



## ST. PATRICK'S FRATERNITY

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June 2021 Newsletter

Let us love, honor, adore, and serve the Lord and God with a pure heart and mind, for this is what He seeks above all else.

#### **MEETING CANCELLED**

Dear all,

Please remember in your prayers our brother Stan Lemieux who passed away last year on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 104 years. Our brother Stan spent 83 years as a faithful member of St. Patrick's Fraternity. He was professed in May 1937. May our Lord grant that he may rest in peace.

Prayers for our sick:

Please remember our brothers who are having some difficult times: Br. Joe Di Clementi who is in a long-care unit. We also keep in our prayers, Br. Gordon Deery, and M/M Monique wife of Br. Peter Jones.

Birthdays for June:

Sister Marie Trinité Onana Obono (June 1)

Professions for the month of June:

Sister Bernadette Smith (2003), Brother Kevin McShane (2003)

Important Upcoming Events:

- 1- Communion breakfast, **Cancelled.**
- 2- Regional Spiritual Conference: Still waiting the conditions of Covid-19

**3- Prayer for the diseased members, The list was sent to you earlier so that you on 1<sup>st</sup> of each month start remembering them in your prayers**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters**

**This is the 2nd year we are unable to meet. We hope we can meet after summer vacations, in September. We will continue communicating with each other via e-mails or by telephone.**

**Our mission, as 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Franciscans, is to be the disciples of The Lord Jesus and as he himself described it that we be the salt and light of the world. We have to carry it to all humanity, even to the far reaches of the earth by announcing the good and great news of God's love. This is what all 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Franciscans should devote their lives to in one way or another... The grace of faith has not been given to us to keep hidden; on the contrary it must shine in before all people... Some may wonder how they can communicate our way of life as members of 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Franciscans. Naturally and simply, by living just as you do in the midst of the world, by giving your best effort in your work and in caring for your families, by participating in all noble aspirations of the people, and by respecting the legitimate freedom of every person... Ordinary life can be holy and full of love of and for God. The Lord invites us to sanctify our daily works, to maintain Christian perfection.**

**The month of June had many important occasions: first this month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for which there are many devotions for each day and which can be found on the Internet.**

**God Bless you all,  
Stay Safe, Stay Home,  
Health is the best Wealth,  
Ghanim Ganni**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers:**

**I would like to share a poem with you, taken from the daily readings I get. It was in Arabic and I translated it into English, hope you like it!**



**Saint Theresa of Abel (1515 - 1582), Carmelite Nun and Doctor of the Church**

**Poem: "I Am Yours, For You I Was Born"**

**I am yours, for you I was born,  
What do you want to do with me?  
O great majesty,  
Eternal wisdom, Delicious goodness to myself,  
Net, God, His Majesty, Unique Being, Kindness,  
I look at my utmost meanness,  
I am the one who sings you my love today.  
What do you want to do with me?  
I am yours, since you created me;  
Yours, since you have redeemed me,  
Yours, since you support me;  
yours, since you called me;  
Yours, since you have waited for me;  
Yours since I'm not lost.  
What do you want to do with me?  
What do you want, O very good Lord,  
That a despicable servant would do?  
What message did you give?  
For this wrong slave?  
Here I am, my meek love;  
Meek love, here I am.  
What do you want to do with me?  
here is my heart,  
I put it in your hands,  
With my body, my life, and myself,  
With my guts and all my love.  
Meek bride, Redeemer,  
To be yours, I introduced myself,  
What do you want to do with me?  
Give me death, give me life,  
health or disease;  
Give me honor or shame,  
war or greater peace,  
full strength or weakness;  
For all that, I say yes:  
What do you want to do with me?  
...I am yours, for you I was born.  
What do you want to do with me?**