

OFS Newsletter July 26, 2015

**Franciscan Crown:** Thais Beter; 6 volunteers

**Franciscan Reading:**

**Liturgy of the Hours:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Evening Prayer II

FRANCISCAN NATIONAL THEME:  
"BE THE JOYFUL FACE OF CHRIST"

*It is a privilege and a big responsibility to be a Franciscan.*

*We must live that commitment and embrace the responsibility of the call everyday of our lives.*

Please welcome Denise Biscamp to our Fraternity as a Professed Member. All went so very well thanks to each and every one of you. Thank you.

It has been brought to our attention that you are requesting more AGAPE time. So we have rearranged the schedule somewhat to reflect this. Please read carefully how we will be handling our next Fraternity Gathering:

For those in formation, all will remain the same. As usual, we will begin with the Franciscan Crown at 1:10. Being July is the month that we remember our Fraternity's Anniversary, we are going to pray the Office of Readings. Most of you who use the shorter version of the Liturgy of Hours have the Psalter, but not the two readings. This is okay. We will have someone read and you can listen and meditate as it is read. When our prayer is completed, we will proceed to the Center for Agape time. Tables will be set in the hall for refreshments. Please make every effort to spend quality time with your Fraternity brothers and sisters. We are NOT on a schedule! So please do not be in such a hurry. Take your time. Maybe talk about the readings at prayer. Who knows where it may lead. From that time, we will proceed into our on-going formation groups meeting in rooms. Afterwards, we will have our business meeting as usual in our meeting room. When completed, we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours. We ask that all of you stay and pray with us as a family lifting our voices in prayer together. We ask that all help out with the cleaning and putting the room back in order along with cleaning up the hall from our refreshments. It isn't just up to a few; it's up to all of us.

There will no longer be passing out a sheet for us to sign up to pray the Crown. If you wish to lead one of the decades, please let me know as you come in. There will be a sheet for those who wish to sign up for doing the Franciscan Reading during our opening business meeting. There also will be a sheet for monthly sign-ups for those who wish to bring refreshments for our Gathering. Keep it simple!

Also, please be aware of the Fraternity Gatherings sign-in sheet and prayer requests sheets at the front of the meeting room. Please remember to sign these. We do keep attendance.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Denise; special intention.

Eddie; recovery of son and in thanksgiving for his getting disability, family's return to church

Yvonne; healing in mind, body, spirit for self and family members, special intention.

Louis; for Sharon, Dolores, and Angela

Barbara; brother dealing with return of cancer.

Cecilia; in thanksgiving

Paul; for the repose of daughter, Jeanne.

Rose; for my son, and for Sean getting his house.

Gerry; safe and pleasant trips

Charlene; James Armstead who has brain tumor for a complete cure or a peaceful death, personal intention, and Carolyn Green for full recovery

Ruth; daughter's return to the faith, for the health and safe delivery of my first grandchild in January.

Patsy; for my grandson who is struggling

For our members who are in nursing homes and homebound

For our deceased members

For an increase to our Franciscan Fraternity

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

**MOTHER MARY, PRAY FOR US.**

**ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE, PRAY FOR US.**

Patsy T. Burgess, OFS

Minister