



Minister's Minute

It has been a goal of the Secular Franciscan Order to become more ecumenical. The task of the Church is extensive, perhaps overwhelming, and we need to cooperate with other denominations. Our field trip this month is only a baby step.

Abbot Fr. Joseph Lee (who gifted the 1st class relic of St. Francis to Ruth Shea) has invited us to the Monastery of the Holy Cross (Eastern Catholic) at 1302 Quincy St NE, in Washington DC. He will talk on "Living the Franciscan Lifestyle," and he has invited us to stay for lunch. In his younger days, Fr. Joseph was a Secular Franciscan, so we will not be strangers to him. Because I know little about the Eastern Church, I plan to learn a lot this Saturday.

You are encouraged to use the parking lot of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St NE). It is a block from the Monastery of the Holy Cross (photograph at left).



Our schedule:

- 9:00 am Arrival
- 9:15 Mass – Father Jim Gardner from the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land will celebrate.
- 10:00 Break - Coffee & tea with very light refreshment. (Suggest you have breakfast at home prior to setting out.)
- 10:15 Fr. Joseph talk on Living the Franciscan Lifestyle, and perhaps about the Byzantine Rite
- 11:15 Prepare for lunch
- 11:30 Lunch. Fr. Joseph is providing lunch. *"No one will ever leave the Monastery hungry."*

REMINDER: Our June 18th Fraternity meeting will be at **Our Lady of the Fields** church, 1070 Cecil Avenue, South Millersville, MD, to celebrate the **50th Anniversary of our Fraternity**. Catherine Gonzales is organizing the food for the potluck luncheon. Please contact her at cmgonzalez59@outlook.com to let her know what you would like to bring if you haven't done so already. Family members are welcome. The festivities will start with Mass at 10:30 am. Fr. Patrick Monahan will be the celebrant at the Mass, and Fr. James Watson will be giving the homily. Pat Tyrrell has been busy sending out invitations to all our past Spiritual Assistants, the regional council, and past fraternity members who have transferred to other fraternities but who live within driving distance. (These include members of St. Pope John-Paul fraternity and St. Clare fraternity, which our fraternity sponsored.)

Reminder: Nominations for election to the National Secular Franciscan Council close on June 30, 2022. Elections will take place, on October 20th. You may nominate yourself. (If you chose to nominate another person, please contact the person first to see if they will accept the nomination.) Please nominate only well-qualified, permanently professed Secular Franciscans to serve. You may nominate a person for more than one position. Please send your nomination (NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, EMAIL ADDRESS) either via electronic e-mail, or via snail-mail to both:

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408 Custer Ave
Glenolden, PA 19036
E-mail: kkleinert@msn.com

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6817 White Oak Court,
Edwardsville, IL 62026
E-mail: ofs.minister.prairie@gmail.com

You must send your nomination to both co-chairs to avoid the possibility of any nomination being lost in the mail/e-mail.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continuing generosity-

April -- May Treasurer's report is as follows:

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| Previous April Balance | | \$1,572.90 |
| Phoenix Academy | -\$365.00 | |
| Bus Tokens | -\$125.00 | |
| Monastery Holy Land | -\$100.00 | |
| New checks | -\$ 68.88 | |
| April Balance | | \$914.02 |
| May Deposit | +\$1,125.00 | \$2,039.02 |
| FFA | -\$100.00 | |
| SA Stipend | -\$100.00 | |
| May Balance | | \$1,839.02 |

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to:

Joe McHugh
1740 Tedbury St
Crofton, MD 21114

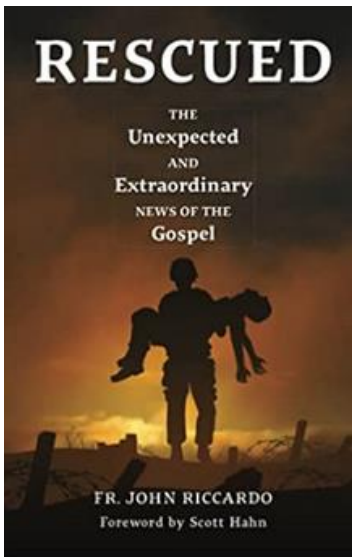
Remember, when making your donation to the fraternity, use the memo line of your check to designate where you wish your contribution to be directed. There are three possible designations:

- 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" – Food Bags were filled on April 20th. The last scheduled backpack filling for the school year will be on Wednesday, May 18th at 9:45am. For more information contact Denise at rubob903@gmail.com.

Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: The sandwich making crew meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30am, so May 26th will be the next meeting. Catherine will host the group. For additional informaton, contact Catherine at cmgonzalez59@outlook.com.



Review submitted by Joan Faltot

Once we understand that the gospel is not merely good news but explosive, life-changing news, we will never be the same again. Amazon review.

The cover is a bit misleading; however, it captures the gung-ho writing style of Fr. John Riccardo. I will never forget one passage: "Jesus turned water into wine; we have turned the wine into water with our lukewarm reponse..."

The book is divided into four parts.

Created. A beautiful, insightful look into the Genesis creation story; how to understand the writing style and the uniqueness of this creation story compared to the other Near Eastern myths. God made us to be loved and to love.

Captured. "Or, What the Hell Happened?" introduced me to a detailed background of Lucifer and the angels that rebelled against God. It wasn't pride but the envy of man, an inferior creature that the angels were to serve, that caused the rebellion. So Lucifer and his crew set out to destroy, enslave, and degrade

man instead of serve him.

Rescued. A fascinating discussion of our redemption by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, supported with quotes from early church writings. Fr. John's refers to Jesus as "the *ambush predator*"—refers to the tactic of snakes, spiders, etc., to lie motionless while camouflaged to attract prey, and then to attack them. Jesus chose to die. When he dies on the cross, "it is accomplished": His entry into death in order to to destroy it.

Response. We are now agents of sabotage as we work with God to get His world back.

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation: Easter Letter, April 24, 2022

Carolyn D. Townes, OFS
National Animator,
Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation

Easter Greetings of peace, dear National Family!

He is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Blessed Second Sunday of Easter! Blessed Sunday of the Divine Mercy! I pray this finds you all well and filled with the peace of our Risen Lord!

As we continue to navigate these trying and violent times, let us reflect on and take to heart the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his Easter message: "Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!" Let us always allow the peace of Christ to prevail. Hatred and violence will never have the final word as long as we remember we are Resurrection people. Our Lord Jesus showed us that death did not have the final word. He conquered sin and death by the wood of his cross. We too, are called to the "decision of peace," as Pope Francis states. Yes, these are hard and difficult times; yes, there is nonstop violence in our world; and yes, we are witnesses of the cruelty and brutality of our fellow humans. But we are Resurrection people! We are a people of hope! We are a people who are to open our eyes, soften our hearts, and wield the weapons of love, peace, and reconciliation.

Let us tend to the broken, the forgotten, the forsaken, and the voiceless. We cannot throw stones if we are busy washing feet. As our brother and Minister General Tibor Kauser writes, our tools of leadership should be the washbowl and the towel. We are called to wash each other's feet instead of heaping piles of disparaging and demeaning words and stones upon each other. Let us continue to lift up the lowly so they too may walk side by side with us, in peace and joy!

2022 Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Award

And so, my dear brothers and sisters, it is that time again when we, as a Franciscan community, recognize those individuals who are doing exemplary work in the areas of peace, social justice, and the care of God's creation. I know there are wonderful Franciscans out there on the front lines, serving and tirelessly working for the common good. Please prayerfully consider nominating that ordinary Franciscan who steps out into the extraordinary.

Nominations are only open to members of the worldwide Franciscans Family - Friar or Brother; Poor Clare; 3rd Order Regular Sister; 3rd Order Secular, Ecumenical Franciscan – Clergy or Lay member.

[If you have someone in mind, please let me know (Joan Faltot, jd6bouv@verizon.net)- I will email the form to you.]

Please email the nomination forms back to me at ctownes26@gmail.com. Please put JPIC AWARD in the Subject line. I will email you an acknowledgement upon receipt of your form.

DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022. This is the first call for nominations. Any questions, please feel free to contact me or your National JPIC Commission representative.

Annual H2O Project

And just a reminder: It is never too late to contribute to the H2O Project. Yes, Lent may be over, but the need for clean, drinkable water will always be with us. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, one thing remains certain – the need for clean water. Consider donating to the H2O Project individually or collectively with your family or fraternity. Donations can be sent to our National Treasurer, Claudia Kauzlarich, 2007 Maverick Trail, Harrisonville, MO 64701-1545. Make the check payable to OFS-USA – with H2O Project in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

50TH

ANNIVERSARY

of the canonical establishment of
St. Conrad of Parzham
Secular Franciscan Fraternity
of Annapolis

COME CELEBRATE WITH US
(Family members welcome)

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Our Lady of the Fields Church

1070 Cecil Ave. South, Millersville MD

Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrants: Fr. James Watson & Fr. Patrick Monahan, OFM Cap.
Followed by Renewal of our Secular Franciscan Commitment

Followed by Welcome, Lunch and Program in the Hall

RSVP before June 6 to Pat or Judith Tyrrell
(410) 721 7308 or jpatricktsfo@gmail.com

We would be honored to have you celebrate with us.
For those not able to attend, we invite you to celebrate in spirit
and share your stories with us in writing for everyone to enjoy

MAY THE LORD ALWAYS BE WITH YOU AND
MAY YOU ALWAYS BE WITH HIM!!

Blessing of St. Clare



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:

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|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| 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.



Secular Franciscan Conferences — Summer 2022

**The Crib, the Cross, the Eucharist:
A Secular Franciscan Spirituality**

Three Saturday sessions, each from noon to 2 p.m.
 May 14 | June 11 | July 9
 All sessions presented via Zoom

Join us this summer with a variety of programs!

- Franciscan Connections Conference: June 22-23
- Summer of 2022 Secular Franciscan Conferences: May 14, June 11 & July 9
- Summer of 2022 Master Class: Bonaventure's Itinerarium: June 21-23, June 28-30, July 5-7
- Academic Roger Bacon Conference: July 21-24
- The Padua Program: New cohort begins in fall 2022
- Rule of 1221 Conference: July 13-15

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