



# THE CABRINIAN

Monthly Fraternity Gathering: January 8 at 2 P.M.

## Epiphany Gathering and Baby Shower

Please note, the January gathering will be our traditional Epiphany Gathering. There will be a covered dish meal and everyone is asked, if possible, to bring a covered dish to share.



There is more information about this gathering on page 3 of this publication. There are also ideas of items needed by the Pregnancy Center.

Help is always needed for set up before the gatherings, and clean-up after the gatherings, especially when we have guests and have a meal. If you can assist with this your help would be greatly appreciated. It is important that we get set up before the gatherings, so we can start on time! And it is imperative that we clean up after the gathering. We are guests at St. Nicholas Byzantine Church and are very grateful that they allow us to gather there every month. Please consider helping with necessary work.

# Important Information

It was our great pleasure to have Fr. Dennis Gang, TOR, of the University of Steubenville with us at the November gathering. He enjoyed being with us. However, he regrets that he will not be able to be our Spiritual Assistant.

Driving two hours up from Steubenville, spending four hours with the fraternity, and then driving another two hours, and in the early darkness, back to the University of Steubenville proved to be too much of a challenge. He was so tired on his drive home that he almost had a traffic accident.

We thank him for his efforts to assist our fraternity. In the meantime the fraternity council is continuing to try to find appropriate spiritual assistance for our fraternity. A letter has been sent to our Provincial to assist us in finding a Spiritual Assistant. Please keep this intention, and Fr. Dennis Gang, in your prayers.

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## *Fraternity Actives*

# Retreat



Please mark your calendar now for the Fraternity Retreat from 30 March to 1 April 2012. Brochures were distributed during the December gathering. If you would like to attend, please let Pepe know so a place can be reserved for you. Deposits

and registrations are beginning to be collected. If possible, bring your registration, and a check payable to St. Frances Cabrini Fraternity to the January gathering.

Please know that scholarships are available for those who wish to attend but have a financial hardship. A *confidential* call to Pepe or Debbie Ventosa will secure financial assistance for you.

The retreat is a great opportunity to experience Franciscan fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

### *Eucharistic Adoration*

*Behold the Lamb of God.*

*Behold him who taketh away  
the sin of the world.*

Every day of the week there is at least one member of the fraternity visiting with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you have an urgent prayer request, please contact the person who will be making a visit that day.

Sunday	Pepe Ventosa
Monday	Judy Hoyt
Tuesday	Debbie Ventosa
Wednesday	Bill Marshall Ruth Older Dorothy Takacs
Thursday	Joanne Angeletti
Friday	Bob Burtscher
Saturday	Dorothy Takacs

Everyone is encouraged to participate in Eucharistic Adoration, whenever possible, in whichever church one chooses. If you cannot make a commitment to a particular time, please stop and make a visit when you have time, even if it is just 15 minutes. Jesus is always awaiting visitors.



A Thank You note was received from the members of Steve Lucas' family, giving thanks for prayers and a Mass offering for Steve. It also said "Thank you for the love and support of my father."

A large number of members of the fraternity were present at the calling hours for Steve, and some members were also able to be present at his Mass of Christian Burial.

## More Fraternity Information

### Food Pantry Drive

**Blessed Trinity Parish, Tallmadge Ave.**

This food pantry could use almost anything, but especially:

Peanut Butter

Tuna Fish

Macaroni & Cheese

Cereal

Spaghetti & Sauce

Toilet Paper

Toothpaste

Shampoo & Conditioner

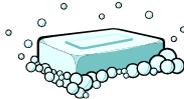
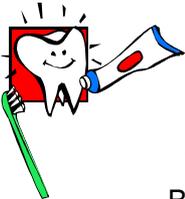
Body Soap

Deodorant

Dish Detergent

Laundry Detergent

(all taxable items and cannot be purchase with food stamps)



NOTE: Only the names of *parishes* with food pantries will be accepted for the drawing! There are quite a number of wonderful organizations who could use donations, but this is an outreach to our parishes. This is one way we can let them know that the Secular Franciscans are here, are active, and are trying to make a difference in the world.

If the parish you nominated is selected, it is imperative that YOU contact the appropriate individuals to learn what is needed and get that information to Elizabeth Francis *within a week* of the time the name was drawn. It needs to be published in the Cabrinian, and it takes time to put the newsletter together.

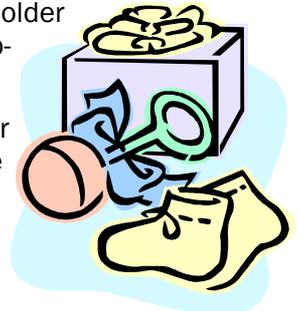
### Epiphany Gathering

The January Epiphany gathering will be a covered dish dinner. We will have a speaker from the Community Pregnancy Center in Barberton as a speaker. Items for infants would be greatly appreciated—as would money, if you would prefer to do that.

We are pro-life people, and we need to help support those women who choose life. Presently we are living in difficult economic times, and women with young children need help. Diapers, bottles, pacifiers, blankets and so forth are needed.

The Center *cannot* accept used baby cribs due to the new government regulations on the safety of the cribs. Children have been severely injured with the older style cribs with the drop-down sides.

Thank you for your generosity in helping the babies and their families.



### HELP NEEDED

The fraternity is in need of someone to take care of, and update, our photo album and scrap book. These books are a way we record our fraternity history for those who will be coming after us.

If you are interested in helping with this important project please contact one of the council members.



## FRATERNITY INFORMATION



### *Anniversaries of Profession*

Mary Cate Roberts, SFO, 20 years

Pat Hurley, SFO, 10 years

Deanna Hurley, SFO, 10 years

Joanne Angeletti, SFO, 25 years

Missing:

Bob Burtscher, SFO, 15 years

Betty Smith, 15 years

***Congratulations to all of you.***

# Welcoming

*Welcoming*

During the January gathering we will welcome five individuals into the next stage of formation:

Cynthia Kucharski

Roberto Meza

Maria Meza

Paul Tag

Mary Tag

Please keep these people in your prayers and they continue on their spiritual journey. It is a joy to have all of them with us.



### ST. FRANCES CABRINI FRATERNITY WEBSITE

Ever wonder how often our website is visited? It is much more than you think! The average number of visits *per month* is 200! This is amazing. And it is an excellent way to let people know that the Secular Franciscans exist. Check it out at :

[www.stfrancescabrinisfo.catholicweb.com](http://www.stfrancescabrinisfo.catholicweb.com)

## NOTES FROM DECEMBER GATHERING

At our December gathering we celebrated our Annual Christmas Party with a pot luck dinner. We started by reading the Gospel narrative of Jesus' birth. This was followed by a beautiful presentation, given by Kenny, of the story of St. Francis and the crèche. To continue our focus on Jesus our Savior, the Fraternity wrote a list of titles and attributes about Jesus. We came up with about 60 plus of these, and had to stop as we ran out of space on the white board, Many of the attributes are listed below.

Fellow fraternity members who celebrated anniversary milestones in their Franciscan walk were recognized and given an anniversary certificate. Their dedication, perseverance and example are a witness to all of us. Joanne Angeletti is the member who professed the longest. A photograph was taken to mark the occasion and is included on page 4 of this edition.

We concluded our Christmas celebrating by singing Christmas Carols. As is our Fraternity tradition, food from the gathering was shared with those in need through the Portiuncula apostolate.

Attributes and Titles of Jesus, compiled at our December gathering.

Savior	The Good Shepherd	Judge
Son of God	The Image of God	The Gate Keeper
Teacher	Adonai	High Priest
Love	Emmanuel	Cornerstone
Light of the World	El-Shaddai	Son of David
Lord of Lords	Lamb of God	Son of Mary
Friend	The Alpha and Omega	King of the Jews
Teacher	Living Water	High Priest
Counselor	King of Kings	Messiah
The Way, the Truth and the Life	Suffering Servant	Rabbi
Messiah	Healer	Logos
The Crucified	Divine Physician	A New Adam
The Resurrection	The Vine	King of Angels
Son of Man	Healer	Wonder Worker
Lord of Lords	The Word of God	Joy of the World
Counselor	The Joy of my soul	Our Hope
Bread of Life	King of Glory	Glory of the Father
The Resurrection	Word Incarnate	Prince of Peace
My God and My All	Master	Master
Sacred Heart	Obedience	Brother

## *Postage Stamps*

Please remember to save your cancelled postage stamps. They are sent to a mission to help raise money. It would be greatly appreciated if they are trimmed to just 1/8 inch around the edges (otherwise somebody else has to trim all of the stamps, and it can be very time consuming)..



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You may give the trimmed, cancelled stamps to Elizabeth Francis. Dick Bilotto will care of sending the stamps to the

## *Little Portion*

Nobody was scheduled to take food out after the December gathering, but Kenny offered to take food left from our meal. We were able to make two packages of food, each of had enough to be shared with another person.

Thank you for all the donations of gloves, hats and even a sweater! Nine hats, 4 pairs of socks and number of pairs of gloves donated to help keep people a bit warmer in the cold weather. Please continue to contribute such items to be taken along with our Little Portion. Other items would also be welcome, such as a neck scarves and perhaps even a small blanket.

Nobody is scheduled to take food after the gathering in January, either, as it is very cold and sometimes difficult to find people who need food. However, if anyone is willing to take food, there should be enough left after the gathering.

## *Items Collected for the St. Francis Cabrini Food Pantry Drive on 11 December 2011*

- 2 boxes whole wheat pasta
- 4 cans green beans
- 4 cans corn
- 2 cans Hunt's Pasta Sauce
- 4 large cans of soup
- 1 big can diced tomatoes
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 carton pie crust mix
- 1 bag of pasta
- 2 5-pack boxes of macaroni & cheese
- 2 single boxes macaroni & cheese
- 3 boxes if cereal
- 1 10-pack instant cereal

- 1 large box instant oat meal
- 1 can chili
- 2 boxes Jiffy corn muffin mix
- 1 can white tuna fish
- 1 can Beefaroni
- 1 can chicken noodle soup
- 1 can cherry pile filling

All of these items were taken to St. Vincent Parish to be distributed to the poor on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions to help those people who are in need. They are our brothers and sisters. This is one way to let them know that we care about them.

## FRANCISCAN FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Dear Friends,

Let me take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2012. May the Infant Jesus shower His abundant blessing upon you. May the joy of the Holy Family fill your hear and home in this Christmas Season and cheer the New Year is my humble prayers.

Words fail to express my sincere gratitude for your generous aid. Your valuable help enable us many things in our life. We could settle our daughter in her married life. With your help I am continuing my medicine.

Here, my son and his family is keeping well. My daughter and her family also keeping fine by God's grace. I am continuing my medication for arthritis problem. My son goes for mason work irregularly.

How are you and your dear ones? Please convey our loving regards and Christmas & New Year greetings to your dear & near ones.

Yours affectionately

Susamma Cletus

The above is the letter Bill Marshall received from the Indian Family that the members of St. Frances Cabrini Fraternity help support through the Franciscan Family Apostolate. The letter above is, exactly, letter for letter, what was written.

Bill also received a letter from Bishop Stephen Athipozhiyil of the Diocese of Alleppey in Kerala, India, giving thanks to Secular Franciscan Friends. In excerpts taken from the letter he notes that the FFA staff “. . .are very earnest and enthusiastic to look into the welfare of the beneficiary families. The beneficiaries in each parish are asked to form a self-help group. . . .Many of them are involved in self-employment programmes like conduction small shops, selling rice, chilly power, pickle, dress and so on.

“. . .Since the feast of Christmas is already at our door I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and I pray to the Lord Jesus to bless you all for your good will and generosity. And I assure you the prayers and gratitude of the beneficiaries you support. May the Good Lord continue to keep you all in good health and good cheer all throughout your life, is our special prayer for you.”

# Per Capita



It is time to pay the yearly Per Capita, or as it is properly labeled, the Fair Share. It is due from every Permanently Professed Secular Franciscan who is considered Active or Excused. The Fair Share is \$25.00 per member. *If you are not able to afford this, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members of the Fraternity*

Part of this amount goes to help cover the expenses of the National and International Fraternities. One example of a benefit you receive from this is TAU-USA which is sent to every active, professed member of the SFO in the United States. A specific portion of this money remains in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Region

It is good to note that the Fair Share lower for our Region that for many other Regions. Our travel expenses are important, but since our Region is geographically smaller, our costs are a bit lower. It helps fund our Annual Regional Council Meeting, and the Up to Now . . . Plus we try to be very frugal with your money, but we certainly do incur some expenses.

# 2011

It has been a great spiritual and active year for the St. Frances Cabrini Fraternity. We continued with our outreach programs, and added some new ones. A Fraternity Retreat was held; we had our first Flea Market. There was a Summer Picnic with other fraternities present to join the fun. We were very active this year.

Two members were called by Sister Death: Steve Lucas & Pat Royer. May they rest in peace.

Others have come to see our way of life and are starting in formation. Ongoing formation is wonderful. Our servant-leaders are doing a wonderful job. Everyone in the fraternity is working together. Thank you for a great year. And let us try to make 2012 even better.

# January Birthdays



Kenny Green	1/12
Pepe Ventosa	1/20
Ben Rusinko	1/24
Mary Cate Roberts	1/29

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kenny Green, Minister	330-203-2056
(new number for Kenny)	
Pepe Ventosa, Vice-minister	330-497-8403
Bill Marshall, Treasurer	330-864-3553
Bob Burtscher, Councilor	330-628-2211
Debbie Ventosa, Formation	330-497-8403
Elizabeth Francis, Secretary	330-297-5647

# Upcoming Events

## January

*Epiphany Gathering*

Speaker from Community Pregnancy Center

**St. Frances Cabrini Fraternity Retreat**

March 30-April 1, 2012 Cuyahoga Valley Natl Park