

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – October 2020
<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

The Porter deadline for the November issue is November 7. 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 to jd6bouv@verizon.net.



Fraternity Meeting

Saturday October 17, 2020 * 10:00 AM**

**At Emily's Pier and Beachfront
Severna Park (see map on page 3)**

This will be a chance to get together in person before cold weather sets in. COVID-19 precautions will be enforced. Wear a mask. Bring your chair, a drink, and a snack if you need one. Do not share food or beverages with others in attendance. There will be no rest rooms available. Consequently, this meeting will last 60-90 minutes at most. We hope Susan Greif will be in attendance so we can offer a prayer for her safe relocation to Texas. A brief program will also be presented by Jean Gaes, followed by a general discussion.

PLEASE NOTE: As of now the weather forecast is 65 degrees for the high and partly sunny. Should the forecast change, Joan Faltot will make the final decision this Friday and send an email to everyone. Please look for it. Should rain be forecast, we will meet on Zoom at 10:00 am on Saturday.

As a reminder of why we take these precautions, Maryland confirmed **501** new cases of COVID-19 Tuesday per the Johns Hopkins University COVID-19 Dashboard, with 6.0 percent of the **8,470** tests reported coming back positive. An additional **3** deaths were attributed to the virus on Tuesday, bringing the pandemic's Maryland death toll to **3,961**.

Prayer Requests



For physical and spiritual healing of: (Please help us update this list)

Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Katherine Henry (daughter-in-law of Mary Henry), Mary Henry and her niece, Stephen (great-grandson of Mary Henry), Mary Jo Johnson, Joe McGeady, John McHugh (brother of Joe McHugh), Michelle (niece of Denise Miente), Bill Mulqueen, Ruth Shea's husband, Evelyn Jones niece, Jimmy Wilbourne (son of Genny Wilbourne), Deacon Chris Pinto, Gerard Malak (brother of Genny Wilbourne)

Special prayer & blessing:

For the marriage of Mary Cicero and John Gemmell this Saturday, October 17.

Birthdays

Evelyn Jones – 10/01

Brigid Cobb – 10/08

Audrey Bushée – 10/21

Margaret Jackson – 10/22

Patricia Troup – 10/24

Emily McGeady – 11/01

Profession Anniversaries

Joan Robinson – 10/04/1971

Joan Kvetkas – 10/04/1979

Louise Ryan – 10/04/1982

Pat Tyrrell – 10/10/1996

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

Santa Matarazza – 11/01/1992

George Ryan – 11/11/1984

Susan Greif – 11/16/1997

Treasury	Current balance: \$1,901.28 Please consider mailing your monthly contribution to: Joe McHugh, 1740 Tedbury St Crofton 21114
Council Meeting	Zoom meeting, TBD
Save the Date	National Fraternity Council (NAFRA) postponed the 2021 Quinquennial and rebooked it for 2023.

Holy Women & Men: Blessed Stanley Rother

<https://archokc.org/stanleyrother> - more information and a video

On May 25, 1963, Stanley Rother, a farmer from Okarche, Oklahoma, was ordained for his home diocese of Oklahoma City-Tulsa. Having flunked out of the area seminary due to his difficulty with Latin, Fr. Rother finally accepted an invitation to attend Mount St. Mary Seminary in Maryland, where he finished his studies and was approved for ordination.

After serving in his local diocese for five years, Fr. Rother joined five priests, three religious sisters, and three laypersons to staff a Guatemalan mission in Santiago Atitlán serving the Tz'utujil people. The Oklahoma City diocese heard the call of Pope John XXIII to send missionaries to foreign lands, especially Central America. These twelve individuals felt the call, and with their bishop's approval, left the comforts of the United States to live and work in Guatemala.

By 1975, Fr. Rother was alone at his parish in Santiago Atitlán, the others having returned home for various reasons. He served the Tz'utujil people for 13 years and won their hearts and souls. Ever the farmer, and always unpretentious and mild mannered, Fr. Rother experimented with various crops as well as fulfilling his heavy pastoral duties which included as many as five Masses in four different locations on a given Sunday and as many as 1,000 baptisms a year.

Guatemala's civil war reached the highlands and Lake Atitlán by 1980. Government troops camped on the parish farm and Fr. Rother witnessed the assassination of some of his parishioners, including the parish deacon.

Warned of imminent danger, Fr. Rother returned to the United States for three months early in 1981, to visit with his family and friends. Against the advice of his family and the local bishop, Fr. Rother returned to Atitlán to be with his people. He remembered a Sisters' community who had fled the country and later tried to return but the people asked, "Where were you when we needed you?"

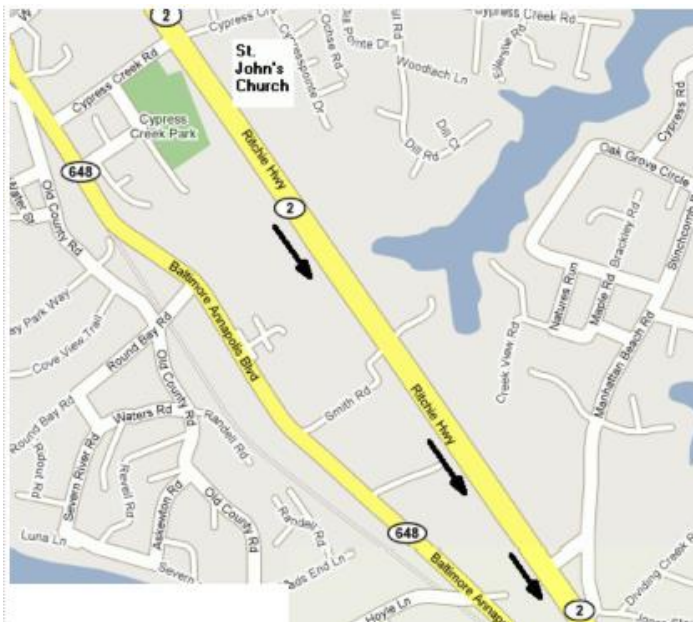
On the evening of July 28, three masked men entered the rectory and shot Fr. Rother to death. His beloved parishioners mourned him repeatedly crying, "They have killed our priest."

Pope Francis declared Stanley Rother a martyr on December 2, 2016. He was beatified in Oklahoma City on September 23, 2017.

*Christ has no body now on earth but your body, no hands but your hands, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which must look out Christ's compassion on the world.
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which he has to bless people now.*

Attributed to Saint Teresa of Avila

MAP TO PICNIC AT EMILY'S PIER:



Directions:

From St. John the Evangelist Church

Go south on Richie Hwy

Turn right on Jones Station Rd. W

At end of road, turn left.



Turn right on Hillcrest Lane.

At bottom of road stay to the right.

Park in the field.



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*Aroused by everything in divine love,
He rejoiced in all the works of the Lord's hands
And through their delightful display
He rose into life-giving reason and cause.
In beautiful things he contuited (glimpsed) Beauty itself
And through the footprints impressed in things
He followed his Beloved everywhere,
Out of them all making for himself a ladder
Through which he could climb up to lay hold of him
Who is utterly desirable*

*St Bonaventure
The Major Legend of Saint Francis*

COMMUNITY

From Pat Tyrrell

Sr. Inez, has been in DC for over 50 years and is now at the Carroll Manor living facility with three other sisters. Her eye surgery healed some time ago, but she needs new glasses and still is not going outside the facility. She said she had a wonderful time reading a large-print novel that someone gave her, twice, because it was so nice to be able to read something. If you have any large-print books you can send her, the address is 725 Buchanan St NE #426, Washington, DC 20017-2340. Thanks.

From Chris Grubach

A new podcast launched this month out of The Catholic University of America (CUA) seeks to help laity and clergy better understand and address the problem of abuse within the Church. The podcast, "Crisis: Clergy Abuse in the Catholic Church," is produced by The Catholic Project, an initiative at CUA aimed at bringing healing and reform to the Church after the sex abuse crisis. Host Karna Lozoya interviews bishops, survivors, reporters, lawyers, social workers, and many more to help navigate a systemic problem that has plagued the modern church for at least 70 years.

I listened to the first four episodes and felt anger, sadness, and resigned disappointment as they recounted sexual crimes perpetrated against children and their ensuing coverup.

According to a 2004 research study by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 4,392 Catholic priests and deacons in active ministry between 1950 and 2002 have been plausibly (neither withdrawn nor disproven) accused of under-age sexual abuse by 10,667 individuals (1).

Lawsuits by abuse victims have so far forced dioceses and religious orders in the United States to pay settlements totaling more than \$3 billion, and at least 19 have filed for bankruptcy protection. (2) When a diocese goes bankrupt, you are punishing the parishioners, the schoolchildren, and the people in the pews who put money in the collection basket for church programs. Survivors are also denied the opportunity to confront their abuser and question those who provided cover for their crimes.

(1) The Nature and Scope of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests and Deacons in the United States 1950-2002, John Jay School of Criminal Justice, 2004.

(2) The Clergy Abuse Crisis Has Cost The Catholic Church \$3 Billion, National Public Radio, August 18, 2018.

The podcast is available free of charge through CUA from their website at <https://catholicproject.catholic.edu/podcast/>

It is also available thru Spotify and Apple.

*Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing.*

*To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.*

*And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your
love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.*

*Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.*

*"THE GREAT POEM BY SAINT FRANCIS, THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES, SUMS UP THE WHOLE OF FRANCIS' SPIRITUALITY,"
SAYS FR. MURRAY BODO, OFM.*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

September 23rd – November 1st

HELP SAVE LIVES IN ANNAPOLIS!

40 Days in prayerful vigil is essential to save lives!



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

With God's help 17,226 babies saved from abortion, **206 abortion workers** converted, and **107 abortion centers** closed since 40 Days for Life campaigns started in 2007.

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

Be a voice for the voiceless!
Pray just one hour a week for mothers, babies and workers.

Local contacts: Tony Martelli, tonydmartelli@gmail.com 443-254-5433

Carolyn Schumaker, carolynschumaker@verizon.net 410-757-8840

To sign up or for more information: www.40daysforlife.com/annapolis

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THIS WEEK: Tuesday, October 13, 2:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour

Smithville Street behind Planned Parenthood Annapolis, MD 21401

On the Anniversary of the miracle of the sun in Fatima, the Son of God will go to Planned Parenthood. Location is across the street from the rear vigil site behind Planned Parenthood in an open grassy lot on Smithville Street in Annapolis. This lot is adjacent to the house at 900 Spa Road in Annapolis. Following Catholic tradition, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers including the Holy Rosary, and Benediction. When the miracle occurred at Fatima, many people came to believe, and their faith grew as they witnessed the power of God. We hope that our prayers will be pleasing to God and He will transform the hearts and minds of those in Planned Parenthood. Please wear a mask. Position yourself six feet from each other. You may bring your own chair or kneeler. Do not park on, or walk through, Planned Parenthood's Property. Carpooling is recommended, with drop off at the prayer site.