

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
 Secular Franciscan Order – February 2019
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The Porter deadline for the March issue is March 7. **Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting** things that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email (address above).

 Fraternity Meeting	<p>Saturday, February 16, 2019</p> <p>St. John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146</p> <p>8:30 Mass – Church. Meeting 9:15 – Youth Room</p> <p><i>Mass intentions at the 8:30 Mass will include Br. Saul Soriano, OFM Cap.</i></p>
 Refreshments	Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park. Glen Burnie/Pasadena will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary. <i>Please remember to bring your own cup!</i>
Liturgy	Glen Burnie/Pasadena: Saturday, Week 5 of Ordinary Time.
Program	Video: Climate Refugees (83 min) followed by small group discussion
Outreach	Sisterhood of the Blessed Mother are collecting new full-size (double, queen, king) blankets for the homeless at St. John the Evangelist church on the weekend of February 16-17. If you would like to participate, bring your new blanket to the fraternity meeting and Kathleen will see that it gets to the proper drop-off site at the weekend Masses. Blanks are distributed to Baltimore Outreach services and to St. Christopher's homeless center in Stevensville.
 Prayer Requests	<i>For our sick and/or homebound members:</i> (Please help us update this list.) Joan's husband Bill Kvetkas, Rita Rossi, Pat Troup, Brigid Cobb, John McHugh (Joe's brother), Katherine (Mary Henry's daughter-in-law), Evelyn Jones' niece, Genny Wilbourne's granddaughter Jessica, Mandy (Kathleen Sievers' niece), Peggy Rideout (Mary Musselwhite's daughter), Bob Mochi (husband of our regional executive Councilor Barbara Countryman), Teri Egan, former Regional Secretary.
Profession Anniversaries	Kathleen Sievers—03/06/1994 – Happy 25 th Anniversary

Birthdays	Nina Teti – 2/19 Joan Faltot—03/04 Mary Henry—03/04	Harry Thompson—03/05 Anne Marie Passagno—03/14 Adam Jentilet—03/14
Outreach	Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Thursday, February 28, 9:30 a.m. at home of Joan Kvetkas Phoenix Academy “Backpacks”: Wednesday, February 20, 12:30 p.m. in cafeteria For more information, contact Denise.	
Treasury	 <p>Current balance: \$1,416.28</p> <p>REMINDER - Please remember to use the memo line of your check to designate how you wish your contribution to be directed. There are 3 possible designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Fund (this covers fraternity operations and the Sabu family in India), • Phoenix Academy (for student weekend food packs), and • Tokens (bus tokens for the Lighthouse Shelter clients). <p>You can write one check and specify on the memo line how you wish to direct your contribution to any or all three areas. Example: \$20 Com / \$10 Phoenix / \$5 Token. None of these amounts should be interpreted as being what is expected from any particular member.</p> <p>Cash contributions are also acceptable, but checks are preferred.</p>	
Council Meeting	Monday, March 4, 9:30 at the Tyrrells’ home.	
Save the Date	<p>March 23, 8:30 am: Day of Reflection: <i>Walking Together ... an Ecumenical Journey</i> presented by Anne Mulqueen for Professed members, candidates, Inquirers & Guests. St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church, 1212 Chesaco Ave. Baltimore, MD 21237. Sponsored by Little Flower Fraternity. Early registration ends <u>March 1</u>. See flyer on page 5.</p> <p>May 31-June 2 Regional Retreat at Prestfield. Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap. will be the retreat director.</p> <p>September 28 (tentative) Br. Tage Danielson’s ordination to the Priesthood in Pittsburg.</p>	

COMMUNITY

Minister’s Minute:



Thank you for your prayers for our annual council meeting last Saturday at Capuchin College to develop our programs and ongoing formation for the year. And thank you for the input you provided on the Vision Sheets. We will provide you a calendar of the year in the near future. In addition, we will be contacting some of you about coordinating certain meetings and implementing other efforts.

Our theme for the year will be Gospel Life in Fraternity and the World. Our June meeting will be a close look at a part of our Rule that I don’t consciously pay much attention to on any regular basis—Chapter 3, Life in Fraternity. And we will make a concerted effort to have more small-table discussions at all of our meetings and to provide discussion questions focused on the Rule(s) relevant to the topic of the day. We also think that the fraternity can and should become more of a presence in our communities. For instance, we propose, in lieu of our annual picnic, that we take a picnic to the Light House Shelter and feed ourselves and the residents there. And with the Maryland legislature in session, we have the opportunity to participate in the political process by asking our legislators to promote life and work for the common good. Br. Rigo will be talking to us in March about conversion, using the same talk he gave the council at our meeting last Saturday. It’s about conversion and will come at an appropriate spot in the Church calendar—Lent. If you’d like a preview of this month’s meeting, see Judith’s JPIC article on p. 4. In Christ & St. Francis, Pat

2019 FRATERNITY TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report was approved by the Council and will be forwarded to the region. We extend thanks to Kathleen Sievers for all her work keeping our accounts straight and many thanks to all our generous fraternity members.

St. Conrad Fraternity (Annapolis) #57105, Secular Franciscan Order Calendar-Year 2018 Annual Treasurer's Report to the Membership

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/18 \$587.75

Income +9,318.00

Contributions from members \$8,572.00
Pope St John XXIII: Profession Contribution \$ 746.00

Expenses -9062.80

Facility use for fraternity meetings & days of retreat 900.00
Stipends for spiritual assistants 210.00
Other stipends (Profession, speakers, days of
recollection, visitation) 200.00
Web hosting 270.00
Fair share assessment to Regional/National Frat. 1,150.00
SA Christmas & other gifts (ordinations) 350.00
Expenses (Picnic, Profession, Baby Shower) 1274.80
Donations 4,708.00

Fran. Family Apostolate* 1,200.00
Poor Clares 100.00
Mary's Center 100.00
Franciscan Center 100.00
Amazon Relief 50.00
Ixcan Ministries 50.00
Fran. Mission Service 100.00
Glenmary Missions 50.00
Catholic Charities USA 50.00
Phoenix Academy† 1,673.50
H.O.P.E. for All 100.00
Catholic Charities FL 200.00
Light House Shelter‡ 634.50
Nafra: International Gath 100.00
Samaritan Women 100.00
Franciscan Eagle Scout Proj 100.00

Ending Balance as of 12/31/18 =\$842.95

Submitted by Pat Tyrrell, OFS, Minister & Kathleen Sievers, Treasurer
Approved by the Council on

2/9/19

* Support for Sabu family #1178 in the Allepey diocese, Kerala, India, through the Franciscan Family Apostolate, Madison, CT.

† Purchased food and filled backpacks once a month with food for weekends during the school year for needy students at this Anne Arundel County school.

‡ Purchased and donated bus tokens for residents and clients of the Annapolis Light House Shelter.

JPIC -- JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION, ANIMATOR JUDITH TYRRELL, OFS

Our fraternity has opened its heart to a Scout, Mitchell Frye who is going to create a St. Francis garden for his Eagle project at St. John the Evangelist where we meet. St. Francis, the patron of ecology, sings the Canticle of the Creatures, teaching us to call the sun and the moon, the wind and the water our brothers and sisters. In Article 4 of our OFS Constitutions we read, "following the example of Francis, patron of ecology, they should actively put forward initiatives that care for creation and should work with others in efforts that both put a stop to polluting and degrading nature and also establish circumstances of living and environment which would not be a threat to the human person".

Pope Francis in the general Audience may 2014 said "Creation is a gift that God has given us to care for and use for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude". Just this month in their Document on Human Fraternity, Pope Francis and the Imam state "in the name of God who has created human beings equal in rights, duties, and dignity and who has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, to fill the earth and make known values of goodness, love and peace' ...to intervene at the earliest opportunity to bring an end to environmental decay...." In Laudato Si we read the misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves".... Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in lifestyles, models of production and consumption and the established power which govern today."

At this month's fraternity meeting we have opportunity to learn about our brothers and sisters suffering here in the US and all over the world from the effects of climate change and the ramifications for the future. The dvd is called Climate Refugees. It is said this film is a wakeup call for every human being. It sure was for Pat and I. A recent article in the February 8th Washington Post: Time to go big on climate change, speaks of the "Green New Deal" being proposed by Congress and the necessity of acting now. As we recommit to Care for Creation with our pledge to pray, educate and act, please consider the Catholic teach-in and climate action event to be held at St. John Neumann Church in Annapolis in Seelos Hall beginning at 2:30pm Monday February 18th (Presidents Day) (See previous email on Feb 5). After the teach-in and prayer service and refreshments there will be a procession to the State House and optional attendance at the Clean Energy Jobs Act lobby night. There is no cost but registration is requested; go to bit.ly/mdcommonhome to register.

May we continue our two feet of love in action (JPIC handbook) Social Justice-- removing root causes, in this case supporting environmental protection laws and charitable works-- raising money for an overseas development project like the water project from NAFRA.

Speaking of overseas development have you seen Mully, the miracle story of water provision in Kenya?

Here in Baltimore area the Franciscan Center has a request for bottles of water on their wish list?

DAY OF REFLECTION

Walking Together ... an Ecumenical Journey

Presented by Anne Mulqueen

For Professed Members,
Candidates, Inquirers and Guests!

Early Bird Registration!
Before March 1st \$25 per person
After March 1st \$30 per person

*Includes Continental Breakfast
and Chick-fil-A lunch*

There is a 4PM Mass for all those interested

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

WHEN:
SATURDAY,
MARCH 23, 2019
Registration and
Breakfast at 8:30am

WHERE:
St. Clement Mary
Hofbauer Church
1212 Chesaco Ave.
Baltimore, Md 21237

Please send your
registration tear-off
below with your check made
payable to:

Little Flower Fraternity
c/o Lisa Gough, OFS
121 Warwick Drive
Lutherville, MD 21093

Questions? Contact
Lisa Gough, OFS at
lisa21093@comcast.net

Day of Reflection Registration

Name _____ Fraternity _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Lunch Choice: Please mark only one

☐ Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich w/ chips and cookie

☐ Grilled Cool Wrap w/ chips and cookie

☐ Market Salad _____ Dressing _____

EVENTS OF INTEREST AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Monday, February 18 -- Catholic Teach-in & Climate Action

On Monday, February 18 (Presidents' Day), Catholics from all over Maryland will gather at St. John Neumann Church in Annapolis to connect Catholic tradition, climate justice, and advocacy. This is an event of Maryland Catholics for Our Common Home and Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA), and co-sponsored by Sisters of Mercy of the Americas South Central Community and Chispa Maryland.

We will learn about Catholic tradition on the environment, hear from our fellow community members about their experience with climate change, and pray together for Our Common Home. The program will close with a procession to the Maryland State House.

After the program, we encourage participants to join the Maryland Climate Coalition's Maryland Climate Lobby Night for the Clean Energy Jobs Act. (If you RSVP for the lobby night, we will send you more detailed information. More info is also available here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/381563039057470>.)

PROGRAM

Where: Seelos Hall, St. John Neumann Catholic Mission, 620 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

2:30pm Teach in

3:20pm Prayer Service

3:45pm Refreshments

4:15pm Procession to the Maryland State House

5-8pm optional attendance at the Clean Energy Jobs Act lobby night

RSVP: Registration is free; sign up here: bit.ly/mdcommonhome. Come put your faith into action!

Thursday, February 21, 2019 -- Catholics in Annapolis Lobby Night

Catholics in Annapolis is your chance to get inspired and meet face-to-face with your legislators to share with them the Church's position on important issues. Your help is needed to stop a proposed abortion rights constitutional amendment, to help secure scholarships for low-income students, to stop the legalization of assisted suicide, and to protect human rights. Your voice is needed in 2019!

The afternoon kicks off the evening by praying the Rosary for our elected officials. We hope you can join us for this exciting event!

AGENDA

Rosary — 3:00 p.m.

Speakers — 3:30 p.m.

Legislator meetings — 4:30 p.m. (meetings will be arranged ahead of time by district)

Reception — 6:00 p.m.

PARKING is available at St. John Neumann Mission Church (620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis). Shuttles to the Rosary leave at 2:45 p.m. Shuttles will continue throughout the evening. Parking is also available at the Gotts Court Garage, Hillman Garage and along streets. If you miss the shuttle to the Rosary, please consider parking in the Gotts Court Garage (Entrances to garage are on Northwest Street and Calvert Street) and walking to the Rosary.

CONTACT: Chris Santo · chris@mdcatholic.org · 410-269-1155

Don't know your Maryland State Legislators? [CLICK HERE](#) and find out who they are.

March 2 – 40th Baltimore Social Ministry Convocation



Mercy High School – 1300 East Northern Parkway – Baltimore, MD

Tickets: \$15

Archdiocese of Baltimore Social Ministry Convocation Committee hosts a day of prayer, education, and solidarity to inspire and renew us in living out Catholic Social Teaching and working for a peaceful and just society.

The theme Seek Justice, Win Peace! adds energy to a timeless, inspiring quote from Pope Paul VI, "If you want peace, work for justice." We dedicate this theme to our 40 years of continually gathering together in pursuit of justice so that peace will prevail in our local and

global communities.

Workshops will be available in English and Spanish. Each participant will have an opportunity to win one of our 40th Anniversary door prizes! (You must be present at the drawing to win.)

For full workshop information, click here: [Registration Brochure](#)

Register by February 22nd -- Online registration at: <https://baltimoresmc2019.eventbrite.com>
and click on the green Tickets button

Schedule

8 a.m.–9 a.m.	Registration, Awards Breakfast, and Social Ministry Fair
9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Prayer
9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Keynote Address: Ana Grande, Organizing Director, Monsignor Óscar Romero Center
10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Morning Workshops
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Lunch & Social Ministry Fair
12:45 p.m.–1 p.m.	Break
1 p.m.–2:15 p.m.	Afternoon Workshops
2:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony, Closing Prayer Service, Door Prize Drawing (must be present to win)

Workshops include:

- Campaign for Human Development: Then and Now
- Community Land Trust: A Model for Development without Displacement
- One Job Should Be Enough: Service Industry Workers' Organizing Efforts
- Civic Engagement: Privilege or Moral Responsibility?
- Spreading Peace in Violent Times
- Hunger in Maryland: Addressing Food Insecurity through Advocacy and the Federal Nutrition Programs
- Faith with Social Justice on the Side? Connecting Social Justice with Young Adult Catholic Communities
- The Current Landscape of Opioid and Alcohol Use Disorders (AM only)
- Understanding Depression and Suicide in Children, Adolescents, and Adults (PM only)
- Living Solidarity: A Global Impact That Starts at Home
- Implicit Bias: The Challenges We Face
- Greater Safety for Baltimore City Residents: A Conversation about Parish IDs