

# The Porter

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

*The Porter* deadline for the next issue is September 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](mailto:jd6bouv@verizon.net).

 <p><b>Fraternity Meeting</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, August 20, 2022</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mass at 8:30 AM at the Chapel on the Hill</b>  <b>Sacred Heart, 16501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715</b>  <b>Meeting at 9:00 – noon *** Whitmarsh Hall (on the hill)</b></p> <p><b>Masks are no longer required, but feel free to wear one if you wish.</b>  <b>Bring your Liturgy of the Hours</b></p>
<p><b>Refreshments</b></p> 	<p>Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park is responsible for the refreshments.  <i>Please remember to bring your coffee cup.</i></p> <p>Glen Burnie/Odenton/Pasadena has the supplies so please bring them this Saturday... and take them home again since you have refreshments next month. [Don't complain... Glen Burnie had the supplies for almost a year in my dining room during COVID]</p>
<p><b>Liturgy</b></p>	<p>Glen Burnie/Odenton/Pasadena: Morning Prayer, Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> week of Ordinary Time        Psalter – Saturday, Psalter Week 4</p>
<p><b>Outreach</b></p>	<p><b>We will be collecting school supplies for the Light House shelter at our August meeting. See the last page of this flyer for a suggested list of supplies that are needed.</b></p>
<p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> 	<p><b>For physical and spiritual healing of:</b> John Corbis, Jerry Miante, Kathleen Sievers, Judge Dodge, Carole Marsh's sister, Harry Thompson, Jeanne Wilbourne, Ed Wilbourne (rehabilitation), Jackie Chaplin (sister of Kathleen Sievers), Audrey's daughter Diane (COVID), Encarnacion del Pozo Martínez (former Minister General of the OFS, hospitalized due to a stroke), Joan Kvetkas, Gertrude Shelton (Marie's mom), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), Evelyn Jones, Tessie Chitty, Jan Parker (National Minister), Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Bill Mulqueen, Ruth Shea's husband, Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne, Gerard Malka (brother of Genny Wilbourne), Carolyn Malka (sister-in-law of Genny Wilbourne)  <i>(Please help update this list by sending changes/additions to <a href="mailto:jd6bouv@verizon.net">jd6bouv@verizon.net</a>)</i></p>
<p><b>Birthdays</b></p>	<p>Bob Ranke – 8/22        Denise Miante – 9/03        Chris Grubach – 9/15</p>
<p><b>Profession Anniversaries</b></p>	<p>Sarah Ranke – 09/11/1986        Carmen Delgado – 09/11/1986        Bob Ranke – 09/11/1986</p>
<p><b>Council Meeting</b></p>	<p>Friday, September 2 at 7:00pm via Zoom</p>



## Minister's Minute

Finally... the heat wave has broken and the nights are cooler making for great sleeping weather with the window open. It also forewarns of school starting soon. So this month we will have our annual collection of school supplies for the Light House shelter. Please see the last page of *The Porter* for the flyer showing the supplies that are needed.

The Quinquennial, "Q," has concluded. The keynote talk and a couple of additional talks, as well as hundreds of still photos are available on the National web site at <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/updates-from-the-q-august-3rd-through-7th-2022>.

And don't forget, next month we will have our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Our Lady of the Fields Church** in Millersville. Family and friends are invited. We will begin with 10:30 Mass followed by Renewal of Our Secular Franciscan Commitment. Unfortunately Fr. James Watson's new assignment is in Ohio prevents him from joining us. So Fr. Patrick Monahan has stepped in and will celebrate the Mass for us. Luncheon will follow. If you have forgotten what food you have signed watch for an email from Catherine. We have also reserved the picnic pavilion in addition to the dining hall just in case some new variant of covid takes off again.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continuing generosity !!!

Below is the Treasurer's Report as of August 5.

6/30 June balance		\$1,004.02
7/1 Deposit	\$1,450.00	\$2,454.02
7/5 FFA	(\$ 100.00)	\$2,354.02
7/5 SA Stipend	(\$ 100.00)	\$2,254.02
7/5 C. Gonzales	(\$ 158.12)	\$2,095.90
Supplies for Anniversary Celebration		
7/16 Sarah Ryan	(\$ 50.00)	\$2,045.90
7/16 Bob Longo	(\$ 100.00)	\$1,945.90
Visitation Stipend		
7/16 M. Badjo	(\$ 100.00)	\$1,845.90
Visitation Stipend		
7/19 Deposit	\$1,715.00	\$3,610.90
7/22 OLF Pavilion rental	(\$ 100.00)	\$3,510.90

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*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)

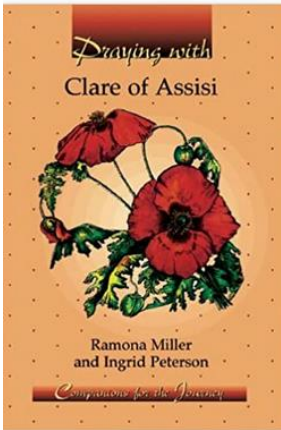
**BUS** - bus tokens for the Light House shelter clients

**Phoenix** - Phoenix Academy 'backpack' food program (money collected will be held until program restarts in October.)

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – DENISE MIANTE

**Shelter Lunches** -- on July 28, we made 100 sandwiches. A BIG THANK YOU to Paul Gonzales for hosting us in Catherine's absence. Outstanding job!! Next sandwich-making is scheduled for August 25th - doing 100 at that time. For additional information, contact Catherine at [cmgonzalez59@outlook.com](mailto:cmgonzalez59@outlook.com).

**Fraternity outreach for August: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE LIGHT HOUSE**– see list on last page of this *Porter* for the suggested list of items.



## **PRAYING WITH CLARE OF ASSISI** by Ramona Miller & Ingrid Peterson

Reviewed by Judith Tyrrell

Some thoughts about Praying with Clare of Assisi by renowned authors Ramona Miller and Ingrid Peterson, both Sisters of St. Francis of Rochester, Minnesota. (TAU Publishing)

“The goal of this book is that you will discover Clare’s rich spirituality and integrate her spirit and wisdom into your relationship with God, with your brothers and sisters, and with your own heart and mind.”

This book begins with an overview of Clare’s life, Community and her legacy of Letters, Testament, Rule and Blessing which perhaps many of you have read or studied but the book continues with 15 thought-provoking Meditations. The topics of each chapter include Service

to Others, The Privilege of Poverty, Gazing at the San Damiano Cross, The Strength of the Eucharist, Spiritual Friendship, Divine Inspiration, Devotion to the Passion, Healing Power, The Work of Our Hands, Building Community, The Virtue of Humility, Separation and Loss, The Centrality of Prayer, The Church and the Footprint of Mary.

Each Meditation chapter includes Clare’s Life and Words related to the topic, a Reflection and what I found most unique are the numerous suggestions on how to meditate and apply Clare’s wisdom to our lives, followed by God’s Word and a Prayer.

### **LETTER FROM INDIA: MARCH 2022** (\*\*\*) indicates word’s I could not decipher)

March 2022

Dear friend,

Love and greetings from my family. Myself and my two daughters are doing well. We are all safe from the viruses. Still taking all the necessary steps to stop it. Hope it will come to an end very soon.

My eldest daughter is doing her 12<sup>th</sup> grade and at the same time preparing \*\*\* to write the entrance exam for medicine. Her desire will continue if she gets success in it. Second daughter is doing AWM Nursing course for one year. Now it is a training period for her. It will be over by the end of this month.

I am having fibroid in the uterus and is under treatment. Both my children are under treatment also for allergy and nerve problem. Lot of money is needed for the treatment. Only because of your help I go through my life. I can never forget the help you are giving to me. Because of you I have a \*\*\* house of my own. Again I hope my daughter will get a small job at least. Otherwise I will find very difficult to go ahead. My health also is very weak.

Please do remember me in your prayers. May God strengthen you to do more good work in the future. May this Easter Season make all your dreams come tur and bring a lot of love and happiness and health to your family.

Lovingly  
Rejani Roy

## **AWARDEE OF THE ANNUAL JPIC: LOUISE SANDBERG, OFS, TAU CROSS REGION**

National JPIC Coordinator Carolyn Townes

Louise has not only offered unselfish service to her fraternity and the Region, but she has served with great love as the Regional JPIC Animator. She serves as her fraternity minister, as a Regional Councilor and has provided leadership to the entire Region through her service as JPIC Animator. Louise brings life physically and spiritually to so many people. She is a pediatric nurse by profession and works with patients with the most severe conditions. She assists with her family's special needs and this last year, she has been caring for her husband whose health is failing. She does all this with grace and joy.

Louise worked in a program called Widflowers that helps women heal from childhood abuse and trauma. She found a safe place where women could go from being victims to survivors and thrivers. She helped women change their lives for the better. They would come in downcast and after eight weeks become secure and eager to continue with their hard work of recovery.

She has also assisted in bringing essentials to people in Uganda. On one trip, she travelled with a group and brought money, clothes and medicine. While in Uganda, she visited a church, a school, a prison, and a clinic. She has helped with the construction of a new home for one small family. Louise has raised money to build multiple clean water sources, a piggery, a chicken coop with chicks, a school and a place to make meals for the school children. She looks forward to returning to Uganda to help her brothers and sisters in need.

### **PRAY THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY – from Genny Wilbourne**

It is easy to rely on our own eyes to tell us what to believe and many people rely on the motto "I'll believe it when I see it", but those who live with eyes of faith see far beyond this physical world. We are comprised of a physical nature and a spiritual nature, and of those two, the spiritual nature is elevated far above and removed from the passions and feelings of the human body. This higher nature is what we tap into for a brief time when we pray the Patriotic rosary. We lift our voices to appeal to Jesus and Mary to help our nation heal on a spiritual level. This is where the war is being waged on our nation and you are invited to engage in the battle.

Please call into the conference call and join us in prayer today. Your prayers will help lift the veil of darkness that has fallen over our nation.

The number is 605-475-4000 access code 449465# (be sure to press # sign after the access code)

We will pray the rosary every Thursday at 8 PM Eastern time.

If you cannot connect, are dropped from the call, or are being charged for the call by your phone carrier, dial 206-451-6078 first and then the number and access code listed above for a free call and better connection.

### **SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH DREAMERS FOR DACA'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY (from usccb.org)**

June 15 marked ten years since the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was created through executive action. This gave hope to many undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children, commonly known as "Dreamers." Over the last decade, DACA recipients have gained well-deserved reputations as high academic achievers, community leaders, and contributors to the American economy. Nevertheless, they lack access to permanent legal status and citizenship and face continued uncertainty about their future in the United States. This uncertainty has been exacerbated by years of legal challenges, including a federal district court's ruling in

July 2021 that declared DACA to be unlawful, preventing new applications from being processed and jeopardizing protection for current beneficiaries.

For many years, the Catholic bishops of the United States have called on Congress to provide Dreamers with the ability to integrate as fully recognized members of our society. As Bishop Mario Dorsonville, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration, recently stated, "We just can't ignore what they have done and the record they have placed in front of us."

Bishop Dorsonville has encouraged members of Congress to make the tenth anniversary of DACA "the long-awaited inflection point that leads to a permanent solution for all Dreamers—one of many steps to address an immigration system in desperate need of reform."

## **Ecumenical Event: Monthly Melkite Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's**

Monthly Melkite Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's 3:00 p.m. on September 11th followed by Fellowship Hour at the Carroll Gardens. The tradition of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church reflects the Byzantine Culture which has its roots in the Holy Land and the Church of Antioch, where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians. Celebrations are typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month (9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11) . For more information contact: [annapolismelkites@gmail.com](mailto:annapolismelkites@gmail.com), Patrick Saad Saba (240) 486-0541 or Fr. Elias Dorham (202) 417-6145.

This mass is held at :  
St Mary's Church  
109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis 21401

Handouts are provided to follow along. They are in full communion with Pope Francis.



10 Hudson Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Light House  
A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER

Tel: 410.349.5056  
www.AnnapolisLightHouse.org



The Light House is looking to collect backpacks filled with school supplies, a variety of uniform tops and bottoms in different sizes to provide the greater Light House community children with the back to school gear needed to have a successful 2022-2023 school year!

### BACKPACKS (Should Include)

- 1 pack pencils
- 1 pack black or blue pens
- 8 count crayons
- 8 count colored pencils
- 1 pencil pouch
- 12 count markers
- 1 Blunt tip scissors
- 3 pack glue sticks
- 3 packs wide ruled paper
- 1 pack sticky notes or Post-its
- 1 12 in. ruler
- 5 2 pocket folders, different colors
- 3 wide ruled composition notebooks

### UNIFORMS (New or Gently Used)

- **Tops** - must have collars with buttons (3 or less) be polo style, in one of these four colors: white, navy blue, light blue, "Ravens" dark purple, or gray.
- **Pants/Shorts** - Standard pants, Capri pants and shorts must have belt loops and be worn properly and securely around the waist with a belt. All must be khaki, tan or navy blue, not denim.
- **Skirts/Skorts** - All must be khaki, tan or navy blue, not denim.
- **Belts** - A solid, plain black, brown/tan or navy, leather (or leather-like) belt.
- **Socks** - Must be plain (with no designs) and be one of the designated top colors.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> - FRIDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Donation items listed above can be delivered to our 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis location, Monday through Friday 9:00am – 7:00pm, or Saturday and Sunday 9:00am – 3:00pm.

For questions, please email [volunteers@annapolislighthouse.org](mailto:volunteers@annapolislighthouse.org).

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**Thank you for your support!**

