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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In a few days we will proclaim Alleluia He is Risen! A happy and blessed Easter to all and may the peace of Christ be with you during this season and always.

Easter brings a rebirth. After the long winter of Lent we arrive at the springtime of Easter. The budding earth and longer days remind us of our own rebirth in Baptism. A breath of spring air lifts our spirits quickly as our spiritual rebirth lifts us up eternally.

It is said that Lent and Holy Week are a journey each of us takes to Easter. How we make that journey is determined by our intensely personal relationship with Christ. No two journeys will be the same. Each of us will carry a cross and each of us will climb a Calvary but the promise of Resurrection and salvation is real and Easter joyously celebrates that. St. Francis' beautiful prayer said at Stations of the Cross, "We adore you O Christ and we bless you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world" underscores the reality of our own suffering and redemption. Each of us has Good Fridays in our lives but we know that Christ will bring us through the sufferings of our Good Fridays to the glory of the Resurrection. This is what makes us the "Alleluia People" that we are. We have faith and trust that Christ Our Savior will bring us to the peace and joy of a people of salvation.

And so in closing, let me quote to you the ending phrase of the Exultet, the joyous Easter Proclamation said at the opening of the Easter Vigil service:

May the morning Star which never sets
find this flame still burning:
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead,
and shed his peaceful light on us all,
your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

May God grant all of us, Christ's Alleluia People, a joyous Easter and peace on earth.

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April Meeting:

- 12:00 Candidates meet
- 1:30 Whole group meets
Opening prayers
Saint report - Carol, Glenn, Rick, Terry on the Chapter of Mats
- 2:00 Ongoing formation
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Business meeting
- 3:45 Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer
Closing Prayers
- 4:00 Fellowship

Assignments:

Individual Inquiry: Session 3

Candidates: Session 8, "Instilling Justice and Dignity"

Whole Group: Read Chapter 23 in the Franciscan Journey, "Justice and the Franciscan Life"

Saint Report:

Our regional retreatants will speak to us about their retreat experience.

Rosary Decade for Peace:

Remember to say one decade of the rosary each day with the mystery passed out at our last meeting. If you were not able to attend the last meeting, please say a decade of the rosary daily with a mystery of your choice. By doing this our fraternity as a group says a Franciscan Crown Rosary daily for peace in the middle east and an end to the violence.

Divine Mercy Sunday:

Sunday, April 12 is Divine Mercy Sunday and most parishes will have a prayer service to commemorate Saint Faustina and the promises given to her. If you are able please try to attend one of these services or take a moment to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet that Sunday. In these difficult times the entire world is in need of Divine Mercy!

Fraternity Ministries:

Please remember to bring an item to the meeting for either the St. Olaf Food Pantry or the Pineapple Motel. The baskets will be at the meeting and any fresh items for the children will be delivered to the Pineapple. Fruit cups and fresh fruit are popular with the children at the Pineapple. Thank you for your generosity to both these ministries.

Amazon Project:

Please remember your change for the Amazon Relief and the Heifer International Project. Thank you, Carol Mur-

phy for heading this up.

Peninsula Pet Pantry:

The Peninsula Pet Pantry is a nonprofit organization providing temporary pet food, supplies, and veterinarian care to pet owners who are facing financial difficulties. Many of these pet owners are elderly or disabled and their pet is an emotional support to them. There is also a Pet Pantry in the Williamsburg area that can use volunteers. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, contact Carol Folsom <carolfolsom@cox.net> or <www.gmhumansociety.org>

April Happy Birthdays:

17 Leo Wells

Prayer List:

Joan Buehler, OFS

Frances Warren, OFS

Family of Ed Gerhard, OFS

Family of Deanne Marshall, OFS

Family of Carol Folsom, OFS

Family of Ann Pepper, OFS

Mother of Margaret Murphy, OFS

Family of Sister Patricia, LSOFS

Michael Wilson

Youth Ministry at St. Jerome

Our Anniversarians

Victims of terrorism

World peace especially in the Middle East

Families at the Pineapple Inn and St. Olaf Pantry Ministries

Our Fraternity and our Franciscan Family

Those who have no one to pray for them

The unspoken intentions of our hearts

Deceased:

Marlin Massey - husband of Barbara Massey, OFS

Walter Tucker - father of Bea Sanford

Jack Wells - brother of Leo Wells, OFS

Wyn McPhee - fiancé of Annie Pepper, OFS

Nancy Ullman - sister of Glenn Davis, OFS

April Dates To Remember:

2-4 Easter Triduum

3 Benedict the Black

5 Easter Sunday

12 Divine Mercy Sunday

21 Conrad of Parzham

23 Bl. Giles of Assisi

24 Fidelis of Sigmaringen

25 St. Mark the Evangelist

28 Bl. Luchesius

29 St. Catherine of Siena

*Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave you gave away your
Son.*

~ Exultet (Easter Proclamation) ~

