

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – September 2019
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The Porter deadline for the October issue is October 4. **Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting items** that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email (address above).



Fraternity Meeting

Rite of Profession for Christopher Grubach, Tobias Harkleroad, Joseph McHugh
Saturday, September 21, 2019, 11:00 am
Capuchin College Chapel, 4121 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20017

Refreshments



Buffet Luncheon follows the Rite of Profession. Thanks to all who signed up at our last meeting; if you haven't already done so, it's NOT TOO LATE !! 😊

Contact: Denise Miante at rubob903@gmail.com

- ** Please remember that we are expecting about 100 people, so please make your serving for about 10 people. A 9" x 13" pan is perfect.
- ** Make sure all your dishes and serving utensils have your name on them.
- ** Tape a piece of paper with heating or cooling instructions on the covering. [E. g. Miante; heat 350 degrees for 30 min.]
- ** Your food can be dropped off at the kitchen door on the "alley" that runs from Harewood road to the parking lot in back.
- ** Mass is at 11:00 a.m., please try to have the food dropped off by 10:30.
- ** Please remember to take leftovers home UNLESS you specifically ask the Brothers if they want you to leave it for them.
- ** For a little extra penance, if you can stay a while to help clean up, I'll ask St. Francis to intercede in getting a little time shaved off your time in Purgatory. 😊

Prayer Requests



For our sick and/or homebound members: (Please help us update this list)

Marlane Peterson (president of Ixcan Ministries), Mary Henry, Ruth Shea's daughter, Audrey Donnelly, Joan's husband Bill Kvetkas, Pat Troup, Brigid Cobb, Joe McHugh's brother John, Mary Henry's daughter-in-law Katherine, Evelyn Jones' niece, Genny Wilbourne's family members who are experiencing mental challenges, Kathleen Sievers' niece Mandy and her son Michael.

Birthdays	Evelyn Jones – 10/01 Brigid Cobb – 10/08 Joan Robinson – 10/19	
Profession Anniversaries	Joan Robinson – 10/04/1971 Joan Kvetkas – 10/04/1979 Louise Ryan – 10/04/1982 Pat Tyrrell – 10/10/1991 Patricia Troup – 10/10/1996	Mary Cicero – 10/10/1996 Tessie Chitty – 10/11/1998 Joan Faltot --- 10/16/1991 Mary Jo Johnson – 10/19/1988
Treasury	Current balance: \$2,680.28 PLEASE NOTE: ❖ Our September 21st fraternity meeting will be at Cap College for Profession Ceremony. ❖ Our October 19th fraternity meeting will be Holy Family Church in Davidsonville at 10:30, to celebrate the canonical establishment of the St. Pope John Paul XXIII Secular Franciscan fraternity. During these two meetings, the common fund basket will <u>not</u> be present. Please consider mailing your monthly contribution to: Kathleen Sievers, 515 Brentwood Ave, Severna Park 21146-2505	
Outreach	Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Thursday, September 26, 9:30 a.m. at home of Joan K. The lunch group has increased their output from 50 to 100 lunches thru September. These lunches are used not only at the shelter but for other needy persons in the community, especially kids who no longer have the benefit of the school lunch program. Phoenix Academy “Backpacks”: Will start in October... stay tuned.	
Council Meeting	Monday, October 7, 9:30 am at the Tyrrells’ home.	
Save the Date	September 28 -- Br. Tage Danielson’s ordination to the Priesthood in Pittsburgh. October 19, 10:30am Holy Family Parish, Davidsonville. Archbishop Lori approved the canonical establishment of John XXIII Emerging Fraternity at Holy Family Parish in Davidsonville on May 22. Our fraternity is invited to attend the Mass and reception on October 19. <u>This event will take the place of our normal October fraternity meeting.</u>	

COMMUNITY



Minister’s Minute:

As I’ve said before—we have an exciting Fall ahead of us. We are blessed to be celebrating the Rite of Permanent Profession at this month’s meeting and Mass at Capuchin College of The Three Amigos—Chris, Joe, and Toby. Except for those of David, John, and Ron in St. Pope John XXIII Emerging fraternity on September 17, 2016 (Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis), these will be the first professions of men into St. Conrad since my profession in 1996! Praise God!

I hope that before the meeting you can take time to reconsider the three questions that those to be professed are asked during the Rite (see pages 21-22 in The Ritual and my paraphrases below). You, of course, were asked those questions at your profession. Are you still answering them with, “Yes, this is what I want.”?

Do you still follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis?

Are you still building the Kingdom of God through your witness of word and action?

Do you still help to rebuild the church so that it can fulfill its mission in the world?

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

The rich home owners of the Bahamas are realizing how much they depended on the poor who did their gardening, cleaned their houses, and put up their storm shutters. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the-americas/when-hurricane-dorian-blew-through-the-bahamas-it-exposed-one-of-the-worlds-great-faultlines-of-inequality/2019/09/12/9485f8ae-d415-11e9-8924-1db7dac797fb_story.html These poor who lived in shacks were washed into the sea, 1300 poor souls are still missing. The situation isn't so different in our country as it says in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church "In most cases immigrants fill a labor need which would otherwise remain unfulfilled in sectors and territories where the local workforce is insufficient or unwilling to engage in the work in question."

So how are we to treat these poor people at our doorsteps? The Catechism says in paragraph 2241 "The more prosperous nations are obliged to the extent they are able to welcome the foreigner in search of the security (climate? as well) and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin." The immigrants in turn are obliged to obey the laws. The Supreme Court has just recently voted to support asylum restrictions on those who go through another country on their way to ours, e.g, Mexico. Is Mexico really going to provide a secure place for them to live? https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts-law/supreme-court-allows-broad-enforcement-of-asylum-limits/2019/09/11/0607651c-d4fc-11e9-8924-1db7dac797fb_story.html

The Holy Father Pope Francis has given us a Message for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees-- September 29, 2019 to give us his wisdom about this issue. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-05/pope-francis-message-world-day-migrants-refugees-full-text.html> He says "**It's not just about migrants, it's about our fears.** Those fears can deprive us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord." **It's also about charity.** Through works of charity we demonstrate our faith. The highest form of charity is that shown to those who can't reciprocate... it's also about the value of each human life. **It's not just about migrants: it's about our humanity.** Jesus himself teaches us being compassionate like the Good Samaritan means recognizing the suffering of the other and taking immediate action to soothe, heal and save. Pope Francis also says that **it is not just about migrants; it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded.** Today's world is increasingly becoming more elitist and cruel towards the excluded. The Church which 'goes forth' can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. He also says, **It's not just about migrants; it is about putting the last in first place.** Jesus asks us not to yield to the logic of the world which justifies injustice to others for my own gain or that of the group "Me first then the others." The true motto of the Christian is "the last shall be first". An individualistic spirit is fertile soil for the growth of that kind of indifference towards our neighbors which leads to viewing them in purely economic terms, to a lack of concern for their humanity... The migrants, among the least of our society, with their burdens of hardship and suffering seeking daily, often in desperation, a place to live in peace and dignity: are they not the ones we should serve? **It is not just about the migrants; it is about the whole person, about all people.** In Jesus words, we encounter the very heart of his mission; to see that all receive the gift of life in its fullness, according to the will of the Father. And finally **it is not just about migrants; it is about building the city of God and man.** We need to see that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved but are our brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved. (quotes and paraphrase from above document)

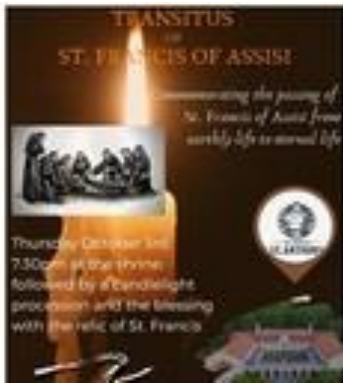
The Pope summarizes by calling us to these challenges of migration by welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating all living on the peripheries to help build the city of God like our Rule 14 calls us "Secular Franciscans, together with people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself, let them exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service." One way to SERVE is to help with the JPIC Service project to fill tote bags for those legally crossing the border, awaiting court hearing, and traveling to US destination or through Catholic charities immigrant ministry. See final page of Porter for details. September 29th is the feast of the Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel. Let us ask the Archangels on this World Day of Migrants and Refugees to pray for them and accompany the migrants on their journey and keep them safe and secure and close to Jesus and Mary.

OCTOBER 3 -- TRANSITUS LOCATIONS



Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land Washington D.C.

Thursday, October 3, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. On the evening of October 3rd each year, Franciscans around the world celebrate the death of St. Francis—his death “transitus,” or “passing.” Join the men and women of the D.C. area Franciscan family, at 7:00 p.m. that evening in the Monastery church, as we celebrate saint’s entrance into heaven, in a special prayer service. The event will be live streamed at <https://myfranciscan.org/live/>. Mass for Feast of St. Francis, Oct 4 at 6, 7, & 10:30 AM

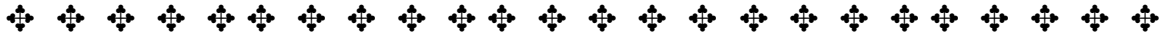


Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City

Thursday, October 3, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Come and join us as we commemorate the earthly passing of St. Francis into Eternal Life! This special Mass will be followed by a Candle Light Procession and a blessing with a Relic of St. Francis!

On October 4th, Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Shrine will its regular daily Mass at noon.



MANY THANKS to those who contributed to our school supply outreach for the Phoenix Academy to especially to Denise for coordinating this drive.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 25th - November 3rd

HELP SAVE LIVES IN ANNAPOLIS!

Can you pray with me one hour?



You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 individual participants!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 23 coordinated campaigns:

- 16,004 babies saved from abortion
- 191 abortion workers converted
- 104 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Planned Parenthood 929 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Carolyn Schumaker, carolynschumaker@verizon.net, 410-757-8840
- **Learn more ... get involved** sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below



40daysforlife.com/Annapolis

Be a voice for the voiceless!

Pray just one hour a week for mothers, babies and workers.

1,000+ Ways to Share



See Christ
Be Christ



Los Tres Companeros Region invites you to participate in a JPIC Service Project. The Region will purchase 1,000 drawstring tote bags to be filled at ***National Chapter in Corpus Christi, Texas on Friday afternoon, Oct. 18th***.

We are working with Dentists to donate toothbrushes & toothpaste.

Will you help?

Share the following Wish Lists with your Fraternities, family & friends. Purchase items **FOR DELIVERY BY OCTOBER 15, 2019**

Items to be included in the bags will be shipped to Corpus Christi for assembly on Friday, October 18th. Large bulk items will be shipped to Catholic Charities, Laredo, Tx.

*Amazon Wish List of **personal items**:*

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1PHN3E1X0WJ7Y?>

to be placed in tote bags for men, women & children who are legally crossing the border, awaiting a court hearing and traveling to their US destination.

*Amazon Wish List of **bulk items**:*

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/23FATW9RZ59HA?ref=cmswemrwdpoWghpPJ4H4mCT>

to be delivered to and used by Catholic Charities' immigrant ministry

At Amazon checkout: "Choose a shipping address", select from "Other Addresses:"

- *Patsy Phillips, OFS's Gift Registry Address* for Personal Items (must be delivered by October 15th)
- *Ben de La Garza, Director of Catholic Charities' Gift Registry Address* for Bulk Items



Share the Vision!