

...IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF IT, FOR CHRIST!

**BONAVENTURE AND HIS LESSONS ON ST. FRANCIS:**

**Chapter III—The Foundation of the Order—the Rule is approved**

10. Francis immediately gave himself up completely to prayer; and as a reward for his fervor, it was made known to him what he should say, and simultaneously it was revealed to the pope what he should think. Francis told the pope a story which he had learned from God about a wealthy monarch who voluntarily married a poor but very beautiful woman and had a number of children by her. These resembled him closely, so that they had the right to eat at his table. Then Francis added, by way of explanation, "There is no danger that the sons and heirs of the immortal King will die of hunger. They have been born of a poor mother by the power of the Holy Spirit in the image of Christ the King and they will be followed by others who will be brought to birth in our Order by the spirit of poverty. If the king of heaven promises his followers an eternal kingdom, he certainly will not let them go short of the material goods he bestows on good and bad without distinction." When the pope heard this story and its explanation, he was amazed and he realized



without the slightest doubt that Christ had spoken through Francis. Only a short time before, he had seen a vision from heaven and by divine inspiration he now testified that it would be fulfilled in Francis. As he himself described it, he had a dream in which he saw the Lateran basilica which was threatening to fall being held up by a poor beggarman who put his back to it. "This is certainly the man," he added. "By his work and teaching, he will uphold Christ's Church." As a result of his vision the pope was filled with reverence for Francis and granted his request unconditionally. He always had a special regard for him and, while granting what he asked, he promised to give the friars greater powers in the future. He approved the rule and gave them a mission to preach repentance, conferring the clerical tonsure on the laymen among Francis' companions, so that they could preach the word of God without interference.

Bonaventure—Major Life of St. Francis (1263)



**VISITOR'S MESSAGE**  
**Homily by Fr. Robert Altier: Guardian Angels**



In the Gospel reading today, we hear Our Lord telling us about the guardian angels of the little children. People tend to think about guardian angels when they think of children. There is that beautiful holy card with the little child trying to cross the rickety old bridge and the angel standing right there. We put little angel pictures above babies' cribs and then we forget all about angels once the babies are not babies anymore. But our angels do not forget about us - Thanks be to God!

and every one of us needs to get to know our guardian angel. Our angel is a gift from the Lord. He is there to guard us; He is there to lead us. Our angels, as we read in the Gospel, are looking at God face-to-face at all times. And so, your angel, even though he is right here with you, is beholding the face of God and honoring and glorifying the Lord. He is praying for you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; because he is an angel, he does not get tired so he can do that constantly. And he is right there with you.

Each and every one of us has a guardian angel, and each

Our Lord told us, as He told the Israelites in the first reading from the Book of Exodus, that we need to heed

His voice and we need to obey Him. Now the problem is that most of us totally forget that we have an angel right there. Not only do we not heed his voice, we do not even try to listen for it because we pay no attention to the fact that our angel is there, or we forget totally about it. But our angels are there.

An angel is a messenger sent from God and he is there to help us, to guard us, and to lead us, as I mentioned, as he led the Israelites out through the desert and into the Promised Land. The Lord tells us in the first reading: "He will bring you to the Hittites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Jebusites ... and I will wipe them out." What your guardian angel is going to do is lead you to all those areas of sin in your life. He will bring you to those areas to deal with and God will wipe those things out. The enemies of your soul are what God is concerned about. He wants to bring you into The Promised Land - which is Heaven, and anything which is going to keep you from that, God wants to get rid of. Your angel is going to help you with that, but we need to listen to him and we need to obey him.

This is something that we need to get very firmly into our minds because I personally believe the day is coming, and rather soon, that the work of the holy angels is going to become extraordinary in the world. When we look, for instance, at the Book of Revelation, we see on every single page the angels doing their work. When there are tough times, when things get messy, that is when we are going to really need to rely upon the angels. The time is not very far ahead when that is going to happen, and the angels are going to need to communicate for us; the angels are going to need to be bringing things between one another and it is the way we are going to be able to operate. The enemies of our souls will have absolutely no authority over them because they have chosen evil, but your angel is looking at God.

The wonderful thing to consider with your guardian angel is that, because he is right there, you really have nothing to fear. By nature, your angel may even be far lower than Satan - Satan being the highest of all the angels created; but Satan has fallen from grace. Your guardian angel, on the other hand, made an act of faith and said "yes" to God, said "yes" to serve. Your angel is in grace. Your angel is looking at God. And because of grace, your

angel, though lower than Satan by nature, is higher than Satan and more powerful than Satan by grace.

Now one can wonder why, if we have a guardian angel, things still happen that are not what we consider very good. If he is supposed to be protecting us and guarding us, why does the devil seem to have the authority that he has? God allows that for our good, for our purification, for our strengthening, and so on. So it is not because your guardian angel is asleep on the job or not doing what he should. Your guardian angel will be right there with you to help you know how to handle the situation - once again, if you turn to him. We should be praying to our angels regularly. We should be carrying on conversations with our angel throughout the day, asking for help. He is not going to force himself upon you. He is right there 24 hours a day doing work that you will absolutely never know until you get to Heaven. But still, he will not force himself upon you; in his humility, he will wait for you to ask. He will do things when it is necessary, certainly, but he will wait for you to ask for help. You need to remember that he is there and you need to ask him. That is what we have to be about.

God has given us an extraordinary gift in giving us an angel. Just think about his humility. We have Satan, on one hand, who says, "I will not serve!" You have your guardian angel, on the other hand, who says "yes" to God, enters into the glory of eternity in Heaven, and then says "yes" again to God to come down to be with us, to guard us, the little speck of dust that we are. Your angel beholds God face-to-face and then has the humility to come to be with us for the duration of our lives - and even to be with us in Purgatory if that is where we have to go. Our angels are extraordinary. They are humble, and in that humility they have power. They have a power that will help us to overcome Satan and all his minions.

This is the gift that God has given, and we need to acknowledge the gift. But not just acknowledge it generically and say, "Oh yeah, I believe in angels and I know I have a guardian angel," but to acknowledge it by living it, by living our lives in union with our angels so that we, through them, can be worshiping God constantly, that through them we will be able to hear the Word of God. We will hear His voice and obey Him.

*\* This text was transcribed from the audio recording of a homily by Father Robert Altier with minimal editing.*



## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE...All Hallowed Eve

All Hallowed Eve is now called Halloween. At one point it was celebrated as the vigil of All Saints day. Then somewhere in time the world took it up and made it a spook festival, and it continues most notably as that even to this day. It has great

significance to us penitents however. It is a time when we can examine our life and check our focus.

We can examine our life and see if we are concerned about souls. The salvation of souls is our business. Our souls, of course, which are our immediate and primary concern, but also, by reason of living the Rule, the souls of others and good of the world around us. We have a big mission. We have made it so by reason of deciding to do

penance for ourselves and others, to save our souls and the souls of others.

Somewhere it is written that as we advance in our growth in holiness we become more Christ-like, and Christ was first and foremost concerned about the salvation of souls. It was the focus of his entire life and mission, and it was to this end that he directed His apostles to go out and search for others, to become 'fishers of men'. He did not tell them to go out fishing for themselves. Nowhere did he say they had to try to do things to save their own souls. It was most apparent, from the direction he gave them, that their salvation was secured so long as they did as He instructed. His focus for them, once they were with Him in His work, was to teach them to reach out to others. In searching for others, and trying to help others to save their souls they would save their own souls. In that is a great message for us.

We need to be concerned for others. Like the apostles we are 'fishers of men' also. Not specifically as clergy, or even religious, but as the holy people of God, people concerned for their brothers and sisters. We need to direct our prayers, works, and sufferings towards saving souls, as Jesus did.

When we first were going to form the BSP we were directed by leaders in the Secular Franciscan Order to bring the question of living the First Rule to the Church. They felt it was not a matter for the SFO to address at all, but because of the very powerful, mystical, way that the Lord had called us to form the BSP they did not think we should ignore the call. So, in order to bring the BSP before the Church we decided to call upon Bishop Roger

Schwietz, then bishop of Duluth. We chose him because he was Bruce's confirmation sponsor, and a friend of the Fahey family. He happily set up a meeting for us on Halloween of that year at his office in Duluth.

In that meeting we discussed the possibility of trick-or-treaters showing up and questioned if it was the best night for our work. The bishop made it clear that "All Hallowed Eve" was the perfect night for the meeting when the subject was a Rule of Life that was given to all of humanity by a Saint to save their souls. He was right, of course, and we had a great meeting and the BSP was set on the path that it remains on to this day by that good bishop, now Archbishop of Anchorage, Alaska.

So, if this is our life, what should our focus be? Our focus should be on living this holy life for the good of our souls and the souls of others. As we approach Halloween, All-Hallowed-Eve, this year, let us examine our lives, take a moment to consider how we are living the Rule for the love of God, the good of our souls, and, most importantly, the souls of others. Are we living a holy life? If not, shouldn't we be?

In every regard we are witnesses to Jesus Christ through our lives in this world. We go out, like the further 72, and go into every place that Jesus can be and needs to be taught or received, and we do that in every corner of the world, where we live. We are his witness, and as we walk gently along, breathing prayer, sacrifice and the love of God to all we meet, we invite by example and if need be, our words, everyone to come to the Lord: "Come, be holy; come, seek the life that never ends; come, be my friend."

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**"You are united to me; fear nothing. But know, my child, that Satan hates you; he hates every soul, but he burns with a particular hatred for you, because you have snatched so many souls from his dominion."**

—Jesus to St. Faustina in her diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul



## **NO GREATER LOVE by Paul Beery BSP**

**"The Love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."** (Romans 5: 1-5)

"The card dangled above the old lady's bed. It read **GOD IS NEAR** but it wasn't like the usual religious text. It didn't have a frame or ornate printing. It was just a strip of cardboard about eight inches long with plain lettering which might have said "No smoking" or "Exit" and it was looped carelessly over an old brass gas bracket so that Miss Stubbs from where she lay could look up at it and read **GOD IS NEAR** in square black capitals." (Opening paragraph of "God is Near," by James Herriot)

The stories by James Herriot, English veterinarian, were our favorite bedtime reading for years. I'll never forget this story because it struck home so forcefully. The phrase "God is near" is so precious and personal, and so true. The "old lady" in question was very smart. Ultimately she was concerned about whether her pets would join her when she actually met the God of Heaven who was only "near" her in this life. But her heart was in the right place. She knew why she was on earth and where she was going. Who knows how many times she called to mind the Presence of God by looking at that

card. She was ill and confined to bed most of the time. That got me to thinking: can't anyone do the same thing?

How much time do we lay awake, trying to get to sleep? What a wonderful time to remind ourselves of the Presence of God! It is a time to turn possible frustration to prayer! Distractions are at a minimum, it is quiet, and the still, small voice can be clearly heard. Perhaps all we need is a gentle reminder that **God is Near**, and you can open your heart to Him!

That is the very first point we learned from Fr. Kasel's "Christian Anthropology of the (Human) Heart." Father gave us a wonderful talk on this subject at the recent BSP retreat. I will give the seven theological presuppositions, and guess which one is first?

1. **God is utterly near!** (Jn 15: 1-11)
2. **God is actively pursuing each of us.** (Heb 4: 11-13)
3. **Personal subjective experiences are always governed by the objective spiritual authority of Scripture and the Church's living Tradition as spoken through the Magisterium.** (Acts 20: 17-32)
4. **The Father's Spirit desires to give only consoling love at the Cross with Jesus.** (2 Cor 1: 3-7)
5. **It is in human weakness with Jesus that we experience the strength of the Holy Spirit.** (2 Cor 12: 9-10)
6. **True discipleship depends upon a desire to seek after and do the will of God.** (Mk 14: 32-37)
7. **The reign of God is at hand.** (Mt 10: 5-8)

That God is utterly near and actively pursues each of us is the reason we are in the BSP! This is our response to the Hound of Heaven! We are saying "Yes Lord, come into our hearts. You are welcome to stay there full-time." And we are not only **saying** 'Lord, Lord,' but we intend to **do something** to make Him welcome, to make our life pleasing to God on a permanent basis: live the Rule specifically designed by St. Francis himself to bring us faithfully home to the Heart of God through our purification and sanctification. Can there be a greater adventure in life?

And once we have committed to participate in this great adventure, we are able to stay on the straight and narrow by submitting ourselves to the **objective spiritual authority of Scripture and the Church's living Tradition as spoken through the Magisterium**, just as Francis did. It is really heart-rending to see so many fall away from the goal, or slip off on some worldly detour with a dead-end. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and our Life. He established the Church to guide us on the Way, a Church that was up and running before the New Testament came into being. Many of the faithful have found that submission to His Living Teaching Authority can be a heavy cross to bear, for we all have plans, and think they are the best plans in the whole world. Then they run into opposition, accompanied with varying degrees of suffering. Yet we know that the **Father's**

**Spirit only desires to give consoling love at the Cross with Jesus.** Suffering in union with Jesus deepens our love. The love of God is a redemptive, self-sacrificing love very different from that which we most often encounter in life.

Human frailty is at one and the same time our greatest weakness and greatest strength. "My Power is made perfect in (your) weakness." And that is the great mystery: our weakness is healed by the "weakness" of Jesus on the Cross. **It is in human weakness with Jesus that we experience the strength of the Holy Spirit.** How long does it take to cease relying on our own strength, and depend completely on the Holy Spirit to guide us on the Way? We seek to be disciples of Jesus, yet rely on our own desires. The Holy Spirit teaches us to trust in God, in the plan of God for our lives. For **true discipleship depends upon a desire to seek after and do the will of God.** Jesus taught us this lesson most dramatically during the Agony in the Garden: "Not My will, but Thine be done."

How often do we find that even seemingly good and holy plans and desires are frustrated in one way or the other? How can we know what God has in mind? "Jesus, I trust in You." The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is one of the most consoling devotions given to mankind. When the going gets tough, we can throw ourselves on the Mercy of Jesus.

How is this Divine Mercy communicated? October is the month devoted to Mary. She not only brought God **Near**, but **down to earth** in our very midst: the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God. It is difficult to over-emphasize the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. As she gave birth to Jesus in Bethlehem, she has been given a role by God in giving birth to the members of the Mystical Body of Christ. She is our spiritual Mother every bit as much as our own mother is our "physical" mother. Sacred Scripture gives us hints in this direction, but the full explanation comes from **the Church's living Tradition as spoken through the Magisterium.**

Perhaps another time this Magisterial teaching can be explored, but for now I would suggest that among the Saints, St. Louis de Montfort in "True Devotion to Mary" has explained this relationship most clearly and unequivocally. As the spouse of the Holy Spirit, Mary has a direct connection with the **Father's Spirit** desiring **to give the consoling love of Jesus at the foot of the Cross.** In the book of Wisdom, wisdom is designated with a feminine pronoun "she." No one had more wisdom than the Mother of Divine Wisdom, Jesus Christ. Mary helped inculcate that wisdom to the Apostles in the early Church.

St. Francis clearly understood this relationship of Mary with the Blessed Trinity, and composed a special prayer of praise to her:

**Hail holy Lady, most holy Queen, Mary, Mother of God, ever Virgin.**

**You were chosen by the Most High Father in heaven, consecrated by Him,**

**With His most Holy Beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.**

**On you descended and still remains all the fullness of grace and every good.**

**Hail, His Palace. Hail His Tabernacle. Hail His Robe. Hail His Handmaid. Hail His Mother.**

**And hail all holy Virtues, who, by grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are poured into the hearts of the faithful, so that from their faithless state, they may be made faithful servants of God through you.**

**"The Love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Truly the reign of God is at hand!**

Paul Beery BSP - Morning Star Chapter - Minnesota



## **Well done, good and faithful servant... A MEDITATION by Janet Klasson BSP**

From the Second Reading on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."**

(1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

As is my custom when time allows, I arrived about half an hour early for mass one Sunday. It wasn't my usual parish as I was away from home, but I found a pew close to the tabernacle and knelt to pray. After a little while, two mature women, well past retirement age approached the votive stand near the tabernacle to light candles for their loved ones. I was noticing the shade of their hair—pure snowy-white—when I heard these words interiorly: "All the snow is at the summit."

I pondered this remembering again that God's ways are not our ways and his thoughts are not our thoughts. In ages past, the elderly in our society were revered and respected. Today it is much different; so often the elderly are seen as being a burden. But, in our Lord's eyes, the reality is much different.

The episode reminded me of something that happened several years ago on Holy Thursday in my home parish. After Mass I stayed to adore our Lord in the adoration chapel. Several other parishioners also stayed, among them a couple in their late eighties. Stiffly they walked, but reverently, bowing as much as they were able, to acknowledge the Lord's presence. They stayed about 15 minutes, then got up to leave, again bowing as much as they were able. At that moment, I heard these words interiorly: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Beyond the words, I felt in my heart the Lord's absolute respect for the elder faithful. It brought me to tears and helped me see the elders with, not so much new eyes, but with a new heart.

Sometimes I think elders themselves feel that they have outlived their usefulness, but nothing could be further from the truth. For, as St. Paul tells us, "God's power is made perfect in weakness." When we are young and

able, much of the time we spend working for the Lord is done with whatever time we have to spare. There is the temptation to feel we are doing it in our own power and often we have our own agenda. When we get older, he puts a belt around our waist and leads us to a place we would rather not go. It is in taking up this cross and following him that he is finally able to accomplish in us the greatest work of our lives—if we let him.

And what is that work? St. Francis did not consider himself a friend of Christ unless he loved the souls that Christ loved. He used to say that nothing is more important than the salvation of souls. This is the work that elders must take up. Lighting votive candles is an outward sign of an inward attitude of prayer for souls.

When I heard the words, "All the snow is on the summit," our Lord was trying to tell me that these elders were accomplishing the greatest work of their lives—the salvation of souls. This is a great spiritual battle. The weapons God provides to fight the battle—namely suffering and humiliation—are not those we would necessarily choose to take up. But remember that these are the same weapons Christ himself used on the cross. These weapons are invincible, as Christ himself proved. A soul that offers every moment of ignominy, agony, or abandonment to the Father is on the cross with Christ shedding blood for the salvation of souls. There is nothing more important or more urgent.

An elder faithful who makes a prayer of surrender each morning for the sake of souls can be confident that every indignity and medical treatment, every tear and pain, every moment of loneliness and feeling of abandonment is being used by God in a powerful way to save souls. Everything on earth will fade away, and elders feel this

more keenly than the rest of us, but what joy it will be to know forever the gratitude of the souls we have assisted with our prayers and sacrifices. What unimaginable joy it will give us to hear the Lord's words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Prayer: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this

day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, the reparation for sin, and the purification of your Holy Bride, the Church. I accept all things from your loving hand for your kind and mysterious purpose, and may your holy will be always accomplished in me and through me for your glory. Amen.

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**"Ask of the LORD rain in the spring season! It is the LORD who makes storm clouds. And sends men the pouring rain." (Zechariah 10:1)**

*My children do not weep over the things you see happening, but cast your eyes and your cares upon your loving Abba. In each moment I sustain those who love me and keep my commandments. Outside of me there is only darkness, but I bring the spring rains and water the fertile plain of your soul, so that what I have planted will bear fruit for the kingdom. For a soul surrendered to me, not a moment is wasted, but the field of their heart remains tilled and ready. Pray for the rains and wait in joyful hope for the promise of the Father."*

Beloved Abba I feel a sense of joyful expectation at your words. Help me to be ready, ever vigilant, that my field will not run to weeds through sloth. Jesus in your mercy grant me every grace in my necessity for the sake of the Kingdom. Amen.

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## **FROM THE 'SPARROW'...Trust in God**

The peace of Jesus to each of you. October 1, is the feast day of St. Therese, the Little Flower.

Most people are unaware that she had a soft spot in her heart for hardened criminals (like me) and went out of her way in prayer to reach these seemingly lost and abandoned souls. In short she was, in the best of definitions, a true friend of the Lord to the ones He died for. A closer examination is in order here to contrast her actions to the Gospel.

At times we all need a friend, someone who cares about us and our struggles. In fact, we do have someone to talk to who will NOT judge us but will unconditionally accept and love us. Scripture says that Jesus sat down with the tax gatherers and sinners who came to him. They felt comfortable coming and listening to Him, perhaps because they knew He offered compassion and

healing. As Jesus was both cleansing and making people whole, the Pharisees and scribes began to grumble. They complained that Jesus was receiving sinners and eating with them.

This is amazing! The pure, holy, spotless lamb of God not only listened to impure, unrighteous sinners like me but touched them and ate with them!!

We do not have to be discouraged by those around us today, and there are many, who are quick to judge and keep records of our faults. Instead we can encourage ourselves and others with the truth that Christ is always ready with open arms to receive us and make us whole.

The Lord loves you & accepts you as you are...

The Little Flower does as well...

The Little Brother Sparrow does also!



Bob Hall BSP. Little Flower Chapter





## MEDITATION ON THE PASSION by Dawn Usak, BSP

### Second Station: Jesus Takes Up His Cross

**We adore you oh Christ and we praise you.**

**Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

Oh my Jesus, how heavy and painful is the cross laid upon your shoulders—bending You beneath its weight. Yet You lovingly embrace it knowing it is for my sins that You endure this agony.

My Lord and my God, help me to live my life so as to ease Your burden.

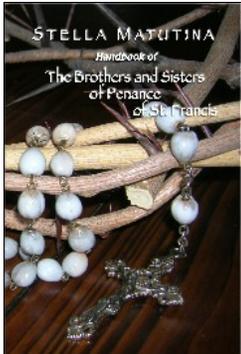
Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be..., Amen.

*(Stations of the Cross. Painted by Sister Mary Leo Hergarten, SSND (1900-1959). Born in Milwaukee, Sr. Mary Leo studied art in Munich, Germany (1930-1934) and later headed the art department at Mount Mary College in Wisconsin. Suffering poor health, witnessing her mother's chronic illness and saddened by the premature deaths of siblings, Sister found her comfort in the Passion of Jesus. This set of Stations, painted in 1953, was first erected in the old St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee, Minn. When the Sisters of St. Francis made major modifications to the Chapel they gave the set to Fr. Robert Bayer, who mounted them at the Franciscan Retreat Centre, Prior Lake MN.)*



## MORNING STAR: NEWS ON THE ASSOCIATION...

### HANDBOOK OF THE ASSOCIATION...



The BSP Handbook, titled ***Stella Matutina: Handbook of The Brothers and Sisters of Penance of St. Francis*** is now available for order. We have used a print-on-demand service at Lulu.com to print the book. This means we do not have to keep a stockpile of books, but customers order directly from Lulu, which prints them as they are ordered and ships them directly to the customer. This simplifies the ordering process for the administrators.

There is a link to the ordering page on our BSP Homepage. You will need a credit card or a Paypal account to order. Cost is \$10.00 plus shipping (\$3.99 for a single book).

**Bruce and Paul also have copies available.**

May the Rule of 1221 lead many souls on the path to holiness.

Bruce and Shelley Fahey, Administrators

**"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."**

(2 Cor 1 3-5)



# The BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF PENANCE OF ST. FRANCIS

A.k.a. BSP, is a non-profit Private Association of the Faithful, which is dedicated to renewing the ancient way of penance as contained in the First Rule of the Third Order of St. Francis of 1221 for lay people in our modern world. We have the blessing of the Catholic Church to do this through several of its Archbishops, Bishops, and priests. If you are bound by another Rule of life in another profession of the way of St. Francis that does not permit you to enter other religious families you are nonetheless invited to add the elements of this beautiful way of life that Saint Francis of Assisi gave us to the lifestyle of your profession.

All members, and Franciscans, are welcome to submit articles for consideration for inclusion in this newsletter if they are directed towards the spiritual formation of members or are the outgrowth of the lifestyle of the Association. Just send them to the BSP at minncc@aol.com. Feel free to share this newsletter with your friends or neighbors. It is intended to be the primary monthly communication of the Association, and ongoing formation for all members and friends. And if you can find it in your heart and in your budget remember that donations to the BSP are used strictly to promote the lifestyle and are tax deductible.

We remain, always, sincerely yours in the love of Jesus Christ!

*Bruce and Shelley Fahey BSP, Editors*

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