

## February's Monthly Letter

Brothers & Sisters,

It's February and hearty thanks goes out to the Saints Valentine (*all 3 of them; CERC, Catholic Contributions, Culture, History of St. Valentine, Fr. William Saunders*) for all the cards, flowers and chocolates!

Though the exchange of Valentines, etc, is now a more secular custom, the message of Valentine's day remains strong. We as Franciscans, and all Christians are called to express in our own lives our unconditional love for God and our neighbor.

So, here's an idea. Perhaps, this Valentine's day, in addition to that Hallmark card, we could create a spiritual bouquet renewing our pledges to loved ones, the poor, the homeless, the lonely and our planet. As we continue this Jubilee Year of Hope it will help us to remember, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you" (*Jn 15:12*)

