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St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Welland.
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Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The fraternity council met on Monday, June 11 to discuss the fraternity's activities for the next few weeks. We will be continuing our meetings through the summer months. Please note that members will be asked to read the Chapter of the Franciscan Journey as indicated below in preparation for the meeting. There will be some time for sharing on the questions. For those who did not purchase the Franciscan Journey, a copy will be made available, so please let me know if you do not have one.

Dates to remember

Sunday July 1st- Regular meeting: 1:30 p.m. St. Kevin's Hospitality room. Please read Chapter 2 of the Franciscan Journey.

Saturday, July 7th- *Trillium Regional Fraternity Picnic in Toronto. Please indicate your intention to come so that we can arrange transportation.*

St. Mary of the Angels, Feast of the Portiuncula

Thursday, August 2nd

Proposed Route

St. Kevin's Church-meet for Eucharist at 8 am.

St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catharines-Morning Prayer

St. Julia's Church, St. Catharines-FF Chaplet

St. Mary's Church, St. Catharines-Rosary

Cathedral of St. Alexandria: Holy Hour

Start Me Up Niagara, St. Catharines-Divine Mercy Chaplet

Lunch

Sunday, August 5- Regular meeting: 1:30 p.m. St. Kevin's Hospitality room. Please read Chapter 3 of the Franciscan Journey.

Saturday, August 11- **St. Clare of Assisi.**

St. Kevin's Church-meet for Adoration at 9 am, followed by Mass at 10 am and confessions.

Deacon Maurice will make a presentation on St. Clare.

Lunch.

Sunday, September 2nd, - Regular meeting: 1:30 p.m. St. Kevin's Hospitality room. Please read Chapter 4 of the Franciscan Journey.

Birthdays

Toni ~~~ August 1, 1936

Marcella ~~~ August 26, 1945

Profession Anniversaries

Pauline Leonard July 26, 1972

Sr. Alexandrette Smith CSSF

Spiritual Assistant

The Pope's remarks are clearly relevant to the news of the day, but how well does each of us welcome and value those who come to us seeking safety and home? Can we *“move from considering others as threats to our comfort to valuing them as persons whose life experience and values can contribute greatly to the enrichment of our society?”*

What examples are there of Francis valuing the stranger?

Pope Francis calls for protection for migrant children and their families

Pope Francis said migrants are not numbers, but persons with feelings that need ongoing protection, adding that *“particular concern must be shown for migrant children and their families.”*

The Pope's words to a meeting on immigration taking place in the Vatican come as the U.S. government is drawing criticism over its policy of separating families who seek asylum by crossing the border illegally ...

In a message to a colloquium marking the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mexico and the Vatican, Francis said that the fundamental rights and dignity of immigrants *“need to be protected and defended.”*

“I would like to point out that the issue of migration is not simply one of numbers, but of persons, each with his or her own history, culture, feelings and aspirations,” the pope said.

“These persons, our brothers and sisters, need ‘ongoing protection,’ independently of

whatever migrant status they may have,” he continued.

In addition to migrant children and families, Francis also said particular concern must be shown to those who are victims of human trafficking rings, and those displaced due to conflicts, natural disasters and persecution.

“All of them hope that we will have the courage to tear down the wall of ‘comfortable and silent complicity’ that worsens their helplessness; they are waiting for us to show them concern, compassion and devotion,” he said.

... Francis urged international actors to *“ground responsibility for the shared global management of international migration in the values of justice, solidarity and compassion.”*

“This demands a change in mindset: We must move from considering others as threats to our comfort to valuing them as persons whose life experience and values can contribute greatly to the enrichment of our society,” the pontiff said, adding the assistance of the entire international community is needed.

“Such international cooperation is important at every stage of migration: From departing one's country of origin all the way to reaching one's destination, as well as facilitating re-entry and transit,” Francis said.

“In each of these countries, migrants are vulnerable, feeling alone and isolated. The recognition of this fact is vitally important if we wish to give a concrete and dignified response to this humanitarian challenge.”

<https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2018/06/14/pope-francis-calls-for-protection-for-immigrant-children-and-their-families/> **Charles Collins**, Jun 14, 2018