



# The Cord

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Hackensack, NJ

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: <http://franciscanhackensack.tripod.com>

Gathering: Thursday, March 10, 2011

**\*\*Beginning with Mass in the Church Hall at 7:30 PM\*\***

**\*\*Remember to enter through Holt St. door or Rectory Parking lot\*\***

Instructions are now on the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM (Except March)

## THIS MONTH:

### ARTICLES 20, 21 & 22 OF THE RULE

FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS WE WILL DISCUSS THE PORTION OF THE RULE THAT DEALS WITH LIFE IN FRATERNITY. [PLEASE READ ARTICLES 20-22 ON THE REVERSE.](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS! THIS IS THE LAST MONTH OFFICIALLY, BUT YOU MAY BRING ITEMS ALL YEAR.

**SWEET REMINDERS: PAT CERVINO WANTS TO TREAT US!**  
**CLOSING PRAYER: TRUDY GASSENHEIMER**

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**PLEASE PAY YOUR FAIR SHARE (\$34) THIS MONTH**  
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**PLEASE NOTE:** The first week of April marks our Region's turn to pray the perpetual novena, on behalf of the people of Darfur, Orissa, Pakistan, and the Philippines. See reverse of prayer list or [CLICK](#) here for novena prayer.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** Annarumma Fam.; Karen Ferrari and Fam.; Connie Ricci; Mary Berrillo; Ramona Torres; Marie Sortino; Maria Terranova; Virginia Franco; Alice LeForest; Rosa Morales; Patricia Franz; Anna Licamelli; Flora Hand; Bob Mauro

**Special intentions** Frank Cavallo, Marie Sortino, Tumminia Family & Trudy Gassenheimer

**Family Members:** Terry Gavin; Marguerite Philips; Jim Philips; Eddie Nash; Carroll Family; Liz Cox; Joseph Stamilla; Michael Ferrari; Gregory Hanrahan; Cathy Champon; Antonio Savoia; Rose Mauro; Robert Mauro, Sr.; Charles Licamelli; Declan Henky, Allen Arrabito. Rose and Ed McManus

**Repose of the Soul of:** Miga Sigona (former member of our fraternity); Giuseppe Quasarano (Joanne's father).

### Treasurer's Report

<b>\$1174.88</b> Balance forward <b>+ 42.00</b> Income* <b>\$ 1217.88</b> *Common Fund and donation	<b>Good and Welfare</b>  <b>\$150.00</b> <b>+17.00</b> <b>\$167.00</b>	<b>Fair Share for 2011 \$34</b> <b>2011 Fair Share is now due!</b> <b>\$25 collected toward</b> <b>second payment</b> <b><u>Please pay if you have not</u></b> <b><u>done so.</u></b>
		<b>Spiritual Life Fund</b> <b>Bal: \$120</b>

**STATUE OF OUR LADY:** March: Adelina; April: Karen; May: Natale; June: Lucy (sign up this month!)

**BIRTHDAYS:** March 3: Alejandro Polanco; 9: Natale Tumminia; 12: Iris Campillo; 19: Marie Sortino; 31: Josephine Gebbia; April 8: Jean Kohler; 20: Fr. Anthony Giudice

**Correspondence:** "Thank You" for the Mass card from Joanne Tumminia; Fr. Sylvester thanks us for the Cord and remembers us in his Holy Hours;

**Apostolate of Prayer:** Please pray for those on the [PRAYER LIST \(CLICK ONLINE\)](#) and for their intentions.

### Mark Your Calendar:

**April 30, 2011:** Convivenza will be held in Yonkers, NY. Details to follow

**April 30-May 1:** Baby Shower for Birth Right (Also at May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting)

**June 9, 2011:** Fraternal and Pastoral Visitation of our Fraternity

**Council Members: \*\*Next Council Meeting: MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011\*\***

Harry Henky, SFO  
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201-445-2690

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Vice Minister  
201-281-6291

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Fr. Francisco  
Arredondo,  
OFM Cap.

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## Chapter Three: Life In Fraternity

**20:** The Secular Franciscan Order is divided into fraternities of various levels -- local, regional, national, and international. Each one has its own moral personality in the Church. These various fraternities are coordinated and united according to the norm of this rule and of the constitutions.

**21:** On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions. Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community. Within themselves the fraternities are structured in different ways according to the norm of the constitutions, according to the various needs of their members and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council.

**22:** The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members.

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### Lenten Meditation for March 10, 2011

Maureen McCann Waldron  
Collaborative Ministry Office  
Creighton University

Visit the online Ministries site: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

#### Readings for the day: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Luke 9:22-25

*"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."* -- Luke 9

In two paragraphs, today's Gospel gives us a summary of the life of following Jesus. It will not always be easy and it requires living in a different way than others in the world.

Christian history is filled with people who sacrificed their lives for their faith, but for most of us, "losing our life" does not mean physical dying as we try to live out this life as followers of Jesus. The way most of us "lose our life" is much less dramatic, much less memorable, much more ... everyday. How are we being asked to give ourselves away in the here and now?

Here on the second day of Lent, many of us might be thinking of what we might "give up" for Lent. It's an old custom and a good one, and if we began it as children, we might remember giving up chocolate, television or desserts. But as we grow older, we might be looking for something with more meaning to it. This Lent might be a time to "give up" something that will make us different persons 40 days from now.

For some, it might be giving up gossip. Each morning in Lent – and many times during the day - we can pray to God to give us the grace to refrain from repeating stories about other people. How about negative comments or sarcasm? Can I pray for the grace to stop myself from saying something negative?

Or what about my spouse? Have I gotten lazy in the relationship? I could beg Jesus each morning to help me to do something kind for my spouse that day – something tiny like making him coffee, putting a note in her briefcase, an unexpected hug and kiss.

For the people in all of our lives who drive us crazy: could we give up fretting about them all the time? Could we say a small prayer each day for the person who makes us crazy?

Doing any one of these things faithfully and faith-fully for six weeks will change our lives and the lives of others around us. It is part of what God is inviting us to this Lent: a chance to make myself a better person and a chance to connect each day with God.

Jesus asks today, "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?" For the next six weeks of this Lenten season, we can truly find ourselves by giving up our own needs and desires and focusing on the lives of others.

**Apostolate of Prayer list  
March, 2011**

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*If you receive the Cord online, the list below is a more compact version of the prayer list for printing.*

Adriane	Anne Gadoury	Rosa Morales (Sp. Int.)	James & Andrea Smullens Fam..
Mother Angelica..	Gae	Leonora Mosca	Steven & Calliope Sofos..
Angelo	Frank Gallitano	Rose & Ed Mulder	Marie Sortino
Glen Beck.	Trudy Gassenheimer (sp int)	Peter 7 Bev Murphy Fam.	Frank Spina & Family
Gerry Bello & family	Terry Gavin	John Nacco (Sp. Ints.)	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.
Zoila Blacio	David & Lolita George Fam.	Louise Nash	Helen Stachura
Blessing Board ints.	Roy & Diana George Fam..	Fr. Peter Nicosia.	Jen Stepanek.
Dallas Boushey..	Vincent & Maria Giambona, Sr. Fam..	Nilda	St. John Vianney intents.
Edward & Pat Boyce Family	Gabrielle Giffords	James & Lola Norton Fam.	Jean & Giuseppe Tasca
Sally Brown.	Miriam Gomez Bracetty	Pres. Barak Obama..	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Bro & Sis of Prayer-all int	Warren Grasso	Brian O'Regan.	Maria Terranova
Dolores Bruno..	Fr. Bob Grix, OFM Cap.	Brian & Lynn Ortale Fam..	Colin Then..
Silvio Buda Family.	Fr. Benedict Groeschel..	Henrietta M. Boyce Page..	Greg Thweatt..
Serena Caffo.	Flora Hand	Michael & Beth Page Fam..	Ramona Torres
Aunt Carmella	Harry	Robert John Page..	+Ute
Mrs. Castle	Declan Henky	Stephen & Julia Page Fam.	Mike V.
Cathy Champon	Ralph & Frances Henry..	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Frank and Cassie VanDuyne
Joseph Chandley.	+Vincent Fratello	Vinny & Jo Pastore	Matteo Vianello.
Cheri	Hospital Intentions	Fr. Pat	Gerard & Ruth Villemaire.
Adelina Cianni	Bill & Rose Ingoglia	Stefani Pedone (Sp. Int.)	Joe & Lois Viola
Angelo & Rose Cincotta..	Nancy Ippolito	Josephine Pedulla..	Diane Vitale
Michael & Polly Coates Fam	Garren Janes & Fam.	CJ Personette	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam..
James Conley Family.	Jeanette	Jim Philips	Barbara Robb Whalen..
Fr. Edson Costa	Joan & Nick	Marguerite Philips	Halina Wielgosz
Mark Culligan	JoAnn's mother	Debbie Phranger	Johanna Winter.
Terri Daniello	Brian Jordan.	Mildred Piccone & Family	Katherine Wobby.
Rosa Danna	Pearl Katz..	Virginia Pichon.	Fr. Bob Yurgel
Fay D'Arminio	Jim Keyes	Paul Pileggi (sp. int.)	Anna Z.'s sp. intentions
Lee D'Arminio	+Harry Kump	Anthony Polifronio	Madalena Z.
May D'Arminio	Alice LeForest	Paul Polifronio	Zurybida Family
Mickey D'Arminio	Eric LeGrand.	POOR CLAIR prayer list	
Marie Rose DeLorenzo	Arleen Levinson..	Porta Family	
Linda DeMiglio	Rosemary LoCascio	Pope Benedict XVI..	
Diane (Sp. int.)	Marcellus & Pat Liotta	Vin & Jo Puglisi	
Dolores's Intentions	Melva Lopez	Enza Ranieri Realmonte..	
Donna	Toni & Rocco Losquadro	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	
Dorcas	Carl and Kathy Magnifico	Roberta	
Doris and Bill	Julio Magnifico	Joyce Roller	
Sepi Esch	Elsie Mariniello	Duane Rose and family	
Edwin & Jane Fehrs.	Michael Marino & Family	Rosy	
Michael Ferrari	Mark and Scott	Marcia S. & Richard S.	
Flora's intentions	Jackie Marlow..	Al & Doug Sachs..	
Robert Fox..	Judy Mayo	Tim Santora	
Jeff & Katherine Fracke Fam.	Rosa Isgro Mazzeo	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
Pat Franz	Bernadette McFadden	Ilene Samuels..	
Lisa Frazza	Ed and Rose McManus	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Paul Frazza	Charlie Mechanic.	Joseph & Infinita Scordo..	
Peggy Frazza	Jo Mellone	Betsy Sessions.	
Linda G.	Betty Michaels	+Miga Sigona	
Gabriel & Angela	Miriam's aunt	Thomas Slattery	

## **Our Region prays this Novena during the first week of April**

### **Franciscan Novena Prayer of Solidarity**

*(On behalf of the people of Darfur, Orissa, Pakistan, and the Philippines)*

Merciful Father, Prince of Peace, Spirit of Wisdom and Compassion, please look upon our brothers and sisters in Darfur, Orissa, Pakistan and the Philippines, and in all the world. We humbly pray:

-----For those who have been subjected to violence: women, children, young and old men, we ask for healing, consolation, and relief of further suffering.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be*

*St. Francis and St. Clare, pray for us.*

-----For those who have done violence, we ask for healing, forgiveness, and the grace of conversion.

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-----For those in authority throughout the world, we ask wisdom, creativity, compassion and courage in addressing this situation.

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Lord Jesus, Your Sacred Heart burns for love of all your people. Please place in our hearts that same love and inspire us to have the courage, wisdom and ingenuity to take what measures we can personally to relieve the suffering in these places. We pray this in the Name of Jesus, our Lord, through the intercession of the sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Memorare:** Remember oh most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, oh Virgin of Virgins, my mother. To thee to I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Oh mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen