The Catholic Center

A Note from Father Frank

We are spouses when the faithful soul is joined to our Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. We are brothers (and sisters) to Him when we do the will of the Father Who is in Heaven (Mt 12:50); mothers, when we carry Him in our heart and body (cf. 1 Cor 6:20) through divine love and pure and sincere conscience and when we give birth to Him through a holy manner of working, which should shine before others as an example (cf. Mt 5:16)."

I have used the preceding quote a few times in homilies and reflections over the past years. It is from St. Francis' Second Letter to the Faithful. Reflecting on what to say and how to say what is in my heart, words are not forming. I have seen many a "holy activity" here at the Center. You are a very generous and hospitable community. Reading your cards, letters and emails over the past couple of weeks affirms the gifts of you are and how important the Catholic Center is to you. In my short tenure here, you have shown me how life is to be lived within a faith community: in outreach, being self-giving, the generosity of your time and talent and in the giftedness of your lives. You have humbled us.

We friars do not exist outside of community. Thank you for being community, for being family. You have walked with me and my family as we coped with my sister Brenda's illness and death. On that journey you have lifted me up, supported me and comforted me. I will always be so thankful. When I was here for a year on my own, you understood when I could not do

everything I needed to do. Your love and support gave me wings when I felt I could not move from the rut I sometimes found myself in. Thank you. You welcomed Fr. Casey and embraced him as you have embraced so many friars before him. There were great plans to expand, build, and grow as a faith community. This will have to wait for the giftedness of Fr. Brian and Fr. Fred.

My dear friends, you have prepared me for future ministry because as Fr. Bob Menard said last week, "You have trained me well." I know these past few years have not been perfect but no one or any community is perfect. Thank you for embracing my imperfections, accepting and challenging my ideas and policies and allowing each other to grow together. Most of all thank you for your presence...it has made the world of difference to my life and the lives of all the friars who have ministered here for the past 62 years. We all have been blessed.

A Note from Father Casey

When I look back on the way things went this year, it would be difficult to say that everything turned out how I expected. Truth be told, there were some challenges. But given the chance to go back a year and pick another ministry site, I'd still choose to spend my first year as a priest at the Catholic Center. You all have been a blessing to me—in your joyfulness after mass, overwhelming generosity to the mission, encouraging feedback, and overall witness to the faith—and I will never forget my time here. I know that you will be that same blessing to the two new priests coming to serve you, and that no matter who they are or what they do, you will continue to live with a Franciscan spirit long after Fr. Frank and I are gone. Thank you for all that you have done over the years to make the Catholic Center a wonderful place for Franciscans to serve, and thank you for being exactly what I needed in this first year.

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Mass Readings

Sunday - 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

8AM - Mary Darden † 11AM - Noleen Casey †

Monday - Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

No Mass

Tuesday - Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27

No Mass

Wednesday - Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

No Mass

Thursday - Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

No Mass

Friday - Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 No Mass

Saturday - Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

5PM - Dorothy Peltier †



... to all of our generous members who donated and Jackie Rains who organized this surprise! What a beautiful way to commemorate the impact the friars have had on our Center. Additional funds raised will go towards projects to honor the Franciscan legacy.

CONGRATS FATHER CASEY!

Congratulations to Father Casey on your one year in the priesthood! On June 22, 2019 Father Casey was ordained with some of our members present - we are so glad he got to spend his first year as a priest here at UGA!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer and the Archdiocese of Atlanta for their generous donation of \$25,000 to the Catholic Center in honor of the Franciscan Friars. This money will support our Campus Ministry and the activities at the Catholic Center.

GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP (GSYPF) BIBLE STUDY

The GSYPF Bible study will meet via Zoom on Monday, June 29 at 7:00 pm to discuss Chapter 1 in the study guide "Genesis 37-50: Joseph the Dreamer." Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at 706-613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

CATHOLIC CENTER DOOLEY CLASSIC

We are excited to announce our 18th Annual Catholic Center Dooley Classic! This years golf tournament will take place on Monday, August 24 at the Georgia Club. Generous fairways, meticulously manicured greens, and gorgeous hardwood trees make The Georgia Club one of the top-rated golf courses in the country. Proceeds will directly benefit The Catholic Student Association and our Center Outreach. We are working on plans to insure the safety of our players and volunteers. Food will be boxed individually, golf cart numbers will be increased and teams will be encouraged to socially distance throughout the tournament. For more information, to register, or to be a sponsor, please email bulletin@ccatuga.org or visit our website.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Vicky Allen, Rosilyn Andrews, Bob Brownlie, Shirley Bundy, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Brian Carr, Marty Connell, Lori Craig, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, Pilar Delaplane, George Dougherty, Julie Evans, Carlos Figueroa, Carol Garbon, Mildred George, Mikey Goodwin, Amy Hartwell, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Mikel Nicolo, Barbara O'Brien, Sharon Perrine, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Eileen Sapera, Carole Seeley, Jimmy Simons, Peggy Sudruth, Doug Tigert, Martha Tucker, and Joan Weiss.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Edward Adrian and Eileen Sapera.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for June

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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