

THE LITTLE PORTION

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity



November 2021

Ordo Saecularis Franciscanus

St. Margaret of Cortona Region

Next Fraternity Gathering

Monday Evening at 7:30- **November 22, 2021**

St. Joan of Arc Meeting House

219 Law Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Agenda

7:30 pm: **Opening Prayer**

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Franciscan Crown Rosary

For our deceased fraternity

brothers and sisters and
members of our family.

**Bring your Franciscan Crown
Rosary.**

Ongoing Formation:

Discussion Questions for

Chapter 5 -Dating God on page
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Facilitator: Margaret Wise

Closing Prayer followed by
Social.

No December Birthdays

November Profession



Bonnie Ng 11/19/2011

"Every word of God proves
true; he is a shield to those
who take refuge in him."

Proverbs 30: 5

November Apostolate

\$20

National Center for Padre Pio



Give Thanks to the Lord

Prayer Intentions

Mary Simmons and family

Ron Teller

Jeffrey Teller Jr.

Baby Ava (Donna's Grand
Niece)

Wes Wise

Catherine Fischer and her
sister Mary Anne

Margaret Wise's mother
Ruth

Armando- Ginger's father

Don- Donna and Roland's
Son in law

David- Anne's husband

Richard Elliott and his
family

Joan Jackson

For all those in our Book of
intentions



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Words of St. Padre Pio

"Always humble yourself
before the mercy of our God,
and thank him for the favors
he has shown you. This is the
best disposition from which to
receive new graces that our
heavenly Father, out of the
depth of his love for you
wants to give you. It is only
logical that a person who
does not respond with
gratitude and continual
thanksgiving for such gifts
does not deserve to receive
more of them. Yes, entrust
yourself to God and always
thank him for everything, and
you will defy and conquer all
the wrath of hell."

From: *Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction For
Every Day.*

Gianluigi Pasquale. page 23.

November the Month of the Holy Souls

The Church dedicates the entire month of November to praying in a special way for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Holy Souls await the purification of their souls before going to Heaven. Let us remember our departed brothers and sisters of Padre Pio Fraternity:

Jean Balcerak 10/27/15	Priscilla Diamond - 5/20/11	Claire Hatem – 10/20/14
Irene Hubbard 6/8/06	Clem VanDenEynden 11/12/2012	Mildred Willig - 10/26/13
Virginia Wise 8/5/08	Ed Countryman	

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

St. Francis and the Eucharist, the Cross, and the Crib.

St. Francis centered his life and spirituality on the Incarnation, the humanity of Christ. He was in awe that God “bent down” to be with us through his birth; through his suffering and death on the cross; and through the Eucharist by which he remains with us for all time. Usually, we speak about the Crib, the Cross, and the Eucharist in that order. As we move toward Advent, let’s reverse the order. Over the next three weeks, we will consider these three anchors of Franciscan Spirituality through the words of and about St. Francis taken from the sources beginning with the Eucharist.

“26 Let everyone be struck with fear, let the whole world tremble, and let the heavens exult when Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a priest. 27 O wonderful loftiness and stupendous dignity! O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! The Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under an ordinary piece of bread! 28 Brothers, look at the humility of God, and pour out your hearts before Him! Ps 62:9 [Vulgate, Ps 61:9] Humble yourselves that you may be exalted by Him! 1 Pt 5:6 Jas 4:10 29 Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves, that He Who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally!” (A Letter to the Entire Order: FA:ED, vol. 1, p. 118)

“10 And I act in this way because, in this world, I see nothing corporally of the most high Son of God except His most holy Body and Blood which they receive and they alone administer to others. 11 I want to have these most holy mysteries honored and venerated above all things and I want to reserve them in precious places.” (The Testament: FA:ED, vol. 1, p. 125)

“2 With all that is in me and more I beg you that, when it is fitting and you judge it expedient, you humbly beg the clergy to revere above all else the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (The First Letter to the Custodians (1220): FA:ED, vol. 1, p. 56)

“I implore all of you brothers to show all possible reverence and honor to the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ 13 in Whom that which is in heaven and on earth has been brought to peace and reconciled to almighty God.” Col 1:20

(A Letter to the Entire Order: FA:ED, vol. 1, p. 117)

“This is my Body and the Blood of my new covenant [which will be shed for many] ;{snippet Mk 14:22} 11 and Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life .{snippet Mk 14:24} 12 It is the Spirit of the Lord,{snippet Jn 6:55} therefore, That lives in Its faithful, That receives the Body and Blood of the Lord. 13 All others who do not share in this same Spirit and presume to receive Him eat and drink judgment on themselves .{snippet 1 Cor 11:29}”(The Admonitions: FA:ED, vol. 1, p. 129)

“We must, of course, confess all our sins to a priest and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from him. b 23 Whoever does not eat His flesh and drink His blood cannot enter the kingdom of God .{snippet Jn 6:54} {snippet J... (Later Admonition and Exhortation: FA:ED, vol. 1, p. 47)

“Francis speaks most often about the Eucharist, even more than about poverty. For him, the Eucharist is not only a mystery, a sacrament, it is a living person: it is Christ completely given into the hands of a man, fragile and defenseless, just as he was in Bethlehem. From this come his tender feelings for everything to do with the Sacrament of the altar, and his preoccupation with the dignity and cleanliness of the church and sacred vessels.” (Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. Cap “It Is Not Good For Man to Be Alone”: Clare and Francis: CA:ED, p. 11)

From: Diane Menditto, OFS - Chair: National Formation Commission

Minister's Message

On November 6th, I attended the Annual Regional Minister's Meeting at Holy Family Catholic Church in Davidsonville, MD, the home of Pope St. John the XXIII Fraternity.

The Budget proposed by Regional Treasurer Peter Noyes was approved. It is estimated that there are 935 fraternity members in the Region. The Fair Share each Fraternity pays to the Region is part of the Region's income. Each Fraternity pays the following Fair Share to the Region: \$40 for Active Professed, \$40 for Candidates and \$20 for Excused members. Bob Longo mentioned that St. Margaret of Cortona Region is the largest Region in the nation but our Fair Share is the lowest in the country. In turn the Region has to pay its Fair Share to National Office which is \$15,895.

Anne Mulqueen, Regional Spiritual Assistant gave a Presentation entitled Advent: Preparing for the Incarnation with a Power Point Presentation with the following headings: 1. Wake Up 2. Find a place of solitude and pray 3 Search your soul and repent 4.Determine your mission or purpose 5. Deepen relationships in fraternity 6. Seek truth of God in regard to Self 7.Speak Prophetically-Speak the Truth. To elucidate the 7 topics, Anne quoted Scripture and read some excerpts from the book *In Love with Christ: The Secret of Saint Francis of Assisi* by Raniero Cantalamessa.

St. Margaret of Cortona has a You Fra Fraternity. There are only two You Fra Fraternities in the nation. Denis Castillo is the You Fra Chair who brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm in this role.

We heard reports from JPIC, Formation, Inter Faith /Ecumenism and Multicultural Chairs. Each Fraternity needs to have a contact person for JPIC, Ecumenism, and MultiCulturism. This means that emails will be sent from the Chairperson to the contact person and the contact person would send them out to the fraternity. Please consider volunteering as a contact person for our fraternity for one of these groups.

Area Councilors gave their report. Due to covid, many fraternities have been unable to have their visitations and the Region is working on getting these done. I am so glad that we were able to have our Visitation in August.

Ministers updated the activities of their fraternities and the meeting closed with a Remembrance Ceremony for deceased members of each Fraternity.

Last but not least, please keep our excused members in your prayers, especially Joan Jackson who was recently hospitalized. Also remember Ginger in your prayers who is in S. Korea to see her new grandson and will not be at our November Gathering. We pray for safe travel back to the States.

Bonnie Ng, O.F.S.

Save the Date for the Regional Retreat

May 3rd to May 5th 2021

Loyola Retreat House- Faulkner, MD

More details in 2022

Souls in Purgatory are called Holy Souls because they can no longer commit sin. They are called Suffering Souls because they long to be with God in Heaven. They cannot pray for themselves. Let us pray for the holy souls.