



Dear Brothers & Sisters

From the Minister

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters,

“Our ability to be true to our rule influences vocations to the OFS. When people see us -

consistently seeking peace,

caring for the poor,

forgiving enemies,

praying for those who persecute us,

opening ourselves to dialogue even with people who disagree with us,

showing concern for the lonely and marginalized,

giving life and flesh to the Beatitudes,

showing integrity through our way of life,

seeking justice,

fulfilling duties required by our way of life –

the call of the Spirit does not go unheeded.” This is quoted from our formation book, THE FRANCISCAN JOURNEY, page 201.

This is how we are called to live. This is what we professed to do. This is being faithful to our Franciscan charism. This is what we signed up for.

And, so I ask...are you willing to show up and put your profession into action? We have a new year starting soon. We need to grow. So, let's start by showing up for our fraternity meetings. Be willing to take on some responsibilities. Let's deepen our Franciscan knowledge and learn more.

We will have four regional events within the year, times where we meet other Franciscan brothers and sisters and pray, learn and get to know one another. Yes, we are ALL aging...but that shouldn't stop us...as we travel together and help one another.

Our love for creation, our love for our fellow humans and our joy and thankfulness for life must radiate from us. If this is all foreign to you, I challenge you to read our Rule. Read up on Sts. Francis and Clare.

When we were professed, we were only half-baked...still learning...new kids on the block...and we still are! So, please let's go back to what attracted you to the OFS and rediscover our love of the Third Order. Let's make this our resolution to be transformed into all that our God wants us to be and be willing to serve as His hands and feet in our fraternity.

So, I pray, that we will all grow, serve, pray and work together in 2025 in a renewed spirit that will ignite in others a desire to follow Francis.

Peace Always,

Sue, OFS

Our Monthly Gatherings –

We will gather on **Monday, January 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room on the lower level** at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. Our prayer will be the Liturgy of the Hours.

Profession Anniversaries

January 14, 2008	Susan J. Bonnie M.
January 11, 2010	Stephanie H. Dcn Lou R.
January 11, 2016	Tim P.

As we celebrate the anniversaries of profession of these members, a statement by the late President Jimmy Carter, can be tweaked slightly and express the full commitment we made on our day of profession.

“My faith demands—this is not optional—my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have to try to make a difference.”

These words could have been spoken by our Founder, St. Francis. And for us, perhaps the words **“my faith”** can be changed to **“my profession”**. For all of the above is what we professed to do as secular Franciscans on that day.

We Pray ...

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For the Right to an Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, will always be respected.

Franciscan Outreach Schedule for 2025

The schedule for Franciscan Outreach for 2025 is as follows:

January	FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) – packing bags of grain
February	Journeys/The Road Home – collection of food and necessities for the homeless
March	FMSC
April	Welcome the Stranger – collection of items needed by a refuge family who are moving into an apartment in their new country

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May	FMSC
June	Blessing Bags – creation of plastic bags of necessities for the homeless
July	FMSC
August	Journeys/The Road Home
September	FMSC
October	Welcome the Stranger
November	Thanksgiving baskets for the needy
December	FMSC

In the February issue, there will be a full description of each of our outreach agencies and what we will be doing to help.

Each month we will continue to collect loose change for Feed My Starving Children and pop top tabs for Ronald McDonald house (kidney dialysis for children).

Calendar of Fraternity Gatherings 2025

Monday, Jan. 13	Monthly gathering will be at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Room on the Lower Level of Holy Family Parish, Inverness . Our liturgy will be the Liturgy of the Hours (LOTH).
Sunday, Jan. 26	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	Monthly gathering will be at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Room on the Lower Level of Holy Family Parish, Inverness . Our liturgy will be the Liturgy of the Hours (LOTH). There will be a collection of food and items for Journeys/The Road Home.
Sunday, Feb. 23	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 10	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be the Stations of the Cross.
Sunday, Mar. 23	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 14	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. There will be a Communion Service. There will be a collection of items for Welcome the Stranger.
Sunday Apr 27	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 12	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be the Crown Rosary.
Sunday, May 18	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 9	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. There will be a Communion Service. Blessing Bags for the homeless will be packed at the gathering.

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Sunday, June 22	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, July 14	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be the Liturgy of the Hours (LOTH).
Sunday, July 27	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 11	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be Lectio Divina.
Sunday, Aug. 24	There will be a collection of items for Journeys/The Road Home Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 8	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be Liturgy of the Hours (LOTH).
Sunday, Sept. 28	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 6	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be Transitus of St. Francis.
Sunday, Oct. 26	There will be a collection of items for Welcome the Stranger. Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 10	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be a Commemoration of the Deceased.
Sunday, Nov. 23	We will pack Thanksgiving baskets for the Township. Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 8	Monthly gathering will be at Holy Family Parish, Inverness. The liturgy will be a Communion Service before our Christmas potluck.
Sunday, Dec. 28	Council meeting, minister's home at 1:30 p.m.

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