

Council Meeting	Friday, July 7 at 7:00 via Zoom
Upcoming Events	July 21 – 23, 2023 Regional Retreat. Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House, 9270 Loyola Retreat Rd, Faulkner, MD 20664. Weekend facilitator: Fr. Charley Miller, OFM, Holy Name College, Silver Spring, Rd. For latest information see: https://saintmargaretof cortona.org/upcoming-events/



Minister's Minute:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The title of the article that I am going to quote here is *Becoming All Things to All People* from a short biography of St. Anthony of Padua.

“One of the reasons why St. Anthony worked so hard to convert heretics was because he genuinely felt sorry for them. He saw that they were depriving themselves of the most precious gift of the Eucharist and he believed that no one could long survive without this spiritual nourishment. One day a heretic told Anthony he would believe that Christ was truly present in the Eucharist only if his mule bowed to it. They established a test should take place in three days. The heretic starved his mule for the next three days. When the appointed time had arrived Anthony stood off to one side with the consecrated host in his hands while the heretic stood to the other holding some fodder for the mule to eat. The mule ignored the fact that it was starving and it went over before the Eucharist and knelt down to adore the Blessed Sacrament. There are many other miracles associated with Anthony’s ministry but they should not distract our attention from the fact that most of Anthony’s ministry was performed in simple everyday ways. It was his fervent lifestyle, his prayer, his gentleness, his humble use of learning that brought people to conversion.”

You will see ahead of you as you drive into St. Anthony’s where the road forks ahead of you is the large white statue of St. Anthony with the monstrance and the donkey bowing to it. There is a short, paved path behind it from the Carrollton House to the St. Maxmilian Kolbe Shrine. At the Carrollton House you can look out to the large garden for the poor that Catherine will talk about. You pass it on your right as you drive in. St. Therese grotto is on the left.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on this Saturday, June 17, at the Shrine for our visit to St. Anthony’s Shrine.

PEACE, LOVE AND JOY, JUDITH

Opportunity to Evangelize

As a way to evangelize, we would like to begin parish visits. This could be done on a Hospitality Sunday at your parish. We would be available to speak with fellow parishioners and hand out information about Secular Franciscans. If this couldn't be done at your parish but you would still like to make the Secular Franciscan presence known, we could come together for a weekend Mass and sit together as a family. If you would be interested in this opportunity to evangelize, please contact me or any council member.

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TREASURER'S REPORT – JOE MCHUGH

Thank you for your continuing generosity !!!

Previous Balance (5/1)		\$4,927.95
Expenditures -		
Little Friends for Peace (\$400)	\$4,527.95	
Fr. Patrick - Friar Witness (\$100)	\$4,427.95	
St. Christopher's Church (\$100)	\$4,327.95	
Fr. Gabage Mass celebrant (\$100)	\$4,227.95	
May Deposit	\$456	\$4,683.95

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to:

*Joe McHugh
1740 Tedbury St
Crofton, MD 21114*

Remember, when making your donation to the fraternity, use the memo line of your check to designate where you wish your contribution to be directed. There are three possible designations:

COM - Common Fund (includes Sabu family)

BUS - bus tokens for the Light House shelter clients

Phoenix – Phoenix Academy 'backpack' food

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – Denise Miante

Phoenix Backpacks: Program will resume in October. Contributions made to "Phoenix" during the summer will accumulated and tracked by the Joe and dispensed when the program continues next school year.

Light House Shelter Lunches: Made and delivered 50 sandwiches on Thursday May 25. Next scheduled sandwich-making is on **Thursday, June 22** at 9:45 at Catherine's home.

Shelter Bus Passes: Next batch will be delivered in June.

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – from Joe McHugh

In 2015, Pope Francis published “*Laudato Si*” addressing it to every person living on this planet. He places his vision in continuity with his papal predecessors and in harmony with non-Catholic religions and secular thinkers. The encyclical is basically broken down into Six Chapters as follows:

- 1) Pope Francis emphasizes that “the climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all” and recognizes that “a number of scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides and others) released mainly as a result of human activity.”
- 2) Perhaps most fundamentally, the pope emphasizes that environmental harm is caused by sin understood as broken relationships “with God, with our neighbor and the earth itself.”
- 3) Pope Francis addresses “the human roots of the ecological crisis”. Specifically, he criticizes the “technocratic paradigm” which “accepts every advance in technology with a view to profit, without concern for its potentially negative impact on human beings” and wherein “finance overwhelms the real economy” of human flourishing.
- 4) Pope Francis presents and considers the concept of **integral ecology** which reiterates that care for creation is intimately connected to the promotion of a preferential option for the poor since those with the least are most harmed by ecological degradation.
- 5) A guiding principle of Chapter Five is the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **subsidiarity**, which teaches that challenges should be addressed at the lowest possible – but highest necessary – level of society needed to protect and promote the common good.
- 6) Pope Francis calls for “personal and communal” conversion away from consumerism and “collective selfishness” and invites persons toward lifestyles animated by sound ecological virtues, i.e., “good habits,” that must be developed in persons by both secular and faith communities.

Eight years after the encyclical’s release, much more still needs to be done.

- Information source is from *CatholicClimateCovenant.org*.

2023 LOYOLA REGIONAL RETREAT † † † JULY 21 – 23, 2023



Location:

Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House
9270 Loyola Retreat Rd
Faulkner, MD 20664
Phone: 1 301 392-0800

Check-in time after 4 PM on Friday – Check-out time after lunch on Sunday

Cost: The cost per person is \$275 (all single rooms) all meals included. A non-refundable deposit check, for \$175, is required. Make check payable to: St. Margaret of Cortona Region – **The deadline to send your deposit check is July 1, 2023.**

When sending in your check, include the following: Your name, email address, and the name of your fraternity. Mail check to:

Peter Noyes
1904 Atkisson Road
Joppa, MD 21085-1811

If you have questions concerning cost or non-refundable deposits, contact Peter at:
pnoyesofs@gmail.com

Theme for the weekend Retreat: *What's Next, Discernment And Life's Crossroads*

Weekend facilitator: Fr. Charley Miller, OFM, Holy Name College

Fr. Charley has a Master's degree in Counseling, Theology, and Social Work. He has special training in clinical pastoral work, family and marriage therapy, spiritual direction, and substance abuse counseling. Fr. Charley has experience in marriage and family counseling and spiritual direction for the last 35 years.

He has been in parish work for almost fifty years and spent eleven years in formation work with the young OFM Franciscan friars. Fr. Charley says he would like to think that he approached all these from a Franciscan perspective.



AGENDA FOR 2023 ANNUAL RETREAT

Bring your Liturgy of the Hours

We ask attendees to bring a small snack to share at our Friday and Saturday evening socials

Friday – July 21

- 4:00 pm Check-in
- 7:00 Dinner
- 8:00 Welcome/Evening Prayer (LOTH)
Fr. Charley Miller, OFM – “Who am I, God?” “God comes to us disguised as our lives”
– R. Rohr, OFM
- 9:00 Social

Saturday – July 22

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 Morning Prayer
- 10:00 Fr. Charley – “Who are You, God?” Images of God, and: Doubts as stepping stones to faith.
- 11:00 Our human relationships as parables of our God relationship: intimacy, Loneliness, love, and “dark night”
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Quiet Time (Adoration in the Chapel)
- 3:00 Fr. Charley – “A compass is not a map!” – Difficult choices and discerning “the will of God”.
- 5:00 Mass (in the Chapel)
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:30 Evening Prayer
- 7:45 Social

Sunday – July 23

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 Morning Prayer
- 9:45 Fr. Charley – Who are we? – believers, Catholics, Franciscans, seekers in a world and a church are changing and facing hard decisions?”
- 12:30 pm Lunch – Departure