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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Minister

Chris Wells OFS

June is a wonderful month! It is the beginning of summer and is also the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is in this heart of Christ's love that we find divine compassion and mercy for our humanity and our weaknesses. St. Francis was overwhelmed by the Heart of Christ and the divine mercy and love within it. Our Holy Father has dedicated this year to this Divine Heart as the Year of Mercy, and offers the following about the Sacred Heart:

Vice Minister

Leo Wells OFS

Popular piety highly prizes symbols, and the Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy – but it is not an imaginary symbol, it is a real symbol, which represents the center, the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth.

Secretary

Deanne Marshall OFS

In the Gospels we find several references to the Heart of Jesus, for example, in the passage where Christ says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. (Mt 11:28-29)" Then there is the key story of the death of Christ according to John. This evangelist in fact testifies to what he saw on Calvary: that a soldier, when Jesus was already dead, pierced his side with a spear, and from the wound flowed blood and water (cf. Jn 19.33-34). John recognized in that – apparently random – sign, the fulfillment of prophecies: from the heart of Jesus, the Lamb slain on the cross, flow forgiveness and life for all men.

Treasurer

Ed Gerhard OFS

But the mercy of Jesus is not just sentiment: indeed it is a force that gives life, that raises man up!And what is the fruit of this love? It is life! Jesus said to the widow of Nain, "Do not weep," and then called the dead boy and awoke him as from a sleep (cf. vv. 13-15). The mercy of God gives life to man, it raises him from the dead. The Lord is always watching us with mercy, [always] awaits us with mercy. Let us be not afraid to approach him! He has a merciful heart! If we show our inner wounds, our sins, He always forgives us. He is pure mercy! Let us never forget this: He is pure mercy! Let us go to Jesus!

Formation Director

Glen Davis OFS

Spiritual Assistant

Sister Agnes Narocho LSOFS

June is also the celebration of Fathers Day. Congratulations to all our fathers and grandfathers! As the father is the protector of the family let us remember our own Abba who loves us and protects us always. He only asks us to love him in return!

Pax et bonum,

Chris Wells

Meeting- Sunday, June 12

Please note that our meeting has been moved to June 12 because of Fathers Day.

We will be meeting at the St. Bede Annex 4551 John Tyler Highway Williamsburg (Five Forks) in another room at the Annex but it will be well marked!

- 12:00 Candidates meet
- 1:30 Whole group gathers
 - Opening prayers
- 1:45 Formation - General Zinni is our guest speaker
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Business Meeting
- 3:45 Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)
- 4:00 Fellowship

Guest Speaker:

General Zinni will be our guest speaker at the June meeting. The General has worked and had much experience with the Franciscan friars in the Holy Land and will speak to us of their work in the Holy Land. Several of you have asked about taping his talk and we are working on that.

Fraternity Elections:

Our fraternity will hold elections this October 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.

Paper Supplies:

If you have any left over paper ware such as plates, cups, napkins please consider donating them to the fraternity. This will save us money by not having to purchase paper ware for fellowship. It doesn't matter if your plates say Merry Christmas, Happy Birthday or any other greeting. We will celebrate with you as we munch!

Second Annual Virginia Gathering of the OSF:

The deadline to register for the Gathering if you are able to attend is Saturday, July 9. The Gathering will be held at the Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville on Saturday, July 30 from 10:00-4:00 and is hosted by the Mt. La Verna Fraternity. The cost is \$25 per person for a barbecue luncheon, drinks and snacks. There will also be Mass that afternoon at the parish. If you prefer you can pay online at <<http://peaceandallgood.org/registration>>

National Quinquennial Retreat:

Last day to register for the "Q" is June 9. The registration form is on the Region website.

Mark Your Calendars:

The Diocesan Men's Conference will be September 10 and the Women's Conference will be September 24. More info later on the venue.

Fraternity Ministries:

Please remember to bring an item to the meeting for either HOPE 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. Diapers for older babies and wipes are needed at HOPE. 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> .

June Happy Birthdays:

There are no fraternity birthdays in June.

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 HOPE
Our Fraternity and our Franciscan Family
Our Anniversarians

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

June Dates To Remember:

3 Sacred Heart of Jesus
4 Immaculate Heart of Mary
12 Bl. Jolenta
13 Anthony of Padua
24 Nativity of John the Baptist
29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles
30 Bl. Raymond Lull



Pope Francis said a wise and mature father will be able to say to his children after they've grown: "I taught you things that you didn't know, I corrected errors that you did not see. I let you feel an affection that was both deep and discreet that perhaps you did not fully recognize when you were young and unsure. I gave you witness of rigor and willpower that perhaps you did not understand when you just wanted complicity and protection."

Happy Fathers Day!