

THE ENCOUNTER-EL ENCUENTRO FRATERNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dates to remember

January 1 st	Mary, Mother of God- Solemnity
January 3 rd	Holy Name of Jesus
January 7 th	Blessed Angela of Foligno, III Order mystic
January 8 th	The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 12 th	St. Bernard of Corleone, I Order
January 24 th	St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor, III Order, founder
January 27 th	St. Angela Merici, virgin, III Order, founder
January 31 st	St. John Bosco, priest, III Order, founder

Notes for January

- 1) Mass at 08:30 at Holy Spirit Church
- 2) Monthly meeting to follow
- 3) Christmas toys were delivered on 12/31/11
- 4) Do we have a mission or goal as fraternity for 2012?
- 5) Do we have an apostolate for this coming year? **WE SHOULD**
- 6) Pam Nagle is having surgery this month. Let's pray for her and Her husband, Deacon Ric
- 7) Nancy Mathewson, our ex-Minister, is having surgery, as well
- 8) Dotty, Genevieve, Sister Madeleine are missed; let us elevate them to our heavenly Father
- 9) Our on-going formation book order was cancelled
- 10) *Share the Good News Series* for on-going formation will be voted upon
- 11) Start of Ordinary Time is January 9th, after the Epiphany. **Cycle B** on the liturgical calendar
- 12) Unless specified otherwise, Karen's rosary to be held 1/11/12 at 6 pm.

Quotable Quotes

Enlightened by grace I realized my sinfulness; I shed a flood of tears. I went to confession to be relieved of my sins, but through shame I concealed the most grievous ones, but still I went to Communion. Now my conscience tortured me day and night. I called upon St. Francis for help, and, moved by an inner impulse, I went into a church where a Franciscan Father was then preaching. I gathered courage to confess all my sins to him, and I did this immediately after the sermon. With zeal and perseverance I performed the penance he imposed, but my heart continued to be full of bitterness and shame. I recognized that the divine mercy has saved me from hell, hence I resolved to do rigorous penance; It appeared to me now as if [God] has compassion on me, and I felt the fire of divine love enkindled within me so that I could pray as I never prayed before. I had also received a special grace to contemplate the cross in which Christ had suffered so much for my sins. Sorrow, love, and the desire to sacrifice everything for Him filled my soul."

Angela of Foligno

"In 1848, I realized that if I wanted to get anywhere in doing some good, I had to put politics aside. From then on, I always shied away from politics and managed to do good without interference. In addition, I found help where I least expected it."

- Don Bosco

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." Therefore, according to the Gospel, any citizen can be a good Catholic – that is, side with Jesus Christ and the Pope, and do good to his fellow men – and at the same time side with Caesar, namely, observe the laws of the land, except when the rulers persecute religion or tyrannize the consciences and minds of citizens."

-Don Bosco

Did you know?

According to the Council of Ephesus, 431 AD, Mary is the mother of God. The child she conceived and bore is God the Son. In his divine nature he had existed eternally. But his human nature he owed to her as much as anyone owes his human nature to his mother. Do not think it sufficient to call her the mother of his human nature; natures do not have mothers [a person does]; she was mother of the person born of her.

Frank Sheed, *Theology for Beginners*

In 1969 the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, formerly celebrated on October 11, was transferred to January 1, replacing the feast of the Circumcision, which by coincidence always fell on New Year's Day.

The Little Blue Book

The Magi have long been the subject of stories and legends. In early tradition, they came to be looked upon as kings, probably because of Psalm 72 (written for the coronation of one of David's successors): "The Kings of Arabia and Sheba shall bring tribute." No one knows how many Magi there were. The three gifts have given rise to the number commonly used.

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Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, the popular Christmas story, debuted in 1939 as a seasonal promotion for the Montgomery Ward department store chain. Robert May created it for the department chain. In 1950 he collaborated with a composer and it was made into a musical version.

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