



ASSOCIATES

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 The sign of Christmas has been revealed to us: "a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes" (Lk 2:12). Like the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we welcome in the Baby Jesus the love of God made man for us. And may we commit ourselves, with the help of His grace, to making our world more human and more worthy for the children of today and of the future.” (Pope Francis)



Secular Branch Mentor Fr. Christopher Keahi, ss.cc.



Father Chris will be our guest speaker in December: ‘Living a life of Gratitude’

December Calendar

- 1 First Saturday - Immaculate Heart 
- 2 First Sunday of Advent
- 3 St. Francis Xavier
- 4 St. John Damascene
- 6 Thurs. St. Nicholas
- 7 First Friday –Sacred Heart 
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 8 Sat. Immaculate Conception
 Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Patronal Feastday of the USA)
- 9 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
Associates and GM Secular Branch meet
12:30 Small sale
1:00 Adoration
1:30 Speaker: Fr. Chris
2:00 Sharing gifts
2:15 Refreshments

- 12 Wed. Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 16 Third Sunday of Advent
- 21 Friday - St. Peter Canisius
Winter begins
- 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24 Vigil of Christmas
- 25 **Nativity of the Lord- Christmas**
- 26 Wed. St. Stephen
(Boxing Day in Canada)
- 27 Thurs. St. John
- 28 Friday Holy Innocents
- 29 5th Day within Octave of Nativity
- 30 5th Sunday –Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- 31 Mon. 7th Day with Octave of
 Nativity
New Year’s Eve

December 2018



Bring a wrapped gift (about \$5 value) to share during meeting. Let’s have some fun!

We are getting ready ...



December Birthdays

- 2 - Sr. Ivy Yim
- 4 - Avon Czerwinski
- 10 - Linda Madamba
- 12 - Yvonne Ignacio
- 15 - Linda Jose



Minutes of Nov. meeting

The Associates meeting on Nov. 11 opened with adoration in the chapel. The theme was the Good Mother whose feast day is November 23. Afterwards Aileen Kupihea gave a power-point presentation on her recent SB report at the SS.CC. General Chapter. Before beginning her presentation, Aileen shared some pictures and stories from her and her husband's Roman holiday, much to the delight of the Associates. Aileen then began her summary of her presentation by stating that the most recent figures number the SB members at 799 worldwide. In addition, she reported that the SB has regular meetings, builds relationships, does sector planning, writes newsletters, holds continental and international meetings, exercises financial solidarity(annual subscriptions, donations), and provides formation. Aileen used examples from the SB communities around the world to give a visual picture of these realities. It was very interesting to see the diversity in expressing and living the SS.CC spirituality by the various SB communities. Aileen also shared the difficulties with which the SB struggles, such as a lack of religious mentors, a lack of awareness of the SB among some religious, and the difficulty in recruiting new members. Aileen then distributed the list of decisions concerning the SB that were made at the Gen. Chapter. Everyone enjoyed Aileen's informative presentation and thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the SB. Sister then announced that Fr. Keahi has been assigned as the SB mentor and that the Associates and SB will hold a combined meeting in December during which there will be a Christmas gift exchange. The Associates then enjoyed refreshments in the dining room. *(Minutes by Mrs. Karen Kim, SB)*



Birthday Funnies

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow. Last week I asked her what she wanted as a present.

'Oh, I don't know,' she said. 'Just give me something with diamonds.'

That's why I'm giving her a pack of playing cards.

A man asked his wife, "What would you most like for your birthday?"

She said, "I'd love to be ten again."

On the morning of her birthday, he got her up bright and early and they went to a theme park. He put her on every ride in the park – the Death Slide, The Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear.

She had a go on every ride there was. She staggered out of the park five hours later, her head reeling and her stomach turning.

Then they were off to a movie theater where they ate popcorn and sweets and drank Cola. At last she staggered home with her husband and collapsed into bed.

Her husband leaned over and asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being ten again?" One eye opened and she groaned, "Actually, honey, I meant dress size!"

A couple had been debating the purchase of a new car for weeks. He wanted a new truck. She wanted a fast little sports-like car so she could zip through traffic around town.

He would probably have settled on any beat up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range.

"Look!" she said. "I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in 4 seconds or less. And my birthday is coming up. You could surprise me."

So, for her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.

Some employees bought their boss a gift for his birthday. Before opening the gift, the boss shook it slightly, and noticed that it was wet in the corner. Touching his finger to the wet spot and tasting it, he asked, "A bottle of wine?" His employees replied, "No." Again, he touched his finger to the box and tasted the liquid. "A bottle of scotch?"

"His employees replied again, "No."

Finally the boss asked, "I give up. What is it?"

His workers responded, "A puppy."

Little Johnny: Mom, do you know what I'm going to give you for your birthday?

Mom: No, dear, what?

Little Johnny: A nice teapot.

Mom: But I've got a nice teapot.

Little Johnny: No you haven't. I've just dropped it.

(Photos by Sr. Ivy Yim, ss.cc.)