



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020
SHP-SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
NEWS BRIEF

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT – JOY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS:

For your enjoyment, attached is an explanation of some of the Christmas traditions that connect us to our faith, i.e., Advent Wreath and Candles, Silent Night, Christmas Tree, Candy Canes, Santa Clause ...

CHRISTMAS AT GRECCIO:

Please join us for an Advent anticipation of Christmas at Greccio! The year is 1223. It is Christmas Eve in Greccio. St. Francis of Assisi has obtained permission from Pope Honorius III to create a living Nativity scene for the first time. That first Nativity scene is still celebrated at the cave in Greccio to this day.



During our Advent recreation of Christmas at Greccio, we will listen to St. Francis' two biographers, Thomas of Celano and St. Bonaventure, recount and remember the events of St. Francis' first celebration of the Nativity. Our evening will begin with song. We will continue with images of Greccio while listening to Celano's and Bonaventure's historic accounts of the event, break into small groups for a short time of sharing, and then end the evening with Vespers from the Geste of the King by St. Francis.

Join us for a prayerful and engaging afternoon!

What: Christmas at Greccio: Christmas Eve 1223

Where: On Zoom

When: On Sunday, December 13th, 2020, at 4:30 PM Pacific Standard Time

RSVP: Please reserve your spot on Eventbrite at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-at-greccio-christmas-eve-1223-tickets-130312029789>

Space is limited. Please RSVP by Noon (PST) on Saturday, December 12th. If you have questions or need help with reservations, please contact Debbie Clingingsmith at debbie@clingingsmith.org or by cell at 805.574.0441. Once you make a reservation on Eventbrite, a zoom invitation and a handout for the small sharing groups will be emailed to you. This Franciscan Family event is brought to you by members of the Franciscan Theology Transfer Project, several Secular Franciscan Fraternities, and Franciscan Federation Region 6.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

SHP's Website Committee (Sr. Gloria Shuffer; Holly Fiedler, Archivist; and Rabecca Anderson, IT Specialist) are working on bringing our province's website together. It is will be a place to recognize and celebrate our past and present. For the Spirituality section, there will be a section to submit prayer requests, offer reflections, and provide information on planned retreats (once we are past COVID-19). With winter upon us and Christmas approaching, this is a natural time for reflection and prayer.



The committee is reaching out to each of you to share a reflection and/or prayer for the website. It can be a simple line or two, or even an essay in length. They would like to receive a handful of responses by December 15th. (They will accept reflections anytime.) The committee is very grateful for your support and contribution. For more information or to send your contribution, please contact Holly Fiedler at HollyF@Franciscanway.org.

SR. SARAH MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:

- December 16-17 Council Meetings
- December 17 Council Christmas Party
- December 28 @ 6pm Sisters' Chat
- January 6-7 Council Meetings
- January 25 @ 6pm Sisters' Chat

- February 8-9 Council Meetings
- February 22 Sisters' Chat
- March 8-9 Council Meetings
- March 22 @ 6pm Sisters' Chat
- April 12-13 Council Meetings
- April 15-17 or 19-21 LCWR hosting
- May 1 Jubilee-Alliance
- May 10-11 Council Meetings
- May 28-May 30 Pre-Chapter Planning
- May 30-June 6 XVIII Provincial Chapter
- June 6 @ pm New Council-Meeting
- June 14-15 Transition Council Meeting

SHP'S MISSION STATEMENT

*Awake to the transforming Love of God throughout creation,
we compassionately serve all as sister and brother by our
contemplation, presence, forgiveness, hope and joy.*