

Always Faithful...Always Reforming

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 3-4, 2023

Greetings to everyone and welcome to our winter board meeting! While we gather through the use of technology, we still strive to hold what is sacred to us in terms of how we gather, how we center ourselves, and how we ground ourselves in our Franciscan charism. We do this so that we can ensure that we always remain faithful to who we are and what God calls us to do, while also living out our mission statement to “make all things new in Jesus Christ!”

Friday

Gather at 7:30 pm

Entrance Instrumental music: [Mike]

Welcome (Mike)

A Passage from *Franciscan Lectio...* (Fr Dan who will then lead us into and out of quiet meditation)

Reading: Mark 6:30-34 (Jackie)

The Apostles gathered with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the board by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity foer them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: KEVIN

Conversatio: Moving into break-out rooms: (Mike)

Earlier this week, we sent our Gospel Manner of Life and Ministry to you; we asked you to take some quiet time to review it and see what might stand out to you at this point in time. We will move into break out rooms to share our insights into how the Gospel we just heard might connect to this core document.

Below are some suggested reflective questions that you might want to use in your small groups – your group may also be led to move in a different direction.

- What is central to our life that leads and guides us in our personal life?
- How does this serve as the foundation for how we participate in leadership for the Mtn?

A return to large group sharing: (Mike/Terri to lead us into larger sharing)

Petitions: (Paul)

Thoughts as we head into Saturday: Mike

Lord's Prayer: Mike New

Saturday

Gather at 9:00 am

Welcome (Fr Dan)

A Passage from *Franciscan Lectio...* (Fr Dan who will then lead us into and out of quiet meditation)

Reading: Excerpt from *Commitment to What Makes Life Worthwhile* (Dianne)

Endurance is not about being too stubborn to give up on the impossible. Endurance is about having heart enough to keep on trying to do the possible, even if it is unattainable...Those who endure seek to do what is deeply important to them, no matter how difficult it may be...

We do what we do, not because we are sure to succeed at it, but because it brings out something good in us that nothing else can touch. We can endure anything for the sake of things we love...Endurance is the sacrament of commitment...

The gift of endurance is not to be wasted on trivia, denial, on stubbornness, on posturing. We are given the gift of endurance for the sake of the great things of life. Endurance has as much to do with the kind of person we are as it has to do with the kind of situation we're in...

-from *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope*, by Sr Joan Chittister

Reflections: Am I In It?? (Karen, Terri with Terri leading into short group conversation)

Prayer (Kathy)

What you hold, may you always hold. What you do, may you always do and never abandon. But with swift pace, light step, unswerving feet, so that even your steps stir up no dust. May you go forward securely, joyfully, and swiftly, on the path of prudent happiness. Not believing anything, not agreeing with anything that would dissuade you from this resolution or that would place a stumbling block for you on the way, so that you may offer your vows to the Most High in the pursuit of that perfection to which the Spirit of the Lord has called you.

Amen

- St. Clare

BOT agenda: (Mike, Paul and Terri)

9:30 – 11:00 – an update on our Mountain life, its intersection with our mission and our strategic initiatives. Examples of areas to cover include:

- What has sprung forth from the launch of Franciscan Lectio
- Travels from all the Friars related to the new province, including Dan and Kevin to Assisi.
- Kevin: Making an evangelization synodal document for the Franciscan Order
- Our time in Chicago
- Conversations with friars about new ideas (Buffalo Ite community, Itinerant community, conversation with Kevin Mullen)
- Franciscan Federation weekend
- Cottage planning
- Women's overnight
- Pilgrimage
- Master Planning conversations

11:00-12:30 - Round Robin on committees and the Council for Spirit and Life.

Closing Prayer/comments: Kevin

The board could then go into executive session if it chooses.