



The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – January 2023
<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

The Porter deadline for February is the 10th. Please send news, events, prayer requests, poems, or any 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 Gathering	<p align="center">Saturday, January 21, 2023</p> <p align="center">Mass at 8:30 AM at the Chapel on the Hill</p> <p align="center">Sacred Heart, 16501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715</p> <p align="center">Meeting at 9:00 – noon *** Whitmarsh Hall (by the chapel)</p> <p>If you are ill, have been exposed to COVID, or have other concerns you can attend via a Zoom session. Zoom information will be sent Friday evening.</p>						
Refreshments 	<p>Annapolis/Eastern Shore is responsible for the refreshments. <i>Please remember to bring your coffee cup.</i></p> <p>Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary.</p>						
Liturgy	<p>Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park – Bring your Christian Prayer Book / LOH</p>						
Program	<p>Fraternity Vision. Extraction of Saints & 2023 Prayer Partners</p>						
Prayer Requests 	<p>For physical and spiritual healing of: Bill Chitty, John Corbis, Jerry Miente, 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)</p> <p><i>(Please help update this list by sending changes/additions/deletions to jd6bouv@verizon.net)</i></p>						
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Profession Anniversaries	<p>Lita Millan – 1/10/2002 Margaret Jackson – 2/8/1998 <i>Happy 25th Anniversary</i></p>						
Council Meeting	<p>Friday, February 3 at 7:00 via Zoom</p>						



Minister's Minute:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are Family. We are Fraternity. We are united by the Spirit and called to work together to build up the Church with our love and service and care for one another and those we encounter. Rule 6 speaks to me of this call--*"They have been made living members of the Church by being buried and raised with Christ in Baptism; they have been united more intimately with the Church by profession. Therefore they should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by their life and words. Called like St. Francis to REBUILD the Church and inspired by his example, let them devote themselves energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity."*

Archbishop Lori declared last year the Year of the Eucharist ending on the feast of Corpus Christi with a procession. The Bishops have continued the emphasis on the Eucharist in a 3-Year National Eucharistic Revival with encouragement to pray for bishops and priests and to pray for increased love and faith in Jesus truly present at Mass and when we adore Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please read more at www.eucharisticrevival.org

Six members of our fraternity began our efforts to unite with this Adoration effort with the encouragement of Denise and we prayed a Holy Hour at St. John Neumann in Annapolis. Please look for further dates of fraternity Adoration. Invite your brothers and sisters to join you.

Have you read The Sisters of Life publication IMPRINT this month with a focus on the above Eucharistic Revival? Wonderful testimonies of the Sisters inviting people in New York into St. Patrick's Cathedral where the people had LIFE-giving encounters with Jesus present on the altar in the monstrance. The Sisters write about Eucharistic miracles like Lanciano, Saints devoted to the Eucharist like Blessed Acutis, the healing power of the Mass and prayer.

So how do we--like St. Francis--"rebuild the Church"? Jon Sweeney in his book "When Saint Francis Saved the Church" (Ave Maria Press) discusses six ways Francis created a spiritual VISION for the ages. He began with friendship. How would you begin? What do you think it would take to "revive" yourself, your fraternity, your parish? At our fraternity meeting this month we the Council would like you to write your ideas so that we can plan for this year. Do you remember the slips of paper used for the straw poll? We are going to ask you at the meeting to answer 4 questions on 4 slips of paper to help us. Here are the questions so you can be thinking?

1. What suggestions do you have for programs, speakers and/or books for the meetings?
2. How do you serve in your parish? How would you like to serve with your gifts?
3. What suggestions do you have for Area Groups activities? Skits, Saints, Testimonies?
4. What changes would you like to see in meeting time, prayer, apostolates, food, etc.

PEACE, LOVE AND JOY, JUDITH

CAPUCHIN MASS FOR LIFE

**REMINDER: THE CAPUCHIN MASS FOR LIFE IS AT 11AM ON
FRIDAY, JAN 20TH AT THE SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION CRYPT**

PLEASE CALL 410-721-7308 FOR A POSSIBLE RIDE

Maryland March for Life!

Date and Location

February 27, 2023

Starting at St. Mary's Church and School
in Annapolis (109 Duke of Gloucester St.)

Featured Speakers

- Gloria Purvis, Catholic Speaker, Pro-Life Activist
- Reverend Pat Mahoney, Pro-Life Activist
- Laura Bogley, Executive Director, Maryland Right to Life
- and MORE!

Itinerary

5PM: Gather in the parking lot of St. Mary's Annapolis for registration and pick up your chick fil a!

5:30PM: Outdoor Prayer and Worship Services in the parking lot of St. Mary's

6PM: Line up to march to the State Capitol

6:30PM: Rally at the State Capitol!

Email us at
mdmarchforlife@gmail.com

Register at
mdmarchforlife.com



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Save the Date

44TH ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION

Keynote Speaker - Rev. Dr. Marlon Tilghman, Pastor, Ames United Methodist Church, Bel Air, MD

Dream Big --- Dream Together

Saturday, February 25, 2023 -- Mercy High School, Baltimore, MD

<https://cchdbaltimore.org/>

OBITUARY: FR. FRANK JACOBI, SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT - NOVEMBER 1995 - MAY 2001

Francis Yacobi, OFM Cap., died at AGH West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, on Saturday evening, December 31, 2022, following several months of declining health. He was 73. Francis was born to Xavier Francis and Anne (Petty) Yacobi on May 11, 1949, in South Bend, IN, and was baptized at St. Joseph Church, the family's parish. He graduated from Marian Catholic High School, Chicago Heights, IL, in 1967. Frank earned Business Administration degrees in marketing and management at Northern Illinois University.

Frank was accepted into the Capuchin formation program and took pre-theology courses at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, OH, from 1983 to 1984. In 1984 he was invested as a Capuchin novice at St. Conrad Friary, Allison Park, PA. professed temporary vows as a Capuchin friar on July 13, 1985, and perpetual vows on August 2, 1988. He studied theology at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, attaining a Master of Divinity in 1989. After serving a unique year of diaconate year in the diocesan parish of St. William's in Euclid, OH, Frank was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1990.

His first assignment was to the missions in Papua New Guinea, initially in Ialibu as parochial vicar and then in Madang to serve on the faculty of St. Fidelis Seminary. Frank returned from the missions in 1993 and was assigned to St. Joseph Parish in York, PA, as parochial vicar. In 2011 to pastor the people of St. Callistus Parish in Philadelphia and to assist with the formation of postulants in residence at the nearby friary of Blessed Sacrament parish. Two years later, he was named Guardian of that West Philadelphia fraternity and director of the postulancy program.

In 2016, Frank was appointed to serve in the Provincial headquarters as executive secretary and was named guardian of St. Conrad Friary in Allison Park. Frank was always ready to serve the Province in his capacity as a canon lawyer.

Throughout his Capuchin life, Frank had an affection for the Secular Franciscan Order, serving as Spiritual Assistant to fraternities in Washington, **Annapolis [November 1995 - May 2001]** and Western Pennsylvania. He was also Spiritual Assistant to the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, providing guidance for the Sisters in Ohio, Virginia, Washington, and Alabama.

Frank was also committed to the Capuchin Volunteer Corps of the Province, serving as a member of the Board and assisting director Margaret McIntyre as needed.



Full Obituary can be found at <https://www.capuchin.com/index.php/79-friars/1043-frank-yacobi>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continuing generosity !!!

November Ending Balance		\$4,373.90
FFA Stipend	(\$100)	\$4,273.90
SA Stipend	(\$100)	\$4,173.90
Dec. Deposit	\$875	\$5,048.90
Qtr. Check Phoenix	(\$456)	\$4,592.90
Qtr. Check Tokens	(\$310)	\$4,282.90
December Ending Balance		\$4,282.90
January FFA Stipend	(\$100)	\$4,182.90
January SA Stipend	(\$100)	\$4,082.90

Following donations were approved by the council:

Franciscan Center	(\$200)	
Little Friends for Peace	(\$100)	
Casa Franciscana Outreach	(\$100)	
Province of St. Augustine	(\$100)	
Ixcán Ministries	(\$100)	
Amazon Relief	(\$100)	
St. Vincent de Paul, Baltimore	(\$100)	
Knights Solidarity Fund	(\$300)	
Fr. Patrick Monahan	(\$155.95)	\$2,826.95

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

In case you are unfamiliar with some of these organizations, below is some very brief description of their mission and a link to their website for more information.

Little Friends for Peace -- seeks to eradicate violence by teaching skills for peace. They have formed adult peace circles in Washington D.C and peace camps for youth. It's an interesting story and we hope they will accept an invitation to speak to our fraternity. <https://www.lffp.org/>

Casa Franciscana Outreach (CFO) -- The Casa Franciscana Mission in Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico dates back to 1968, when the Mexican Obregon Diocese asked the Franciscan Province of Saint Barbara, CA, USA to provide pastoral care to the English-speaking community in San Carlos, Mexico. The friars agreed to minister this care to the San Carlos community under the condition that they could also serve the poor in the neighboring city of Guaymas, Mexico. CFO was established in 1988 to raise funds for the Mission which provides food, medical, educational aid to the poor. <https://casafranciscanaoutreach.org/>

Ixcán Ministries – Is a Christian lay mission serving as a ministry of presence with the Maya People in the remote Ixcán jungle of Guatemala. Their programs include medical, housing, women's micro-business, food assistance, promotion of peace and justice. Recent drought has impacted food supply in the area. <https://ixcanministries.org/>

Amazon Relief – founded by a secular Franciscan, James Flickinger. It funds programs to feed and educate approximately 2,500 impoverished and "at risk" children living in the Amazon (year-round programs). In addition, it helped funded programs designed to assist approximately 4,500 "street children" and other poor youth. <https://christianity101blog.com/amazon-relief-part-3-amys-story/>

Knights Solidarity Fund (for Ukraine) -- The Knights of Columbus in the US work with the Knights in Poland and Ukraine, the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches, and partner NGOs to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, religious supplies, and other humanitarian needs as identified as the situation continues to change. 100% of donations go directly to support those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Fr. Patrick Monahan – our Spiritual Assistant is currently teaching English at St. Frances Academy in Baltimore. It is the

oldest continuously operating, predominantly African American Catholic High School in the United States started by Mother Mary Lange in 1828. In the past when making donations, the council has asked if there was something the school needed and Fr. Patrick would shake his head no. When asked at the last council meeting, he lit up. The chapel at the school had been used as a multipurpose room but it is the process of being cleaned out to be used as a chapel and Father Patrick would like to purchase two lectionaries for the chapel.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – DENISE MIANTE

Shelter Lunches -- We did NOT meet on Thursday, December 22 to make sandwiches due to adverse weather conditions. We DID make a monetary donation to the shelter in lieu of the sandwiches. Our next scheduled sandwich-making is for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, January 26 at Catherine's home in Annapolis. For additional information, contact Catherine at cmgonzalez59@outlook.com.

Bus Passes – Next quarterly contribution of 200 all-day bus passes for the Light House residents will be purchased in March

Phoenix Academy – Phoenix Academy Backpacks -- We filled 24 food bags at the school on Wednesday December 21st. Next filling will be on Wednesday, January, 18th at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

SACRED HEART'S LITTLE HOUSE ON THE HILL – Since this will probably be our last meeting at Sacred Heart, please consider donating to their outreach. They are currently in need of winter clothes—all sizes, as well as blankets, quilts, and linens. And there is always a need for all sizes underwear, socks, sheets, pillow cases. Remember, the House on the Hill primarily gives away clothes. There is limited storage space, so they cannot accept large household items. Please take those items to Goodwill or another charity. Thank you for giving to others. There is always need all sizes underwear, socks, sheets, pillow cases.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - SHOE BOX

Our fraternity is continuing to collect gift boxes for merchant seafarers who visit the Port of Baltimore. There are 3 ways to help:

- 1) If you wish to fill a shoe box, you can bring it to the Fraternity meeting on December 18. Please remember that there are also women Seafarers as well!! Chose a sturdy shoe box (but not a boot box), stuff it full of some of the items below, and wrap it with festive paper. See the list of suggested items below.
- 2) You could send a check to the Apostleship of the Sea at 320 Cathedral Street; Baltimore, MD 21202.
- 3) You can order items in bulk (like socks, warm hats, or gloves) and bring them to the January 21st fraternity meeting.

Suggested contents:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, combs, nail clippers, mouthwash, shampoos, comb/brush, hand sanitizer, lip balm

Hair conditioners, soap, shaving cream, deodorant, Q-tips, disposable razors

Socks, gloves, scarves, knit “watch caps” that cover the head and ears

Ball caps, pens, pencils, writing supplies, English dictionaries, 2022 calendars, pocket-sized address books/planners, Scotch tape, playing cards, travel sized games, reading materials (magazines, paperbacks)

Non-perishable foods/snacks/candy (no chocolate- it melts!) and a small Christmas card or blessing signed from a member, or members, of the Fraternity.



Da pacem Domine in diebus nostris

† James Raphael Anaparambil
Bishop of Alleppey

Christmas '22 & New Year '23

Dear Benefactor,

Let me reach you the warm wishes of Noël 2022 and New Year 2023 from the diocese of Alleppey with heartfelt thanks for your share in the myriad ways of enriching us.

It's my prayer and heart's desire that this heaven-sent season bring you, your family, friends, and dear ones Peace and Joy in abundance throughout the New Year.

We are fortunate that the pandemic did not stifle the public and ecclesial life as in the previous years. The fisherfolk who form the majority of our people are easily exposed to tragedies both natural and human-made. The sea level rise and coastal inundation continue to impound heavily on their lives and properties. In all these vistas, it is heartening to see how they defy despair and forge ahead with courage and vigour.

You have been the lifeline for many of these families. I thank you on behalf of them and want to assure you that your support ushers in changes they have been on looking for their family and children.

May the Light of our Lord's Nativity dispel despair and gladden our days with Christ's abiding presence.

Warm Regards

+ Bp. James Anaparambil

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Christmas 2022

Our dear loving friends,

Merry Christmas from our family to yours. Take nothing for granted and be thankful that you have such great family and friends to spend this joyous season with. Wishing you a delightful Christmas. Wishing you and your family health, happiness, peace and prosperity this Christmas and in the coming New Year. Hope you joined your family and friends on the thanksgiving day and had a wonderful time.

Here we all are keeping well by the grace of God. We are having an

odd weather of rain and sunshine. We are ever grateful to the Lord and you dear loving one for helping us with means for survival. Each penny of your valuable gift is utilized fruitfully and we assure our fervent prayers for your well-being.

How is the climate over there? Are you having snow? pray that we all will be able to celebrate the birth of the Infant Jesus in its full swing as covid crisis have lessened.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and Grace filled New Years!

With love and Prayers
Rajani and family.