



The Tau Signature

**Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order – Herndon, Virginia
St. Margaret of Cortona Region**

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Minister's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By the time we meet again on March 6, we will be in the fourth week of Lent - halfway there. How is Lent going for you? Fr. Alberto asked that question of the Council at our meeting this week, and the question struck me as one that we should all consider. Are we engaging in activities that will bring us closer to the Lord? Are we fasting from things that get in the way of our relationship with God? Are we paying closer attention to our sisters and brothers in need and doing what we can to meet their needs? Until this week, I don't think anyone has ever asked me this question before, and I am grateful the question was asked. I hope that each of you are having a good Lent and that your journey is taking you closer to God..

Peace and blessings, Pamela Brooks, OFS

Recap of Last 10/4/15 Meeting

Opening/Formation:

Bob Calderon, Vice Minister, led the discussion of Chapter 7, "Principles of Prayer" from our on-going Formation book Catching Fire Becoming Flame. During this time, Fr. Alberto Bueno, Spiritual Advisor of the Fraternity, stopped by and participated in the discussion. During the discussion Bob mentioned a recent visit to the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Maryland where he participated in a talk and veneration of a relic of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Presentation

Bill Richey – *Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J. (1907-1991)*: Bill imparted to us that Fr. Arrupe was instrumental in leading the Jesuits toward adopting a posture of greater social justice. Bill made some comparisons between Fr. Arrupe and Pope Francis. He ended his presentation with some Jesuit jokes, promising to send the link.

Upcoming March Events

- 18 March -- Stations of the Cross: In response to Father Tom's request, Tau Fraternity is leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday, 18 March at 7 p.m. The following members have volunteered to read or carry a candle/cross: Pam Brooks, Bill Brewster, Walter Gawlak, Irene Naveau, and Bill Bouffard. We look forward to seeing as many fraternity members in attendance as possible!
- 19 March – Lenten Day of Spirituality: If possible, plan to begin the day by attending 8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's. Arrival at Room 205 for coffee and donuts is 9-930. Bill Richey's presentation is scheduled 9:30-12 noon. Lunch will be provided 12 noon to 12:30. The presentation will continue at 12:30 and end at 1:30 p.m.

Prayer Submissions

Please forward prayer requests to me (Terry Rinker) by the 14th of the month, so that they may be included in the newsletter. Please keep the following members, relatives, and friends in your prayers:

Sally White and Sally's sister; Mary McCarthy; Richard & Carole Clarke and their grandsons Liam and Rory; William Brewster; Helen Broxmeyer; Fr. Alberto's father; Irene Naveau; Ron Kauffman; Kimberley Heatherington and her father; Ed Geiger; Pam Brook's daughter Rachel; for the repose of the soul of Patricia Boye's mother Florence; Terry Rinker's mother; and for all those who are in need of our prayers who have been inadvertently omitted from this list.

Tau Fraternity: Next Meeting Date

Tau Fraternity General Meeting:

Sunday, March 6. The On-Going Formation will include discussions on chapter 7 in Catching Fire, Becoming Flame, by Albert Haase, OFM.

St. Joseph's – Room 210 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm and Room 209 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

12:30 - 1:30 Formation

1:30 - Opening Reflection – (Gail Dowling)

1:35 - 2:10 Social time with meal

2:10 - 3:00 On-going formation

3:00 - 3:10 Break

3:10 - 3:30 Presentation – (Clari Claus-Mary's Way of the Cross)

3:30 - 4:00 Liturgy of Hours (reading-Bill Richey), business meeting, and closing prayer

Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Hymn: #94 – Lord Who throughout These Forty Days (verses 1, 2): pg. 1609

Psalms from Sunday Evening Prayer II Week 4: pg. 931

Everything else: pg. 342

For the next newsletter, please send your prayer requests and submissions to Terry Rinker at reknir12@yahoo.com, or call (703) 383-0562.

