Chapter VIII—Francis’ Loving Compassion and the Love Which Creatures Had for Him

3. Francis was ablaze with fervid eagerness and he longed for the salvation of souls with heartfelt compassion. He used to say that it was like sweet-smelling perfume to him or a soothing balm, when he heard that people were being converted to the way of truth as a result of the good name holy friars had won for themselves all over the world. When he was told of such incidents, he was overjoyed and he heaped his most welcome blessings on the friars who were responsible for bringing sinners to Christ’s love.

On the other hand, those who harmed the Order by their evil deeds incurred the frightful penalty of his curse, as he said, “May God and all the saints of heaven curse those who obstruct and bring to ruin by their bad example what he has achieved in the past and continues to achieve by the holy friars of this Order, as I, too, curse them.”

He was so upset when he saw inexperienced members of the Order being given scandal that he felt it would have been too much for him, if God had not upheld him in his mercy. As he prayed anxiously for his sons to God, the merciful Father, after he had been disturbed at the sight of some bad example, he heard the following answer, “Poor shepherd of my Order, do you think that I casued to be its principal protector myself? The very reason I chose you was because you had nothing to boast of, and so what I did in you would be attributed to divine grace, not to human effort. It is I who have called the friars; I will keep them and be their Shepherd. If some fall by the wayside, I will raise up others in their place. If they are not born, I will have them born. No matter how badly this Order is shaken, it will remain steadfast, through my gift.”

4. In Francis’ eyes the vice of detraction in particular seemed to be the antithesis of the religious spirit and an enmity of grace. He had a horror of it, like a snakebite or a deadly pest, and he declared that it was an abomination in God’s sight because the detractor feeds on the blood of the souls which he kills with his tongue. Once when he heard a friar taking away another’s good name, he turned to his vicar saying, “Quick, quick! Look into it carefully. If the friar accused is innocent, make an example of his accuser for all the others by correcting him severely.” He sometimes sentenced a friar guilty of hurting another’s good name to be deprived of his habit, adding that he should not raise his eyes to God until he had done his best to restore what he had taken. “A detractor,” he used to say, “is guilty of greater wickedness than a robber, because Christ’s law which reaches its perfection in love obliges us to desire the good of our neighbor’s soul more than of his body.”

(Bonaventure—Major Life of St. Francis (1263))
In the first reading today from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul says to us: All of those whom God predestined He also called; and those He called He also justified; and those He justified He also glorified. Now we put that in the context of the Gospel reading today. We see the genealogy of Our Lord going all the way back to Abraham. In this we know also that God had promised all the way from the time of Israel (Jacob, whose son was Judah) that it was from him that the Messiah was going to be born. This went back many, many generations and yet in God’s foreknowledge and in His providence He knew exactly which tribe it was that was going to bring forth the Messiah, and therefore the mother of the Messiah. He foreknew and foretold just exactly how this was going to be. We see then in the Gospel reading all of these different people who are involved in the genealogy of our blessed Lord and we realize, as we celebrate the birth of Our Lady, that from before time began God knew He was going to create the most perfect human person, exactly who she was going to be, and the purpose for that creation. He sent her into the world in the fullness of time, as Saint Paul would say to the Galatians: when everything had been prepared according to God’s foreknowledge.

Now this is something important for us because it means that God also from all eternity knew He was going to create us. He knew He was going to put us in the world precisely at this time and for His own purpose. We are not just some random thing that occurred. It is not merely by the will of our own parents that we are here, but it is by the Will of God. And He knew from all eternity that He was going to create you exactly on the day that He did. That tells you that you are here because God wants you here. It is not a mistake that you are here, but rather it is God’s foreknowledge, His providence. He has called you to Himself. Now we might look at this and say, “Well, of course He would tell us about Our Lord and Our Lady because they’re the most important people that ever lived.” But what is true of them is also true of you.

So as we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Mother today, the only human person ever to be conceived without Original Sin, the only human person ever to live the way that God intended for us to live, we rejoice. We rejoice heartily today because our salvation has begun. We celebrate the beginning in a very specific way of what God’s intention was. You see in the Gospel that in all this genealogy God’s intention carried all the way back and we can see how it worked. Salvation began, of course, with Adam and Eve, with the promise God made that there would be a Messiah and that He was going to be born of a woman, and that woman was going to crush the head of the serpent. So today as we celebrate Our Lady’s birthday, we look back a couple of thousand years; it was a day of great anguish for Satan and all of his minions because he knew that this most humble of all human persons ever to be born was also going to be the one that he would have to reckon with and the one that he would not be able to overcome.

Into our world filled with darkness and sin, a world 2,000 years ago in Palestine that was not living according to God’s way, a world that had very much gone astray, in the midst of the darkness the dawn suddenly appeared and the light began to shine and there was hope. That same dawn continues to rise through every age because the dawn is our Blessed Lady, the light shining through the darkness. She is the Morning Star. She is the one who shines in the darkness. The fathers of the Church would say that Jesus is the sun and Our Lady is the moon reflecting His light. But the moon shines in the darkness. So in the darkness of our hearts, in the darkness of our world, we have this glorious light shining to help us along the way, to give us hope, to give us confidence. Knowing that just as she was called and predestined by God and justified, so are we – not in the same way, obviously, because she is without sin. She is the only one who did it right and did it perfectly, but she is our mother. What a wonderful thing for us to be able to rejoice with all the angels, to be able to rejoice with the Most Holy Trinity that the one perfect creature God was going to make had now come into this world. As Saint John says of Jesus, The Light came into the darkness and the darkness was not able to overcome it, this is the dawn that precedes the sunrise, the dawn that broke through the darkness. And the darkness of Satan and all of his lies was not able to overcome her either. So as long as we remain close to her we will remain in the light. In the darkness of our world and the darkness of our own sinfulness, she continues to reflect the light of her Son, she continues to be the one that God sends to give us hope, to give us confidence and encouragement, in that beautiful soft maternal way to call us back to her Son and give us the confidence to continue to live the life. As she lived it perfectly in the midst of all the sin in the world at that time, we too can have the confidence that being with her we can live our lives according to God’s Will. In the midst of this world gone astray, we, like her, will be able to shine like a light in the darkness reflecting the glory of Jesus Christ in our hearts and in our lives.
So today, as we celebrate her birth into this world, with all of the angels and saints we rejoice. And as my own mother used to say every year when we would ask, "Mom, what do you want for your birthday?" she would say, “Good kids.” Well, let us give Our Lady that birthday present. Let us be the best of children living without sin, imitating our mother, and giving greater glory to her Son.

* This text was transcribed from the audio recording of a homily by Father Robert Altier with minimal editing.

ADMINISTRATOR’S MESSAGE...

Thoughts...

The thought is the father to the act. Our thoughts, while pure spirit, become reality just as God, who is pure spirit, brings everything into reality. We need to use our thoughts to glorify God, who knows our thoughts like we know the spoken word.

It goes something like this. We become what we think, if we persist in so thinking. Our thoughts will inevitably transcribe themselves in our actions. If we think we want to be successful at something, anything for that matter, we will begin to do the things to get there. We will study the surroundings, and people, who can help us reach our goals.

So it is with our spiritual life. What are your thoughts about your spiritual life? Is it important to you? Do you have a prayer life? Are you virtuous? Is virtue even important to you? If you don’t have a prayer life, and if you are not in strong pursuit of virtue, begin there. Start by desiring it. Then you will do what you need to do to find it and create it in your life. You will discover, on pondering the lives of Saints and holy people you know that they spent time at prayer, and led deliberately virtuous lives. How did they do that? Read up on them. Because they made time for prayer, and virtue, in their lives. Look at your own life and see if you have made that time. It does take time to pray. It takes even more time to grow in virtue, to fast and do good works for instance. To speak kindly to others always.

God has given us all a limited amount of time, and he has not told us how to spend it. He will however tell us how we decided to spend it when we are judged. Every minute of it.

So, we need to DECIDE to give time to prayer. And, more than that, we need to DECIDE to become holy. What? We can decide to be holy? The only answer to this question is a big YES!

Unless you decide to be holy you will not become holy. This is easy to say as it is well established, in the Church and among the Saints, that unless you want to be holy you will not be holy. This is true because to want to be holy is already holy, itself! Bravo! Step one accomplished! The Lord said: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall be satisfied.” (Mt 5:6)

So, in your thoughts hunger and thirst for holiness. Make a decision to pray more. Recognize the elements of a holy life. They are the elements of the Rule of 1221, the Rule of the BSP, by the way. You need look no further. That is why St. Francis gave us the Rule.

The rich young man of the gospel asked the Lord, “What must I do to be saved?” because it is said, he wanted to justify himself. The Lord said, “You know the commandments, and you have the prophets. Heed them.” The young man said, “I have done that.” Then the Lord looked at him with love. God is love. He said, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you own, and come follow me.” (Mt 19:21-22 ) The rich young man walked away. He couldn’t do that.

We walk away often from what we must do to be holy. That is so easy. It demands nothing of us.

So, we should all ask ourselves three questions. 1. Do I want to be holy? If the answer is ‘no’, forget it. You won’t become holy. 2. What must I do to be holy? For the Lord said we should “Be holy as your Father in heaven is holy.” (Mt 5:48) We can spend some time at this to our benefit. A good way to start is to talk to your priest, or a holy person you know. Lay down your guard, and ask them what you must do to be holy. And, 3. Am I holy? The answer to this is always ‘NO’, in capital letters, for the Lord said LK 17:10 “When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'” (LK 17:10) We can never say we are holy. That way we always keep trying to grow in holiness. We have never ‘arrived’. In fact we do well to diminish ourselves, and our self esteem, in every situation.

So, the thought is the father of the act. Today, think about becoming holy. Tomorrow, start doing it.

May the Lord bless and lead us all.

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(Reprinted from a previous BSP newsletter)
“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will Reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there will be no end.” (Lk 1:28, 30-33)

(Note 1) “Mary, Queen and Intercessor.” That was the theme of this year’s BSP Retreat at Prior Lake Retreat Center here in Minnesota, with Fr. Robert Altier as our Retreat Master. Father began with a familiar story of Solomon and his Queen Mother Bathsheba as intercessor (from the book of Kings). But Mary is not just an intercessor as Queen Mother.

I think Father made an extremely important point at the very beginning, that Mary has the utmost confidence when she intercedes for her children. We are told by Jesus to have that kind of confidence when we pray: “Believe that you will receive, and it shall be done for you.” How often do we pray with that kind of confidence, and know that our prayer will be answered?

It’s different with our Blessed Mother. She will always get what she wants, for she always acts perfectly in accord with God’s will! That is an astonishing statement, one that led St. Louis de Montfort to “True Devotion.” Know Mary, know Jesus. Mary will infallsibly lead us to her Son.

Father said we can understand Mary as Queen only in relationship with her son Jesus as King, and as the Good Shepherd. The Archangel Gabriel said to Mary at the Annunciation: “And of His Kingdom there will be no end.” At the time of Jesus there had been no king of Israel for hundreds of years, making Israel kind of a “joke” to neighboring nations. Many people in Israel desperately longed for a king, so they could be just like pagan nations with an earthly king.

But that was not the will of God. As the prophet Samuel said, “God is your King!” And it’s a very different kind of kingship than that of an earthly king. For Jesus has not come to Rule over us, but as our Savior. The Holy Name - Jesus—defines Him: “He will save His people from their sins.” (Mt 1:21) Christ the King came as our Redeemer, a task that no earthly king could fulfill.

What do our earthly rulers do for us? They make laws that protect us from external dangers, and hopefully enforce them. They can create an atmosphere in which people of good will can flourish, can work and live and love in freedom from oppression. But they cannot enter into the inner life of the soul, wherein our eternal destiny lies. They can do certain external things to and for us, but can never determine how we live, or interfere with our eternal destiny.

Father Altier said that David was proclaimed king by Samuel as a youth, but not crowned as King David until much later. Jesus too was proclaimed King, but only crowned much later on the Cross. Jesus became our King through His Passion (“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Obviously a divinely inspired inscription on the Cross attested to by Pilate the Gentile, not the Jews). Mary became our Queen through her compassion. In Genesis she was to crush the head of the serpent, her ultimate deed yet to come. At the foot of the Cross she fulfilled her greatest mission, as shown in the famous sculpture by Michaelangelo, the “Pieta.”

One definition of “compassion” is: “A deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the wish to relieve it.” Another: “To suffer together.” As Father Altier found the following insight on compassion from Cardinal Ratzinger as he discussed the time Jesus spent in Mary’s womb as “being with another.” How can there be a closer bond between mother and child than the time Jesus spent in Mary’s womb? Mary’s compassion began when she “bore Another within her,” and was fulfilled when she held Jesus in her arms after His supreme sacrifice on the Cross.

As Mary sheltered Jesus in her womb, God shelters us in Himself. Jesus’ greatest love is bearing us within Himself that we may have Life. And following Jesus, Mary’s greatest love is bearing us within her that we may have life in Jesus. She united her suffering with Jesus, and helps us “go and do likewise!” As she participated in the Redemptive work of Jesus, so too she helps us participate in that Redemptive work as the Apostle Paul says so well in Colossians:

“No I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of His Body, the Church.”

Jesus continues His Redemptive work of sacrifice/suffering at daily Mass. “His precious death and its non-bleeding Renewal at all Holy Masses on earth…” (St. Bridget’s twelve year prayer). It is His “non-bleeding” sacrifice, but our suffering as part of His Mystical Body, the Church. We are to put all our prayers and sufferings on the paten as the priest says the following Offertory Prayer: “Pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.”

The divinity of Jesus works through the priest’s humanity today, and every day. Fr. Altier reminded us of the importance of our active participation, of placing our offering on the paten with that of Jesus, so that when the bread is changed into the Body of Christ at the moment of Consecration, our offerings/sufferings are transformed into the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. That makes growth in virtue possible, when dealing with the struggles of daily life.

We don’t pray to “take this cross away,” but to accept it as God’s will, for “My grace is sufficient for you.” Mary is our model in perfect acceptance of God’s plan, giving pleasure to her Creator: “Be it done to me according to Your will.”
In her Fatima apparitions, Our Lady told the little visionaries: “In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” She said this was to follow a great chastisement in the world, including wars, sufferings, and martyrdom. Our Lady also asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. There is an ongoing debate as to whether or not the requested consecration of Russia was done to Our Lady’s satisfaction. I personally try not to get drawn into such debates, feeling the issue is best left with the Holy Father and the Bishops. For my part, I have to examine whether or not I have done my part in fulfilling Our Lady’s Fatima requests.

The main requests of Our Lady of Fatima for those who would hear her messages was for an increase in prayer, penance, and devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Certainly it makes sense that in the light of these requests our Lord has called souls to live the Rule of 1221. If we have discerned our call to live this rule, let us live it with holy joy, knowing that our small efforts, magnified in the Immaculate Heart, will bear the fruit of peace. What a gift it is to make our daily consecration to Our Lady, not just for ourselves, but for the BSP as a whole. It is a gift, not just for ourselves but for the whole world.

Perhaps someone reading this is still discerning whether they are called to a life of penance. The very word “penance” can be off-putting. But Sister Lucia herself once said, “Many persons, feeling that the word penance implies great austerities, and not feeling that they have the strength for great sacrifices, become discouraged and continue a life of lukewarmness and sin.” She went on to say that Our Lord told her: “The sacrifice required of every person is the fulfillment of his duties in life and the observance of My law. This is the penance that I now seek and require.”

The Lord asks us to be faithful to our station in life and to do what he puts in front of us. As a prelude to the apparitions of Our Lady, an angel appeared to the children. One of the messages he gave them was: “Offer up everything in your power as a sacrifice to the Lord in reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners . . . More than all else, accept and bear with resignation the sufferings that God may send you.”

In addition to penance, Our Lady requested prayer, most especially the rosary. Now in our days she has added the Flame of Love prayer to the rosary to increase its effectiveness against the enemy of our souls. It seems Our Lady has taken out “the big guns”! The power of the rosary is in the “Woman clothed with the sun” whom the Lord has appointed as the general in the battle. We are little, like David, but we need have no fear against the “giant”, for the power of God is with us in his most holy and humble Mother.
I love the triumphant prayer of David before he slays Goliath against all earthly odds: “You come against me with sword and spear and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel whom you have insulted. Today the LORD shall deliver you into my hand; I will strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will feed your dead body and the dead bodies of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field; thus the whole land shall learn that Israel has a God. All this multitude, too, shall learn that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves. For the battle belongs to the LORD, who shall deliver you into our hands.” (1 Sam 17:45-47)

Today, we have the rosary instead of the slingshot, and ours is the greater weapon because we have Our Lord and Our Lady fighting with us in the Flame of Love.

I bring all this up now, because it seems the days of trial which precede the Triumph, are upon us. Most of those reading this newsletter will already be aware of the message of Fatima. But it is one thing to know about it happening at a future date, and quite another to live it in the here and now. Saint John Paul II opened his papacy with the words: Be not afraid! Let us always remember that if we are alive in these days it is because we were MADE for these days. You, me, everyone reading this newsletter. There is much more to come, but we have been given abundant graces and powerful weapons in the spiritual life. What we need to do is to be smaller, humbler, more obedient. We need to receive the sacraments as often as we are able. We need to be in a state of constant surrender to the Divine Will. We need to LIVE the Divine Will now and at every moment leading up to the Triumph and beyond. Then if and when we are asked to suffer, we will know that God is working through that suffering to bring about the Era of Peace foretold by so many.

I long for the day when the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady, the Flame of Love, will rule over all the earth, when the evil one will once again be chained and our temptations will be all but gone. The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart will bring us a much-needed rest from the struggle against evil, most importantly the constant struggle that goes on in our own hearts. Let us not let up on our efforts at prayer and penance, praying for the grace to do more than is asked, so that, like the little children of Fatima, we may be instruments of the Lord in bringing about the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of His Mother.

May His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

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Judges 6:16 The Lord said to (Gideon), 'But I will be with you and you shall strike down the Midianites, every one of them.’

"My children, are the promises of the Lord to be taken lightly? Second-guessed? Why do you doubt? I have sent my Mother to earth to deliver my warnings. Has the world heeded? Do you think I take it lightly when my Mother is spurned? Yet even now I am ready with even more gifts for the remnant I have chosen to fight alongside my Mother. The battle rages and the enemy knows his defeat is certain. He is pulling out all stops. But my warriors have nothing to fear for I am with them. Enter into our Mother’s fiat so that you will be acting in the Divine Will and not your own. In the Divine Will all things are possible. Shed your will and do not cling to it. You have no idea what is at stake. If you did, you would not hesitate. Pick up your torches, my children. The triumph of the Immaculate Heart is near!"

Jesus, Beloved, help me to shed my will and to live in your holy will. All I can offer you is my weakness. Here it is Lord, please give me your strength in exchange. Mother most pure, help me so that all Jesus wants will be accomplished in me and through me. Mother of God, spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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(The messages on the Pelianito Journal blog are the fruit of Janet’s lectio divina. She submits all messages to her spiritual director, a Catholic priest. You may read his remarks here: http://pelianito.stblogs.com/on-private-revelation/.)
FROM THE ‘SPARROW’
Why Do We Judge?

Some people look at the men I live with here and condemn them because they stumbled in life and fell. But they did not see the blows they took yesterday or the years before in getting to this point of failure. In the same way there are those who in your world will judge a person with a limp…but cannot see the tack in the bottom of that person’s shoe. The people of the world mock the fear in the eyes of the fallen and the suffering ones…but have no idea of how many stones these lowly ones have had to duck, or darts they have had to dodge just to get through another day of being alone.

The condemned and the lowly that suffer…is it that they make too much noise and clutter up part of the beautiful view afforded to those more fortunate? Perhaps they are loud because they fear being neglected again. Are they too timid? Perhaps they fear falling again. Too slow? Perhaps they fell the last time they hurried. You don’t know and neither does the world know. Only one who has followed in yesterday’s steps of these little ones could even begin to understand or be a judge on this matter.

Not only are we ignorant about yesterday, we are more so about tomorrow. How can we judge a life that the final chapters have not yet been lived out? The Divine Artist still holds the brush and how is it that we can pass a verdict on the life He is painting until He applies the last brush stroke? How is it that we are so arrogant and pride-filled that we can dismiss a soul before God’s work is complete? Have you not read in the Scriptures that “God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again?” (Phil 1:6)

Who we perceive to be condemned and limping…God could use to be another Moses.

God forgets the past. Imitate him.

Bob Hall BSP, Little Flower Chapter

MORNING STAR: NEWS ON THE ASSOCIATION...

ST. ANTHONY CHAPTER, ESCONDIDO, CA

St. Anthony Chapter held its annual retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, CA. The focus on the retreat was our Holy Father Pope Francis’ encyclical Evangelium Gaudium. The Chapter was pleased once again to have Father Tom Herbst, O.F.M. as our retreat master. Father Tom reflected on the time of Father Francis as a time in the Church’s history for a renewed evangelism. Just as St. Paul was speaking in the immediacy of his time, so we are called as Franciscans to joyfully spread the Good News which is the only antidote for an ailing world. The call of the Church in the modern world which spoke to us in Lumen Gentium and Gaudium et Spes, continues to exhort us through Pope Francis’ encyclical.

St. Anthony Chapter website: The St. Anthony Chapter of the BSP is very excited about our chapter website which is under construction at: http://jpartistry.com/stanthonybsp/. Upon completion it will not only provide the history of the entire association, but our chapter’s history and information about our members. Of course the site will also link with the national site as well. Any suggestions or comments are welcomed.

St. Anthony Chapter retreat: On July 12, the St.
RETREAT PHOTOS...
Ted and Donna Welter were blessed to have made their professions at the retreat this year.

BSP ON FACEBOOK
Brothers and Sisters of Penance of St. Francis facebook page by Lisa Drago, BSP

HANDBOOK OF THE ASSOCIATION...
The BSP Handbook, titled Stella Matutina: Handbook of The Brothers and Sisters of Penance of St. Francis is now available for order. We have used a print-on-demand service at Lulu.com to print the book. This means we do not have to keep a stockpile of books, but customers order directly from Lulu, which prints them as they are ordered and ships them directly to the customer. This simplifies the ordering process for the administrators.

There is a link to the ordering page on our BSP homepage. You will need a credit card or a Paypal account to order. Cost is $10.00 plus shipping.
A.k.a. BSP, is a non-profit Private Association of the Faithful, which is dedicated to renewing the ancient way of penance as contained in the First Rule of the Third Order of St. Francis of 1221 for lay people in our modern world. We have the blessing of the Catholic Church to do this through several of its Archbishops, Bishops, and priests. If you are bound by another Rule of life in another profession of the way of St. Francis that does not permit you to enter other religious families you are nonetheless invited to add the elements of this beautiful way of life that Saint Francis of Assisi gave us to the lifestyle of your profession.

All members, and Franciscans, are welcome to submit articles for consideration for inclusion in this newsletter if they are directed towards the spiritual formation of members or are the outgrowth of the lifestyle of the Association. Just send them to the BSP at minnc@aol.com. Feel free to share this newsletter with your friends or neighbors. It is intended to be the primary monthly communication of the Association, and ongoing formation for all members and friends. And if you can find it in your heart and in your budget remember that donations to the BSP are used strictly to promote the lifestyle and are tax deductible.

We remain, always, sincerely yours in the love of Jesus Christ!

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