



## ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY FRATERNITY NEWSLETTER

Gathering at Cure of Are Catholic Church, 9360 Mission Rd., Prairie Village KS  
Usually the 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30

SPRING/SUMMER 2017

Welcome to our Spring/Summer newsletter! Much has gone on for our Fraternity! I'm writing this just as Spring is leaving and Summer officially begins. Peace and Good to everyone!

### LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER



Peace and Blessings to everyone!

I think of you often, but don't express it often enough. You are all close to my heart.

While contemplating my topic for this article, I received the following daily meditation from Kathleen White (great Franciscan resource for daily meditations):

### THE RULE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

#### CHAPTER TWO: THE WAY OF LIFE

9. The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to His every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

**Article 9** In imitation of Mary, are we open to His word and call? We can probably say "sometimes" but we should strive for "always." What are some ways we hear His call? How did you hear the call to the Secular Franciscan Order?

I was also blessed to attend with my wonderful wife, the ordination of a close friend of ours to the Permanent Diaconate just a few weeks ago. As I was meditating on the Article from our Rule, and the commitment that Steve and the other 16 men made during their ordination made me pause, "Am I living fully by imitating the Blessed Mother and **completely giving** myself to God?" or am I holding back? My spiritual mentor and I have discussed on several occasions about being "all in". Are you?

Peace,  
Linus OFS, Minister

## JUAN DE PADILLA REGIONAL VISITATION



On February 18, 2017 the Fraternity had it's Regional Visit. The Pastoral Visitor was Sr. Josephine Boyles OSF (front center). The Fraternal Visitors were Dona Gibbons OFS, Regional Secretary (right center) and Judith Cronk OFS, Regional Minister (left center). Fraternity members (left > right): Linus Drouhard, Diane Drouhard, Jennifer Garrison, Linda Mayer, Deanna Perry, Alice Crews, Nikki Guiterez, Tyrone Guiterez, Regina Ozbun, and Julie Oswald.

Some positive observations shared by the Visitors were:

- they praised our Poor of Jesus Christ Apostolate and our efforts to connect with the new parish administration at Cure of Ars;
- they noted our efforts to build a stronger fraternal community through socializing together and attending religious activities together;
- Secretary's, Treasurer's, and Formation materials were all in order.

The Regional Minister gave us this FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Think about what energizes you as a Franciscan? When in Formation, what did you think being a Franciscan would be like? Did it come true? HAVE I KISSED MY LEPER YET?



## Formation Thoughts

By Diane Drouhard, OFS

Recently during my morning meditations, the thought came to me about our journey in life, and the temporary condition in which we currently find ourselves. Along with this thought is the need to not live in the future or past, but rather in the present moment. Then of course, how do we live the Will of God as we walk in this life, and what does it mean to be “in the Will of God”? After reading my various meditations over the course of a week, I centered my thoughts on the journey in life and the end goal of Heaven. How do we stay on the path towards heaven throughout our lives? The answer for me was to live each day in the present moment with God. The best way to live the present moment is to be in His Will each moment of every day. When we accept each activity, every joy, every sorrow, every adversity and every good experience throughout each day, we are living in the present moment with God and doing His will at those moments in our lives. The beauty of this experience is that God is using these events of our daily lives to mold us interiorly, to break off strongholds and remove obstacles that are causing us to falter on our journey home. He also gives us the joys to encourage us along the way.

It’s a challenge to try this on a daily basis. It is well worth the effort though to live only in the present moment, realizing that what we are experiencing is building our interior life and assisting us on this journey. In attempting to try this new way of being, I experienced a peace beyond measure and understanding as I watched concerns literally resolving themselves without effort. Living in the present moment removes the anxiety of the future and puts any past regrets in proper focus.



## **MORE**

April 23, 2017 on Divine Mercy Sunday, in lieu of our regular Gathering, the Fraternity attended a Divine Mercy Service at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, and enjoyed food and beverage after at Nick & Jakes.

April 29, 2017 fun was had by all at a Fraternity “ Movie Matinee & BBQ “ hosted by Linus & Diane Drouhard.

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## **FRATERNITY!!!**

### **SISTER MAGDALENA FROM THE POOR OF JESUS CHRIST**



Sister Magdalena



(front row): Alice Crews, Linda Mayer, Sr. Magdalena, Linus Drouhard, Tom Bauer  
(back row): Julie Oswald, Sr. Doris, Regina Regina Ozbun, Diane Drouhard, Deanna Perry

Sr. Magdalena spoke to our Fraternity on May 21, 2017. She is the Senior Minister for her Region. They serve homeless, poor, drug addicts, and prisoners. Sister was born in Concordia Kansas. Sister went to Brazil to visit, and she said she experienced a POWERFUL conversion. Sister felt the call to be a lay missionary in Brazil, ministering to abused and orphaned children. There she met a seminarian of the PJC order. She felt the call to consecrate herself, but upon visiting many orders found she was felt to be too old to enter. Fr. Hesse accepted her into the PJC order, as their first nun.

For her talk Sister referenced the book “Secular Saints” by Joan Carroll Cruz. She shared the biographies of St. Serenus, patron Saint of gardeners; St. Chlotilde, patroness of children with problems; Blessed Castori Gabrielle, patron of Tertiary Franciscans ( 22 Saints in this book were Franciscans ); and Bartholo Longo, who had been a priest in the church of Satan but was converted to Christ.

**JUAN DE PADILLA  
REGIONAL GATHERING  
JUNE 9 - 11, 2017  
WICHITA KS**

**“WHAT IS MINE TO DO?”**



**Linda Mayer, Deanna Perry,  
Alice Crews, Regina Ozbun**

**WORSHIP**

**LEARNING**

**INSPIRATION**

**RELAXATION**

**REMEMBRANCE**

**SHARING**

**SOCIALIZING**





## BIRTHDAYS

Linus Drouhard May 3  
 Regina Ozbun May 6  
 Diane Drouhard May 27  
 Jennifer Garrison June 10  
 Nikki Gutierrez June 11  
 Alice Crews June 29  
 Manny Pasquil July 26  
 Carol Eker August 21  
 Kathy Ness September 2  
 Deanna Perry September 2



## ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Bauer May 17, 1992  
 Julie Oswald June 11, 2000  
 Linus Drouhard June 11, 2000  
 Diane Drouhard June 11, 2000  
 Alice Crews May 26, 2002  
 Kathy Ness August 11, 2006  
 Jennifer Garrison September 7, 2008

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Manny Pasquil  
 Nicholas Drouhard  
 Evie Bear  
 Kathy Ness  
 Carol Eker  
 Linda's mother Betty  
 For deceased Franciscans




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June 25 - Gathering  
 July 15 - Service at PJC  
 July 23 - Gathering  
 August 27 - Gathering  
 September 16 - Service at PJC  
 September 24 - Gathering  
 OCTOBER 7 - FRANCISCAN RENEWAL REGIONAL WORKSHOP