30 – Bl. Raymond Lull



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

**Laura Sopian**

### Members of our Fraternity

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

### 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 Forsy  
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



## June 2023 Prayer Request for Priests

### ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rev. S. Kropp, O.F.M. Cap	2 Rev. L. Krotkiewicz	3 Rev. H.T. Kuehnemund	4 Rev. R. Kurzawa
5 Rev. T. Laboe, Rev. R. Lacroix	6 Rev. D. Lacuesta	7 Rev. J. Ladd	8 Rev. T. Lajiness	9 Rev. H. Lam, Rev. J. Lang	10 Rev. L. Lapeyre	11 Rev. G. Leboeuf
12 Msgr. M. Lefevre	13 Rev. R. Leliaert	14 Rev. M. Lenz, O.F.M.	15 Rev. D. Lesniak	16 Rev. R. Lewandowski	17 Rev. J. Libens, S.J.	18 Rev. D. Liderbach, S.J.
19 Rev. A. Ligeti, O.F.M.	20 Rev. S.J. Lim	21 Rev. James Livingston	22 Rev. Mark Livingston	23 Rev. A. Logan, O.C.S.O.	24 Rev. J. Lopez	25 Rev. B. Louzon, O.F.M. Cap
26 Rev. J. Lowe, C.C.	27 Rev. M. Loyson	28 Rev. R. Lucasinsky, C.M.M.	29 Rev. T. Lumpkin	30 Rev. A. Mabee		





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>						<b>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</b> Council Meeting
<i>Pss Prop</i>	BD: Joe Sapien					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>						
<b>FRATERNITY GATHERING</b> 1:30 P.M. BD: Melissa Lindow <i>Pss Prop</i>				BD: Claire Boutain		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>						
<i>Pss III</i>						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<i>Pss IV</i>				BD: Paul Ivan		

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## Minister

Eileen Smith .....

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Joe Quesnelle.....

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Sue Ayoub.....

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Bernie Mikowski .....

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Sylvia Snigier .....

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Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Kessler.....

Brittney Walendzik.....

## Spiritual Assistant:

Fr. Peter Chinnappan

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### Continuing Formation Coordinator:

Joe Quesnelle.....

### Gospel Happenings Coordinators:

Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Kessler.....

### Healing Service Social Coordinators:

Ron Kessler .....

Sharon Kessler .....

### Hospitality co-Coordinators:

Julia Ertzbischoff-Donohue

Ona Moore .....

### Infirmarian:

Laura Sopian.....

### Caring Hearts

Anna Tyler .....

### JPIC Coordinator:

Doris Allen .....

## MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

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

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## FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

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Wednesdays at 2 PM

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