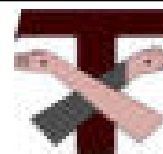


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*Your Council
members wish
you and yours
A Holy
Christmas
And
A Blessed New
Year*

The gatherings
are usually held
In Trinity
Center top
floor 4th
Sunday @1:30
pm (Subject to
change.)

@ St Michael
Catholic
Church, 804
High House
Road,
Cary, NC

No gathering
in December
~ Dec 7. 2013
See p 2 for
Our Annual
Fraternity
Retreat
at Avila
Retreat Center,
Durham

Feeding Animals & Birds to Celebrate Christmas

...especially our sisters the larks

St. Francis used to encourage civil authorities to be ever mindful of Gospel truths such as looking after the welfare of all people, animals & birds especially those who are poor and vulnerable. He urged them to enact laws for the feeding of animals on Christmas Day: Speaking of the Day of the Lord's Nativity, Francis 'wanted the poor and hungry to be filled by the rich, and oxen and asses to be spoiled with extra feed and hay. "If ever I speak with the Emperor,' he would say, "I will beg him to issue a general decree that all who can should throw wheat and grain along the roads, so that on the day of such a great solemnity the birds may have an abundance, especially our sisters the larks."

From: The Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul by Thomas of Celano.



Appointed Council Members:

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Rev Douglas P.
Reed

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Marguerite
Zombek, OFS

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Jerry Rousseau,
OFS,

Area 3 Councilors:

Frank Massey, OFS,
and

Marie Stephens,
OFS



I love you
this
much!

"Christmas, my child, is love in action. ... Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas." - Dale Evans Rogers

This is the Day the Lord Has Made, Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad

W. Stanley Driscoll OFS made his permanent profession into the Secular Franciscan Order on November 16, 2013. The Rite of Profession took place during Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Cary, NC. Father Douglas Reed, pastor of St. Michael's and Spiritual Assistant of our fraternity, officiated along with members of the Council. Stan received a Bible that belonged to the late Jane Sullivan Farris, OFS. Jane facilitated the first 6 months of Stan's candidacy formation.

After Mass, 20 of us gathered at Travinia Italian Restaurant for dinner. Stan and his wife, Jonetta's families and friends also joined in the celebration.



Fr. Doug Congratulates Stan

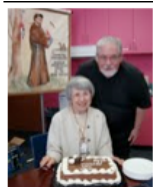
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Socials



Farewell
To Eugene



Anniversaries



Group Apostolate



Gatherings

Photos from this year