



Tau Signature

Tau Fraternity, SFO

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Fathers Day to all our fraternity dads and granddads. You are a very important person in the domestic Church and we love you and thank you!

This is my last newsletter as Minister of our fraternity. I would like to take this time to thank you for allowing me to be your minister. It has been my privilege to witness the beautiful faith and spirituality that each of you brings to our community. You have been a wonderful example of the Franciscan way of life to me and I am deeply grateful to you for that witness.

Thank you also to the outgoing Council: John, Veronica, Irene and Dick for all of their support these past three years. They have been most generous in sharing with me their time and their talents.

Lastly, thank you to the people who are the candidates for our election in July:

*Bill Bouffard – Minister
John Ata – Vice Minister
Karen Stapleton – Secretary
Frank Mullin – Treasurer
Dick Clarke- Formation*

We need everyone to be present if possible for our meeting in July to elect these people into office.

Once again, thank you for everything each of you has done for our fraternity. God bless all of you.

*Peace,
Chris Wells, Minister*

General Meeting:

Our general meeting for June will be Sunday, July 1. The meeting will be held at St. Joseph Parish Facility.

Our Regional representative, Jeanie McLees will be present at this meeting to witness our elections. We need everyone who is able to be at this meeting. Thank you!

Agenda:

- 12:15-1:15** Candidates and Inquirers
- 1:15 -2:00** Fraternity elections
- 2:15-3:15** Whole group formation
- 3:30-4:00** Meeting
- 4:00** LOH
- 4:15** Fellowship

Assignments:

*Inquirers – Chapter 5 Come and See ;
To Live as Francis Lived
Reflection 31*

Candidates – Already assigned

*Whole group – A Heart Full of Love,
Ch. 1*

Assisi Trip:

Fr. Noel (our retreat master) is planning a pilgrimage to Assisi in October of 2008. More information will be coming.

July Birthdays:

14 Kim Heatherington

Prayer Requests:

- *Edna Henke's health*
- *Ron Kauffman and family*
- *John Ata's parents*
- *Special intention of Dick and Carole*
- *Soni Weiss*
- *Frank Mullin's sister, Pat*
- *Conversion of the terrorists and for their victims*
- *Paul and Gloria – co-workers of Mike Schaner*
- *Mike Schaner's nephew*
- *Karen Stapleton's mother*
- *Maja Marshall*
- *Sally Stratmoen and family*
- *Clari Claus' Scouting award group*
- *Little Taylor*
- *Loudon County JDC Grace program*
- *St. Joseph's Outreach program All Franciscan families*
- *Our Fraternity*
- *The unspoken intentions of our hearts*

For all who have died and their families and friends:

- *Marjorie O'Connor, SFO*
- *Tony DelPopolo, SFO*
- *Marie Fitzgerald, SFO*
- *Bill Obenauer, SFO*
- *Joyce Wells, SFO*
- *James Scrivener, SFO*
- *Beth Kauffman*
- *Carole's mother*
- *Maria Calderone*
- *Albert VanLandingham (Chris' uncle)*
- *Karen's uncle, Joe*
- *Mike Mengell (Karen's nephew)*
- *Christi Thomas*
- *Nancy Taylor*
- *Bill Richey's father*

Dates to Remember:

- 1 *General Meeting*
- 3 *St. Thomas*
- 6 *St. Maria Goretti*
- 8 *Bls. Gregory Grassi*
- 9 *Nicholas Pick*
- 10 *Veronica Guiliani*
- 12 *John Jones and John Wall*
- 13 *Bl. Angeline of Marsciano*
- 14 *Francis Solano*
- 15 *St. Bonaventure (Feast)*
- 16 *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*
- 21 *Lawrence of Brindisi (Feast)*
- 23 *Bl. Cunegunda*
- 24 *Bl. Louise of Savoy*
St. Sharbel of Makh'luf
- 25 *St. James (Feast)*
- 26 *Ss. Joachim and Anne*
- 27 *Bl. Magdalene of Martinengo*

Thomas Merton wrote the following in 1962. It is uncanny how well it fits our society and outlook on peace today.

"It seems to me that policies which are content to create an 'image' of a benevolent and peace-loving America are valueless, because they lack the depth and the seriousness of motivation which are absolutely necessary for constructive action in a world crisis. Confronted with the difficult task of 'assuming world leadership' in a world from which it has remained traditionally and by preference isolated, America seems to have reacted with adolescent panic and truculence. Hostility, unpopularity and totally unsympathetic criticism have proved to be a serious test of the American political ideology.

Faced by the supercilious contempt of friends as well as the hatred of our avowed enemies, and wondering what there is in us to hate, we have considered ourselves and found ourselves quite decent, harmless and easygoing people who only ask to be left alone to make money and have a good time. The keystone of our admittedly nebulous optimism is that if everyone is left alone to take care of his own interests, the laws of economics will benignly take care of the needs of all, and anyone who is not a slacker can get rich. But this

philosophy of life is questioned, and when it is questioned we also are forced to examine our beliefs. And when we examine them we find we are not too sure just what they are. We tend to operate on sentiments of good will or civilization rather than on deeply based convictions.

~Peace in the Post-Christian Era~ by Thomas Merton

