




The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – March 2022
<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

The Porter deadline for the next issue is April 8th. 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, March 19, 2022 Mass at 8:30 AM at the Chapel on the Hill Sacred Heart, 16501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715 Meeting at 9:00 – noon *** Whitmarsh Hall (on the hill) Masks are no longer required, but feel free to wear one if you wish.
Program	Ongoing formation: St. Joseph
Liturgy	Annapolis/Eastern Shore: Morning Prayer, St. Joseph Rosary
Refreshments 	Glen Burnie/Pasadena is responsible for the supplies and refreshments. <i>Please remember to bring your coffee cup.</i> Annapolis/Eastern Shore will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary.
Prayer Requests 	Special prayers for vocation: Toby Harkleroad For physical and spiritual healing of: Joan Kvetkas, John McHugh (Joe's brother), Judith Tyrrell, Gertrude Shelton (Marie's mom), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), Evelyn Jones, Tessie Chitty, Jan Parker (National Minister), Ed Wilbourne, Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Bill Mulqueen, Ruth Shea's husband, Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne (of Genny), Gerard Malka (brother of Genny Wilbourne), Carolyn Melka (sister-in-law of Genny Wilbourne) <i>(Please help update this list by sending changes/additions to jd6bouv@verizon.net)</i>
Birthdays	Susan Burns – 03/20 Mary Cicero – 04/06 Jean Gaes – 03/25 Susan Greif – 04/07
Profession Anniversaries	Dennis Mallon – 04/06/1955
Save the Date	March 26, 2022, 9:00am – 4:00 pm. 43rd Annual Social Ministry Convocation organized by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. This is a virtual event. Cost: \$10. More information is provided on page 9 of this newsletter and at https://www.archbaltsmc.org/register May 13-15, 2022: Regional Retreat at Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. All rooms are single rooms. Cost for the weekend is \$270. Theme: To Be a Secular Franciscan, in These Changing Times. Weekend Facilitator: Steven King, OFM Conv. August 3-7, 2022: 20th Quinquennial Congress in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information: https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/upcoming-events/ . Click on the 20 th Quinquennial Congress icon to download all four pages of information.
Council Meeting	Friday, April 1 at 7:00pm via Zoom



Minister's Minute

The Council has drafted a plan for our fraternity meetings this year- "Drafted"- since once never knows what the future, or the Holy Spirit, has in store for us. A preview of some highlights:

Please mark your calendar: Our April Fraternity meeting will be the **4th Saturday of the month, April 23rd**. (The 3rd Saturday is Holy Saturday). Our focus: "Year of the Eucharist"

May 21: Abbot Fr. Joseph Lee (who gifted a 1st class relic of St. Francis to Ruth Shea) has invited us to the Holy Cross Monastery in Washington DC. He will talk on living the Franciscan Lifestyle and has invited us to stay for lunch.

June 18: We will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Fraternity in the dining hall at Our Lady of the Fields .

July 16: Fr. Patrick will present a talk on Franciscan Spirituality. Hopefully, we will have our belated Pastoral and Fraternal visitations during this meeting.

August 20: We will explore the concept of Servant Leadership, how Francis experienced leadership, and consider how we view the obligations of our profession today.

September 17: (Feast of the Stigmata) will focus on duties of council members of a local fraternity. We will also conduct a straw Poll for our upcoming election.

October 15: Tentative date for Profession Ceremony at Capuchin College.

November 19: Fraternity Elections, and collection of shoeboxes for Apostleship of the Sea

December 5: Hoping to have an Advent Day of Reflection – any suggestions for a speaker??

December 17: Christmas Party

News from our membership:

- Brian Blick is moving to North Carolina 😞 He has family there and will seek a new job.
- Genny had a nice conversation with Ruth Ann Keith, Pat Troup's daughter who was glad to report that Pat had her first day of Adult Day Care. Ruth feels her mom did well. Pat was quite tired, but overjoyed to see her daughter, when she came pick her up. Pat receives exercises there and she walked so much better. Ruth Ann felt Pat benefited by being with others and being involved in some activities. Unfortunately, Pat's dementia causes her actions to be unpredictable. This would make a fraternity meeting difficult. However, Ruth Ann said Pat would welcome any visitors from our fraternity. Please call before coming. The current roster lists Ruth Ann's telephone number.
- Susan Greif is doing OK but she doesn't have a dog yet. It's hard being uprooted from Maryland.
- Message from Toby Harkleroad:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have not been able to attend fraternal gatherings since last fall and I miss you all very much. With the prayer partner list that Pat arranged, I thought it was a good moment to thank all of you for your prayers over the past year for me and my family and to let you know that I think of you and pray for you often.

I also wanted to share some news ... Now that I have settled at my new apartment in Silver Spring and my kids have adjusted well to their new schools, I have decided to take up a unique opportunity. Recently, I was accepted to study for a doctorate in Educational Ministry Development at Virginia Theological Seminary. The program starts in April with an online portion and in June I will go to Virginia to live at the seminary for three weeks and will repeat this pattern for the next few years. Meanwhile, I have been thinking a lot about justice and peace as I have been pursuing a certificate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Because of these opportunities to study intensely over the next few months, I have decided to leave my job working with Title 1 schools in Baltimore. It is very scary to leave work and focus on my own education for a little while without distractions. I am thrilled that this major life change is running parallel to Lent and so I am treating these next few months as something of a spiritual and intellectual sabbatical. I hope to find a new job/ministry to start in July.

I share this because, I greatly rely on your prayers and solidarity in my ministries. Most of you know that my life is not the most smooth and organized and I believe it is ONLY through God's grace and providence that I have accomplished anything. I would be so grateful if you would remember me in prayer especially throughout the 2022 Lent and Easter seasons. Just as we all hope and professed to the world, I hope that my life can continue to come closer to the Gospel that I might be an instrument of God's peace in our suffering world and your prayers help me to have the strength and hope to pursue our good God even in dark times.

I look forward to making it to a fraternity meeting and seeing you again soon! Pax, Toby

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continuing generosity-

February's Balance (less stop payment charge)	\$1,922.90
March Deposit	\$ 680.00
New Balance	\$2,602.90
Donations:	
FFA	(\$100.00)
SA Stipend	(\$100.00)
March Balance	\$2,402.90

Council will be suspending additional donations to charities until our annual Fair Share bill is paid to the region in April.

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to:

*Joe McHugh
1740 Tedbury St
Crofton, MD 21114*

Remember, when making your donation to the fraternity, use the memo line of your check to designate where you wish your contribution to be directed. There are three possible designations:

- COM - Common Fund (this covers fraternity operations and the Sabu family in India)
- BUS - bus tokens for the Light House shelter clients
- Phoenix – Phoenix Academy 'backpack' food program

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – DENISE MIANTE

Phoenix Academy "Backpacks" – Next opportunity to help is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th at 9:45am. Contact Denise for more information at Rubob903@gmail.com

Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: The lunch crew meets on 4th. Thursday of each month at 9:30am, so March 24th will be the next meeting. Production quota has increase from 25 to 50 sandwiches. Location is still to be determined. Joan Kvetkas hopes to feel up to having the group at her house again; however, if not, Catherine will host the group. So make sure you contact Catherine at mcmgonzalez59@outlook.com so you are sure to get the latest information.

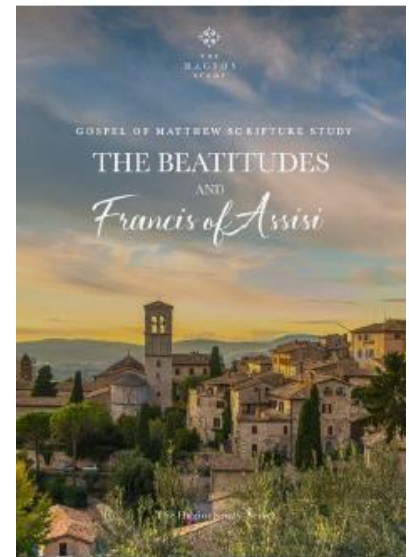
BEATITUDES

Perhaps this year should have been called the Year of the Beatitudes. You have two programs from which to choose.

The Beatitudes and Francis of Assisi – from Ruth Shea

St. John the Evangelist church is sponsoring a Hagios Bible Study led by Fr. Erik. The format lays out a chapter or beatitude a week to read, study, reflect, and rest upon. Our fraternity started one small group. The format includes individual study, Zoom small group meetings on Sunday evenings before the large group live-stream presentation, and in person gathering after our monthly fraternity meeting. There is an app called *Hagios* that can be downloaded. In addition to the printed material, the app supplies meditative music to enjoy while you are journaling. You can purchase the book on Amazon. If you are interested in participating in another fraternity small group, contact either Tessie Chitty (703-994-2973) or Ruth Shea (301-219-6347) for more information. We highly recommend it!

For anyone striking out on their own there is a recording of the past large group live-stream presentations on St. John's website at www.stjohnsp.org/livestream. On livestream page enter "Beatitudes" in the search box labeled "Related Videos." This should produce a list of all the large presentations presented thus far.



Living the Beatitudes – from Genny Wilbourne

OFS National Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) is offering a 10-part series on "Living the Beatitudes," hosted by Patricia Grace. A Zoom meeting is held once a month, for 10 months, on Saturday. The Saturday on which it meets, and the time of the meeting, varies from month to month so it is important to contact Patricia Grace at patriciaelizabethgrace7@gmail.com to get the calendar as well as Zoom invitations for the meetings. The next meeting is on Saturday, March 26 at 2:00 Pacific Time. (I think that is 5:00PM EDT) .

I attended the Introductory session on February 19, 2022. There were 102 participants, but only several could be viewed at any one time. The format for this session, and all future ones, is divided into four sections: Opening Prayer, Short Reflections, Small and Large Discussion Groups in Breakout Rooms, and then Closing Prayer.

Matthew 5:3-12 The Beatitudes, and John 3:16 were read and discussed. This program does not have a standard text. Several books and articles were suggested for sources for study.

- [Eight Doors of the Kingdom: Meditations on the Beatitudes](#) by Jacques Philippe delves deeper into the Gospel of Matthew's promise of everlasting happiness as we draw closer to God.
- [Let's Us Dream, the Path to Better Future](#) by Pope Francis offers heartfelt spiritual guidance for a path to a better future in a short "easy to read" publication.
- [Bishop Barron: Culture would love to compartmentalize religion](#) in the [Clarion Herald](#) is a review by Peter Finny, of a homily given by Bishop Barron to judges, lawyers, and politicians at the Red Mass of the Archdiocese of New Orleans on October 4, 2021. It discusses the tensions rising over the proper role of religion, faith, and moral thinking in today's society.

We were encouraged to read some of this information and then write our own Beatitudes based on our own individual lives. The Beatitudes should guide our personal and spiritual development.

During the small group breakout, we discussed how Scripture is A Love Letter from God and the Beatitudes are the

backbone of community life that seeks common good. All shared our personal synonyms for "blessed"-----happy, joy, given grace, hopeful, favored, thankful for, I love you, gifted, illuminated, joyful, aligned with the will of God. The 2 hours passed quickly and ended with the words on a billboard viewed by one of the participants-----

Hi There! You Know That Whole Matthew Thing?
I Meant That!
Love, God

UKRAINE RELIEF – Joan Faltot

I am sure I share everyone's opinion that Russia's aggression in Ukraine is unjustified, a crime against humanity, and worthy of a war crimes tribunal. I want to help in some way, but how? I guess it is reasonable to expect every charity organization to jump on board and start requesting funds for Ukraine. But how effective will they be? What is their experience in Ukraine? So far, I have found one organization that I feel has direct involvement in Ukraine with "boots on the ground" right now in Ukraine.

I hope you have all heard in your parish, that the Knights of Columbus have promised to match all donations up to \$500,000. You can forget the matching funds. As of March 8th, \$4.5 million has been raised for the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. And 100% of it will go to assist Ukraine and its refugees. The Knights have contacts in Ukraine. The Knights were established in Poland in 2006 and currently have 6,840 members. The Knights were established in Ukraine in 2012 and currently have 1,889 members there.

The majority of the aid focuses on two operations. On March 1, the first semi-truck shipment of food, medical supplies, and clothing was delivered from the eastern part of Poland to Lviv, Ukraine's western-most major city. A second trip was in the planning stage. The truck was driven by Knights of Columbus volunteers. In Lviv, local Ukrainian Knights unloaded the truck and are working to distribute the material. Say a prayer that the truck does not get bombed, as Russia has now said it would target the supplies/equipment entering the country. The second operation is inside Poland just across the border from Ukraine. The Knights have set up "mercy huts." Fleeing refugees can receive food, medical supplies, clothing, and relief from the winter weather.

Additional tasks include:

- The Knights are working with both the Latin and Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine, with dioceses and councils in Poland, and with international humanitarian aid agencies to address needs quickly and effectively.
- Polish Knights have established collection sites in Kraków, Radom, and Tomaszów Lubelski, where they are gathering and packaging medical supplies, warm clothing, and necessities.
- Anticipating a request from the Polish Bishops' Conference, Knights in Poland have created a database of parishioner homes and parish centers that will host refugees.
- Polish Knights and their families have already received and housed wives and children sent by some Ukrainian Knights across the border.
- Local leaders of the Knights of Columbus in Ukraine, including the state deputy, state secretary, and a district deputy, have been appointed part of an "Anti-Crisis Committee," established by the Archdiocese of Lviv to coordinate and distribute humanitarian aid.
- Based on the Knights' success in collecting and delivering relief supplies into Ukraine, a number of organizations and companies in Poland have asked to partner with the Knights of Columbus going forward.

You can donate to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund online at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>.



20th Quinquennial Congress

3-7 August 2022

REGISTRATION & GENERAL INFORMATION



Please read all 4 pages below before registering

Registration opens August 1, 2021

Q Registration Cost:

Full "Early bird" *	\$ 175	August 01- Dec. 31, 2021
Full Regular *	\$ 205	January 01 - May 27, 2022
Full "Late Owl" *	\$ 250	May 28 - July 1, 2022
One day only "Early bird" **	\$ 83	August 01 - Dec. 31, 2021
One day only **	\$ 100	January 01 - July 01, 2022

Young adults (Age 18-35)

Scholarships available, please email:

ofsusa.qcongress@gmail.com

* Includes meal plan: 4 dinners, 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches, beginning with dinner on Wed. Aug.3

** Includes 1 lunch and 1 dinner

Meals on your own Sunday, Aug.7

Registration closes July 1, 2022. We cannot accommodate walk-ins

BEFORE REGISTERING: please read all 4 pages of information provided on the regional website at <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/upcoming-events/> -- click on the 20th Quinquennial Congress icon to download all 4 pages of information.



2022 Regional Retreat

May 13th to May 15th

Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House

9270 Loyola Retreat Rd, Faulkner, MD 20664

Phone: +1 301 392 0800

Our Weekend Facilitator will be

Fr. Stephen King, OFM Conventual

Weekend Theme—To be a Secular Franciscan, in These Changing Times

Weekend Retreat Information

Cost per person \$270 (all single rooms). Includes: Friday and Saturday evening dinner, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, and Saturday and Sunday Lunch

A non-refundable deposit Check for \$100, is required. Make check payable to **St. Margaret of Cortona Region**

The deadline to send your deposit check is **April 1, 2022.**

Mail check to: Peter Noyes

P.O. Box 860

Burtonsville, MD 20866

Day-trippers are welcome at \$90 per day (meals included)

If you have questions concerning cost or non-refundable deposits, contact Peter at: pnoyesofs@gmail.com



Stephen is a friar of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual. He has served in parishes and has taught high school, as well as serving in the initial formation ministry of the Order in the US and in England. He received a Masters degree in Franciscan Studies from the Franciscan Institute at Saint Bonaventure University, and a PHD in Christian Spirituality from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. His main interest are very early Franciscan sources and history and the presentation of early franciscan spirituality through iconography. He has taught Franciscan studies at the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury, England. Currently, he is a member of staff at the Shrine of Saint Anthony in Ellicott City, Maryland.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

March 2 through April 10, 2022

HELP SAVE LIVES IN ANNAPOLIS!



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 over 1,000, 000 volunteers in 64 countries.

With God's help, over 20,000 babies saved from abortion, 229 abortion workers converted, and 114 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:** 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Daily
- **For more information:** www.40daysforlife.com/annapolis
- **Local contacts:** Becky Simpson, annapolis40daysforlife@gmail.com, 443-546-7895
Tony Martelli, tony@mdcoalitionforlife.com, 443-254-5433

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



43rd Annual Social Ministry Convocation

[Archdiocese of Baltimore](http://www.archbaltsmc.org)

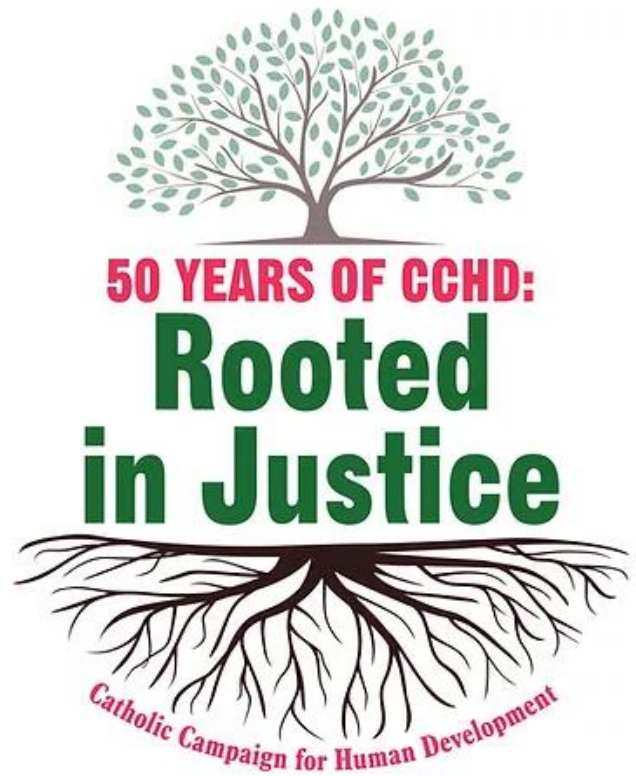
March 26, 2022

9:00am – 4:00 pm

This is a virtual event.

Cost: \$10. Register at:

<https://www.archbaltsmc.org/register>



9am - 9:45am	Welcome, Opening Prayer, Msgr. Richard Bozzelli
Choir	Music by Mercy High School
Speaker	Glyndon Bailey <i>50 Years of CCHD</i>
9:45am - 10:30am	Keynote Address: Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.
10:30am - 10:45am	Break
10:45am - 12pm	Morning Workshops
12pm - 1pm	Lunch and Virtual Social
	Ministry Fair
1pm - 1:15pm	Break

1:15pm - 2pm	Awards Ceremony
2 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15pm - 3:30pm	Afternoon Workshops
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Break
3:45pm - 4pm	Closing Prayer Service

WORKSHOPS - for descriptions see: <https://www.archbaltsmc.org/workshops>

- 1. Year One of the Maryland Catholic Labor Network**
Clayton Sinyai, US Catholic Labor Network; Fr. Ty Hullinger, St. Anthony, St. Dominic, & Most Precious Blood; Chuck Hendricks, Unite Here; Maureen Daly, Maryland Catholic Labor Network
- 2. We Are All Part of God's Plan(et): The US Church's Commitment to Pope Francis' Laudato Si Action Plan on the Care for Our Common Home**
AM Spanish/PM English
Catholic Climate Covenant Staff
- 3. CCHD: Dreams from the Past & Dreams for the Future**
Marge Trenkle, Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.
- 4. ABC's of Social Justice**
Johnny Zokovitch, Pax Christi USA

- 5. Dreaming of a Church that is Inclusive and Welcoming to LGBTQ+ Catholics**
Panel of LGBTQ+ Catholics, Families and Allies
- 6. Rooted In Justice: Together Beyond Our Parish**
Sherita Thomas, Office of Black Catholic Ministries - Archdiocese of Baltimore; Darron C. Woodus, Holy Family Randallstown.
- 7. Right to Counsel for Renters**
Matt Hill, Esq., Maryland Public Justice Center
- 8. Accompanying the Global Migrant**
AM Spanish/PM English
Pat Jones; Silvia M. Peart, PhD; Fernando Paniagua, PhD
- 9. Equity Now: Unconscious Bias and Baltimore's Equity Mission**
Dana Moore, Chief Equity Office, City of Baltimore