

## **St. Frances of Rome Circle**



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*St. Frances of Rome (1384-1440) was the daughter of a wealthy Italian family. She was married at the age of thirteen, and according to tradition, was an ideal wife. She was married to her husband for forty years and had three children. She assisted plague victims with her time and money. Frances sold her jewels so that she could feed the hungry during a famine. She organized a group of women who were dedicated to serving the poor and affiliated the group with the Benedictines of Monte Oliveto. Her husband died in 1436, and Frances became a nun. Her biographer reported that she was guided through her last twenty-three years of life by an archangel who only she could see. Frances was canonized in 1608.*

St. Frances of Rome Circle has as its service projects:

- The making of Baptismal Garments given to each newly baptized baby of the Parish;
- Sponsoring the annual Parish Halloween Carnival;
- Conducting an annual fundraiser. Proceeds are donated to the Parish Nursery;
- Sponsoring a visit from “Santa Claus” for the children of the Parish. (Donations are used to brighten the Christmas of a needy family); and
- Contributing to and supporting all activities of the Ladies’ Guild.

All women of the Parish are welcome to join.

**Meetings are held on the third Thursday of August thru May at 7:00 PM in the homes of Circle members or at the Church.**