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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a lovely month is May! Not only is nature in full array but there are several beautiful feasts this month.

The month begins with Mothers Day and Ascension Sunday. Mothers Day celebrates both physical and spiritual motherhood. Our Lady is the model for both. Our Holy Father tells us *:Mary's whole life is a hymn to life, a hymn of love to life: she generated Jesus in the flesh and accompanied the birth of the Church on Calvary and in the Upper Room. The Salus Populi Romani is the mother that gives us health in growth, she gives us health in facing and overcoming problems, she gives us the health to make us free to make definitive choices. The mother teaches us how to be fruitful, to be open to life and to always bear good fruit, joyful fruit, hopeful fruit, and never to lose hope, to give life to others, physical and spiritual life.*

The Ascension paves the way for Pentecost Sunday the next feast. Father Jim Angert, TOR explains its meaning: *Jesus departed. However, he remains with us. Through our own self-giving love we continue his mission of loving others unto salvation whereby God is glorified. Loving one another, then, isn't just a nice idea. Loving one another is the very way we participate in Jesus' saving mission and make him present. Our loving others as Jesus loves us assures us that this love leads not to leave-taking, but to the glory of the fullness of Presence and Life. In so many ways we already act out of the love that Jesus commands in this gospel. We need only to do the everyday things we are already doing with new meaning: we share in Jesus' mission when we love others as he loves us.*

The last feast is Pentecost and we see the apostles imbued with the Spirit and beginning their ministries. Suddenly the timid and fearful apostles are filled with courage and zeal to set out and bring Christ to the entire world. We also are apostles and St. Francis tells us in very simple but powerful terms. *He has sent you into the entire world for this reason: that in word and deed you may give witness to his voice and bring everyone to know that there is no one who is all powerful except him.*

Pax et bonum,

Chris Wells, Minister

Meeting- Sunday, May 15

We will be meeting at the St. Bede Annex 4551 John Tyler Highway Williamsburg (Five Forks)

12:00 Candidates meet

1:30 Whole group gathers

Opening prayers

1:45 Formation - Glenn

3:00 Break

3:20 Business Meeting

3:45 Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

4:00 Fellowship

Fraternity Elections:

Our fraternity will hold elections this fall and all the Council positions are open. They are: Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and Formation Director. Please prayerfully consider stepping into one of these positions. Anyone who is fully professed is eligible to take a position in one of these offices.

Meetings:

Please try and attend the meetings even if you may have to leave early or come a little late. Things do come up and life happens but attendance at meetings is very important because it keeps you in touch with your Franciscan brothers and sisters. It is part of the commitment we each made at profession so please mark the third Sunday of each month on your calendar so you won't forget. We Franciscans need each other!

Feast of Our Regional Patroness:

Monday, May 16 is the feast of St. Margaret of Cortona, the patroness of our Region.

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 right away. 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 Murphy 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.gmhumanesociety> .

May Happy Birthdays!

21 Cindy Holland

25 Maria Fuentes Sherman



Prayer List:

Joan Buehler, OFS

Daphne Pritchett, OFS

Carol Murphy, OFS

Denny Thiel, OFS

Chuck Stephan, OFS

Family of Ed Gerhard, OFS

Family of Deanne Marshall, OFS

Family of Carol Folsom, OFS

Family of Ann Pepper, OFS

Family of Sister Patricia, LSOFS

Michael Wilson and family

All travelers

Youth Ministry at St. Jerome

Our nation

Victims of terrorism and for 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

Deceased:

Marlin Massey - husband of Barbara Massey, OFS

Walter Tucker - father of Bea Sanford, OFS

Jack Wells - brother of Leo Wells, OFS

Wyn McPhee - fiancé of Anne Pepper, OFS

Nancy Ullman - sister of Glenn Davis, OFS

Frances Warren, OFS

Geraldine Murphy - mother of Margaret Murphy, OFS

George Willard - father of Deanne Marshall, OFS

Delores Collins, sister of Ed Gerhard, OFS

May Dates To Remember:

8 Ascension Sunday

Mother's day

9 Catherine of Bologna

11 Ignatius of Laconi

13 Our Lady of Fatima

15 Pentecost Sunday

16 Margaret of Cortona

17 Paschal Baylon

18 Felix of Cantalice

20 Bernadine of Siena

22 Trinity Sunday

24 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

28 Mary Ann of Jesus of Pardes

29 Corpus Christi

30 Bl. Batista Verano

In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood.

~St. Francis of Assisi~