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FEBRUARY INITIAL FORMATION

Inquiry:

February 8—10 AM to 12 PM--Marilyn's

February 22—10 AM to 12 PM--Marilyn's

Candidacy 1st Year:

February 11—10 AM to 12 PM—Rena's

February 25—10 AM to 12 PM—Rena's

GATHERINGS & COUNCIL MEETINGS

Note Gathering Date—3rd Sunday of February

February 16—Gathering—ABP—2 PM to 5 PM

Prayer Service—Please bring
your Liturgy of the Hours

Ongoing Formation—For All the Saints,

From Lent to Life: A Proposed Daily Spiritual Agenda
pp. 139-143

St. Anthony's Bread—CFR's

February 28—Council—ABP—9 AM to 12 PM FRIDAY

LOCATIONS

Marilyn's —1950 Cherokee Rd. NW

Rena's—8409 Plymouth Rock NE

ABP (A Beoming Place)—1350 Lakeview Rd SW

HOSPITALITY ASSIGNMENTS

Group 4—Gerry, Marilyn, Israela, Tony and Laura,
Felicie

***It is the Hospitality Group's responsibility to come early
to set up and stay late to completely clean up. Thanks!***

EASTBOUND RIO BRAVO BRIDGE CLOSURE

Beginning January 27, NMDOT closed all eastbound lanes of Rio Bravo Bridge from Isleta Blvd. to Poco Loco Dr. The closure is for 3 weeks, which will include our February 16 Gathering. Detours include going south on Isleta and crossing the Rio Grande at I25, north on Isleta and crossing at Bridge Blvd., or north on Coors and crossing at I40.

Birthday Blessings

Joanne Elfers—February 3

Lydia Wroten—February 19

Ed Dzienis—February 24

PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Joanne Romero—February 15, 2001

Ed Dzienis—February 2, 2002

Carol Ann Dzienis—February 2, 2002

WE PRAY FOR:

Abraham Placencio, Ed Dzienis, Kevin (Margaret Martinez' son), Ernestine Sedillo, Derek Kolb, Elizabeth Chavez and brothers Charlie & Richard, Marilyn Migliarini, Pita (Joanne Romero's sister), Fred Bates, Barbara Heilman, Art & Erma Lente, Eva Bevington, John & Nancy Fishel, Isadore (Alcacia Valdez's son), Logan and Beth (Gerry Rohrkemper's niece & sister-in-law), Jeannette Feldman, Clare Domenici, Vicka Earl (Regional Treasurer), Jan Parker (National Minister), Maria Lucero & family (Frances's family), Very Rev. Michael Perry, OFM (Minister General), and all the intentions on the Regional prayer list.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap., Marge Armijo, OFS, Porfirio Vasquez Jr. (Porfirio Vasquez' son—Espiritu Santo), Cheryl Thomas (Br. Gordon's sister), Luciana Garcia OFS, Juanita (Matty Miquel's sister), Fr. Gilbert Schneider, OFM, Fr. Emerich Nordmeyer, OFM, Carlos Armijo (Marge's nephew), Cidro Gallegos (Rena's brother), Robin M. L. (Abraham's cousin), Winifred Klimka, Minnie Vasquez (Espiritu Santo).

CANDIDATES' RETREAT—SAVE THE DATES!

The candidates' retreat for Gina and Frances will be at Madonna Center, on the Catholic Center grounds, 4000 St. Joseph's Pl. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, on March 13 and 14. Sign-in will begin at 4 PM on Friday, followed by dinner. Overnight lodging is available for Friday night. Rooms will be on the first floor. The retreat will end by 5 PM Saturday, and will include breakfast and lunch. Saturday-only attendees are welcome. We will have prices for you shortly. All are welcome to share this special time of prayer and discernment!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 2019

Monthly Number of Donors 15

INCOME

1. Regular Contributions	610.00
2. Endowment Interest	87.56
3. Exceptional Income	60.00
5. Subtotal Exceptional Income (#3+4)	60.00
6. TOTAL INCOME (#1+2+5)	757.56
7. Transfer from Savings	
8. TOTAL DEPOSITED (Checking) (#6+7)	757.56

EXPENSES

RECURRING:

Spiritual Assistant Stipend	75.00
Council Administration Supplies	17.25
Infirmarian Team (Misc. Expenses)	
Formation Expenses	
Newsletter Admin. Supplies/Printing	26.52
Newsletter Postage	44.00
Website Fee—Annual	
Apostolate: Poor Clares (Donation)	75.00
Stipend: Franciscan Friars	50.00
Fair Share to Region—Annual	
Contingency Fund (Transfer to Savings)	50.00
Subtotal Recurring Expenses	320.52
9. EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES	
Friars' Christmas Gift	37.73
10. Subtotal Exceptional Expenses	37.73
11. TOTAL EXPENSES (#9+10)	358.25
12. BEGINNING BALANCE (Checking)	5784.05
ENDING BALANCE (8-11+12)	6183.36

CONTINGENCY FUND: (Available Saving Funds)

Beginning Balance	2213.33
Transfer from Expenses	50.00
Earned Dividend	.18
TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND	2263.51

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 2020

Monthly Number of Donors 18

INCOME

1. Regular Contributions	725.00
2. Endowment Interest	85.63
3. Exceptional Income	85.00
5. Subtotal Exceptional Income (3+4)	85.00
6. TOTAL INCOME (#1+2+5)	895.63
7. Transfer from Savings	
8. TOTAL DEPOSITED (Checking) (#6+7)	895.63

EXPENSES

RECURRING:

Spiritual Assistant Stipend	75.00
Council Administration Supplies	51.11
Infirmarian Team (Misc. Expenses)	
Formation Expenses	48.39
Newsletter Admin. Supplies/Printing	10.15
Newsletter Postage	44.00
Website Fee—Annual	
Apostolate: Poor Clares (Donation)	75.00
Stipend: Franciscan Friars	50.00
Fair Share to Region—Annual	
Contingency Fund (Transfer to Savings)	50.00
Subtotal Recurring Expenses	403.65
9. EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES	
10. Subtotal Exceptional Expenses	
11. TOTAL EXPENSES (#9+10)	403.65
12. BEGINNING BALANCE (Checking)	6183.36
ENDING BALANCE (8-11+12)	6675.34
CONTINGENCY FUND: (Available Savings Funds)	
Beginning Balance	2263.51
Transfer from Expenses	50.00
Earned Dividend	
TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND	2313.51

"Then the just will ask him: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when we were ill or in prison?" The king will answer them: "I assure you, as often as you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me." Mt. 25-37-40

A portion of what we contribute to the fraternity (Fair Share) supports the Regional, National and International levels of the Secular Franciscan Order. Br. Gordon reminds us that we are assisting fraternities in the poorest of nations.

INITIAL FORMATION FOR THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The Formation Team here at St. Anthony began in 2009 with the help of Teresa Baker, OFS, who at that time was the National Formation Chairperson in NAFRA. Prior to that, formation was done solely by the local fraternity formation director.

The team concept helped us to work together to provide Initial Formation (orientation, inquiry, and candidacy), especially with the introduction of the renewal that occurred in 2012.

The Formation Team is in the process of recruiting new members to the team due to recent illnesses of its members. As we look forward to the future we want to make sure that the team continues to provide the best formation possible for those coming into the Order.

A training program will be developed for those who are interested, which will consist of a 6 month program plus attendance at any Regional Formation Workshops. The training will provide the basic information to help everyone to work together.

The Formation Team with the consent of the Council has proposed that recruiting of newcomers will be put on hold for at least a year. Those interested will still be encouraged to attend our fraternity gathering and will be told when classes resume.

Presently we have three groups in formation and will continue as usual. Presently we have four team members (includes the Formation Director) who will be involved in the training sessions.

Members need to be active and professed for 2-3 years.

If you feel called to this ministry, pray about it and contact Rena at 306-2005.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM ST. GILES A COMPANION OF FRANCES

“Don’t harm people. If a man harms you, take it patiently so that you may love God more and obtain pardon for your sins. It is better to accept one single injury without resentful complaint than to feed a hundred people for weeks while you yourself fast daily far into the night. It does not help you to give your body a hard time with fasts, prayer, vigils and penances, if you cannot tolerate a snub from your fellow man. The reward for forbearance is greater than any you could earn

through the afflictions you think up yourself. To feel resentment only shows that your hidden pride is wounded!”
(Golden Words, Ivo O’Sullivan. Quoted in Catch Me a Rainbow, Lester Bach, OFM Cap., p. 389.)

FEBRUARY FRANCISCAN SAINT CONRAD OF PIACENZA

Conrad was born in 1290 to a noble family. One day on a hunting excursion he ordered brushwood to be burned, which rapidly blazed out of control. A man nearby, accused of setting the fire, was imprisoned and condemned to death. Conrad openly confessed his guilt and was obliged to sell all his possessions in order to repay the damages. Later he joined some Franciscan Third Order hermits and his wife joined the Poor Clares. Conrad lived a penitential, prayerful life for over thirty years. He died in Sicily in 1351.

“Gracious God, you led Conrad to speak the truth and filled him with a desire to love you faithfully in a life of prayer and solitude. Through his example, ground us in a life of prayer that is guided by the Spirit of Truth as we work for justice within our Church and society. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen. (Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise, Vol. 1, pp. 676-677)

A PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

“O Loving God, during this holy season of Lent, you call us yet again to turn our lives toward you without reserve. Give us the grace to use this blessed time well and to open ourselves more fully to the movement of your Spirit in our daily lives. May we, like Jesus, be your own radiant presence in our world so that all may know and love you as he does. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen. (Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise, Vol. 1, p. 239)

MAY WE ALL BE BLESSED WITH A VERY HOLY LENT!

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