



# The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD  
Secular Franciscan Order – January 2019  
<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

## Council

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The Porter deadline for the February issue is *February 5<sup>th</sup>*. Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting items that you think other members may enjoy to Chris Grubach, and send by email at: [GilesOfAssisi@gmail.com](mailto:GilesOfAssisi@gmail.com)



### Fraternity Meeting

**Saturday, January 18, 2020**  
**St. John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146**  
**8:30 Mass – Church. Meeting 9:15 – Youth Room**

### Refreshments



Annapolis/Eastern Shore has supplies and breakfast. Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary.

### Liturgy

Morning Prayer, Saturday, Week 1 in Ordinary Time -- Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park  
*Liturgy of the Hours: Vol I, Ordinary: Psalter 810*  
*Christian Prayer* (single volume): Psalter 770, Hymn: #8

### Program

Vision of our Fraternity; small group discussions. Favorite Franciscan saints, Gospel passages and prayer partners.

### Prayer Requests



For our sick and/or homebound members: Brigid Cobb, Audrey Donnelly, Katherine Henry (daughter-in-law of Mary Henry), Mary Henry, Bill Kvetkas (husband of Joan Kvetkas), John McHugh (brother of Joe McHugh), Bill Mulqueen, Michael Sievers (son of Kathleen Sievers), Mandy (niece of Kathleen Sievers), Pat Troup, Ruth Shea's daughter, Evelyn Jones' niece, Genny Wilbourne's family, Kathleen Sievers' niece.



### January Birthdays

Tessie Chittie  
Debbie Proctor  
George Ryan  
Ed Wilbourne

### Profession Anniversaries

Harry Thompson – 1/10/1991  
Lita Millan – 1/10/2002

<b>Treasury</b>	<b>Current balance:</b> \$ 1,251.28 Please use the memo line to indicate how your contribution is to be allocated: Common Fund, and/or Phoenix Academy Backpacks (weekend food), and/or bus tokens (for Light House residents).
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Lighthouse Shelter Lunches</b> No sandwiches in January. Next sessions will be Thursday, February 27th and March 26th. 100 all-day bus passes were received on December 24th with much joy by the Lighthouse Shelter. <b>Phoenix Academy Backpacks</b> . Wednesday, January 15th at 12:15 PM. Denise Miente has increased the number of backpacks from 24 to 30 at the request of the school.
<b>Council Meeting</b>	Friday, January 31, 2020 at 9:30 AM. At the home of Catherine Gonzalez, 1102 Honeysuckle Ln, Annapolis, MD
<b>Save the Date</b>	<b>January 24, 2020</b> – National March for Life, Washington, DC <b>February 29, 2020</b> – 41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Social Ministry Convocation (SMC). More information to come regarding location and agenda. <b>March 28, 2020, 8:30 AM – 3:00</b> Day of Reflection: A Franciscan Lenten Journey of Hope at Archbishop Curley High School. Speakers: Fr. Donald Grzymiski OFM Conv, Br. Emmanuel Wenke OFM Conv, Friar Christopher Dudek OFM Conv. <b>April 4, 2020, 8:30 AM – 4:00</b> Franciscan Day of Reflection for Inquirers and Candidates and Newly Professed with Fr. Paul Dressler, OFM Cap. <b>May 29-31</b> Regional Retreat, Priestfield, WV. Facilitator: Fr. Kevin Treston, OFM <b>June 13, 2020</b> (tentative) date of Br. Diogo’s ordination to the priesthood <b>September ??, 2020</b> (tentative) date of Br. Rigo’s ordination to the priesthood ----- <b>August 18-22, 2021</b> Quinquennial in Phoenix, AZ <b>November 7, 2022</b> 50th Anniversary our our Fraternity
<b>Community</b>	



**Minister’s Minute:** Hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas with continued blessings in the New Year. Sunday was the Feast of the baptism of the Lord, and the last day of the Christmas season. We now return to Ordinary Time. Back to the normal routine of life. And your new council is faced with the task of planning what the fraternity should do this year. Perhaps you are expecting turn over this page and find our annual vision survey form. Sorry to disappoint you. the council has decided instead to follow a different course and use a substantial portion of our January fraternity meeting for small group discussions. Several of the questions to be used follow below. By sharing ideas with one another about where we have come from and where we are now, we can figure out together where we should be headed and how the fraternity should support that direction.

But we will also have some fun at the next meeting. We will continue our tradition of extracting a saint, scripture verse and prayer partner for 2020. Looking forward to hearing a burst of ideas at our next meeting. And if you are unable to make the meeting please inform one of the council members so we are not left worrying about you and wondering if you are in need of prayers or other support.

**Well4Africa:** Accompanying the Porter for January 2020 is a letter from Tibor Kauser our General Minister, providing us with an update on the Well4Africa initiative. As many of you may already know, this initiative was born as a particular fruit of the 3rd European OFS and YouFra Congress, which took place in Lithuania, 20-26 August, 2018. The purpose of this initiative was to ensure safe drinking water for three different communities in Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. After the Congress, seeing the big support from other National fraternities, the CIOFS Presidency decided that "Well4Africa" became a permanent project for the entire Secular Franciscan Order ensuring its management to the National Council of Lithuania.

Thanks to the common efforts of European Franciscan Family and people of good will, current financial situation of "Well4Africa" is as follows: The total amount collected from the beginning of the initiative up to 8 December 2019 was **97 693 Eur**. The amount spent on projects by 8 December 2019 was **60,945 Eur**. And the amount left for upcoming projects was **36 748 Eur**.

You can follow update numbers, current and upcoming projects in [well4africa.eu](http://well4africa.eu) front page. Well4Africa has fully implemented 2 projects and has two ongoing projects. This apostolate presents a great opportunity for Saint Conrad's Fraternity, especially in our charitable contributions throughout the year. It would allow us to join in fraternity with our regional, national and international sisters and brothers in prayer and annual support.

**Franciscan Prayer** This version of the prayer is based on the simple text found in a majority of Latin manuscripts. As it became more popular, the prayer was embellished and lost some of its simplicity.

Most high,  
glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart  
and give me  
true faith,  
certain hope,  
and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge,  
Lord,  
that I may carry out  
your holy and true command.

St Francis Prayer before the Crucifix (1205/06)  
St Francis of Assisi