



Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Montreal

Newsletter

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Blessed are those, who endure in peace, for by You Most High, shall they be crowned: Cantic of the Creatures

We are in the middle of the COVID-19 Pandemic; with group gatherings of more than 10 discouraged, and the CND Convent closed to visitors, during the months of September and October both **General and Council meetings will be held via CONFERENCE CALL**. Please make note of the **dates of the meetings below**, all members will be reminded with a call before each meeting.

FRATERNITY MEETING : Sunday, **September 13th, & Sunday, October 11th, 2020** at 3:00 PM via telephone

INITIAL FORMATION FRANCISCAN CROWN CONFESSION and HOLY MASS will be on hold until meetings resume.

FEAST of St FRANCIS On October 4th at 8:pm, members are invited to renew their commitment to the ofs. Please have at hand the Ritual of the ofs, pages 30 & 31. Copies of the ritual will be included with this newsletter.

PRAYER : On September 1st the World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation begins, ending on the 4th October, let us pray together during these days, **psalm 8**, for (**God's Glory and human's dignity**)

FORMATION

ONGOING FORMATION In **September Grace** will present : **A Poor Woman and The WORD : The Blessed Virgin Mary**
in **October** **Juliana** will present : **The Humility of God : Reference for the Holy Spirit**
(series " The Spirit of St Francis of Assisi ") Bill Short ofm

JPIC REPORT - JPIC = Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation,

From Laudato Si - " **Water cannot be treated like other natural resources, available for purchase for those who can afford it**" Pope Francis. By the year 2025, it is projected, that about 1.8 billion of the 7.5 billion people on the planet, will have no access to drinking water, the demand exceeds the sustainable supply. The quality of water, available to the poor results in death, the spread of related diseases, caused by microorganisms and chemical substances. In 2018, the **ofs worldwide**, united in a common cause, to guarantee this fundamental human right to safe drinking water. (Rule 19) **The National JPIC Committee**, is calling on all Fraternities across Canada to help Catholic communities where **Franciscan** families live, in Malawi, Africa. In 2019 a borehole was drilled, serving several families and pipeline extensions and are in progress.

THANK YOU With the inspiration of the Holy Spirit **Anna**, initiated a prayer line, and with **Luba**, as many as 12 members prayed together, The Franciscan Crown and Divine Mercy devotions. We are grateful to **Our Spiritual Director, Father Georges Morin** who joined us every Wednesday, opening the meeting each week with a reflection on one of the 7 Joys of Mary - The Franciscan Crown. We prayed together starting on Holy Thursday April 9th and ending on July 10th. The St Anthony's Tuesday novena was added every Tuesdays for 9 weeks, before his **feast day on June 13th**, all via Conference call, until the Diocese opened churches for celebration of Holy Mass on July 12th. We are grateful.

CLOSING MESSAGE

As this new session 2020- 2021 begins, changes beyond our control, have disrupted our lives. This has caused us to look inward, and also outward to our shared home and humanity at large. We are grateful: for our spiritual life, we find a certain peace in being Franciscan, in spite of the changes to come, for our Franciscan formation, which emphasizes humility, and simplicity, and we are grateful for our **Spiritual Director Father Georges Morin** and the **Order Friars Minor**, who have guided our Fraternities all these years. We pray to our **seraphic Father, St Francis**, for them, our Franciscan Family and our families.

ANNIVERSARY of PROFESSION On **October 4th 2020**, - **Ann Matthew and Juliana Abu** will be celebrating **6 years** of Membership in the Immaculate Conception Fraternity. We congratulate them !!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : **Summer Birthdays** : 22nd June Anna Elisio; 7th July Edith Purdon; 12th July Marion Doyle
August Birthdays : 8th Mary Stanton;

September Birthdays : 13th Laura Duncan; 14th Fr Andre Comtois ofm

SPECIAL DAYS **September** : 2nd Labour Day; 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 17th Stigmata of St Francis ;
23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina

October : 4th Feast of Our Holy Father St Francis of Assisi ; 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ALL

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