Our National Vice Minister and Sister Doe

Submitted by Vickie Klick, SFO

I was fortunate to be in the Seattle area on business and spent a day with our National Vice-Minister, Elaine Hedtke, SFO. As we were finishing a picnic lunch at Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park (essentially Elaine's back yard), I took the attached photo. If one picture is worth a thousand words, you'll have to decide what this one is worth! It certainly entertained us.

GOD KNOWS

by Bettie Onorato, SFO
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For every pain that we must bear,
For every burden, every care,
there's a reason.
For every grief that bows our head,
For every tear drop that we shed,
there's a reason.
For every hurt, for every plight,
For every lonely pain racked night,
there's a reason.
But, if we trust in God
as we should,
All will work out for our good,
He knows the reason.

Garden Statue

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How content are you
as a garden statue?

You know, don't you, some now ignore you
with the same fervor they promised to adore you?

Sure, they remember your name.
but the remembering isn't the same

Recalling stories about your spiritual powers
means no more to them than spending one's free hours
skipping through fields gathering flowers.

After a while, you smile
and ask if I'd made much time to pray today.

WALK WITH FRANCIS

by Bettie Onorato, SFO
Little Flower Fraternity

Walk with Francis, hand in hand.
Walk with Francis and you'll understand
the Christ like love that he displays,
as he brings peace to all each day.

When Francis was broken he found a new love,
as God's Spirit touched him from above.
He heard Jesus speak and made a stand,
to change the heart of every man.

Walk with Francis in humility,
And when you do you will see…
the poor, the unloved and those left behind,
And as you witness their faces will shine.

The healing love that you will bring
will also refresh your soul within
Walk with Jesus the Franciscan way,
and peace will radiate from you each day.