

# The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD  
Secular Franciscan Order – May 2015  
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The Porter deadline for the May issue is June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting things that you think other members may enjoy to: Jean Gaes, 1824 Lang Drive, Crofton, MD 21114 or send by email.



## Fraternity Meeting

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. at St. John the Evangelist Church,  
607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146 in the youth room.  
Meeting will begin about 9:15am with refreshments.**

## Refreshments



Remember to bring your own coffee cup! Refreshments will be provided by **Glen Burnie**.  
**Annapolis will be next. Please take supplies home.**

## Program



**PROGRAM: Brother James Watson, OFM Cap, will be celebrating the Rite of Admission for Mary Rohde. There will be a Welcoming Ceremony for Deborah Proctor, Francis Proctor, and Judith Dodge. Evelyn Jones will make her recommitment to the OFS.**

## Outreach



## Light House Shelter

Shelter Lunch Group meets Mon. May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Joan Kvetkas' home. Our fraternity will be serving dinner at the shelter on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. 4-7 PM**. A committee has formed to provide additional meals. *Ongoing collection of money for bus tokens, diapers (sizes 4 and 5), flash drives, canned tuna or chicken, gift cards such as Target.*

## Liturgy

Please bring your ritual and Office books! The Annapolis group will lead our prayer.


## Council Meeting

June 9<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM

## Prayer Requests



**For our sick and/or homebound members:** Jennifer (Mary Jo's daughter-in-law), Brigid Cobb, Joan Robinson, Pat Troup, Emilie (Genevieve Wilbourne's niece), Theresa Lawrence (Marie Shelton's sister), Pat Troup's grandson and granddaughter, grand-niece of Genny Wilbourne, Emily's grandson, Mary Cooke, Rita Rossi, Eileen, Mari, Dan, Tom, Brian and families (Mary Henry), repose of the soul of Jimmy Jones, Evelyn's husband; please continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones recently and in the past few years.

 Birthdays	May 25- Louise Ryan, May 29 - Judith Tyrrell, June 22 – Lita Millan
Profession Anniversaries	Genevieve Mary Moreira, May 8, 1979; Marie Shelton, May 19, 2002; Jeanne and Ed Wilbourne, May 15, 1976; Emily McGeady, June 12, 1979.
Treasury	Common Fund balance: \$1,143.16
Calendar	
May 16	FRATERNITY MEETING- RITE OF ADMISSION AND WELCOMING, RECOMMITMENT
May 24	PENTECOST- MARITIME MASS – 12N Upper Church of National Shrine DC (see details in Porter)
June 6	BROTHER JOHN PAUL- ORDINATION IN PITTSBURG
June 9	COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM
June 13	FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY- Events at Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicot City
June 7 & 14	FATHER JOHN PAUL KUZMA- FIRST MASSES, ERIE, PA AND CUMBERLAND, MD
June 14	DINNER AT LIGHT HOUSE SHELTER 4-7PM
June 20	FRATERNITY MEETING- FAITH STORIES/SERVING THE HOMELESS
June 21-July 4	FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM (USCCB)
July 18	FRATERNITY MEETING/PICNIC - CARE FOR CREATION
August	FRATERNITY VISIT TO POOR CLARES- (date to be finalized)
August 11	FEAST OF ST. CLARE
August 15	FRATERNITY MEETING- BOOK DISCUSSION OF “THE LIVING MIRROR”
September 19	FRATERNITY MEETING- TOPICS: JUNIPERO SERRA, POPE FRANCIS’ VISIT
September 20	REGIONAL PICNIC AT THE SHRINE OF ST.ANTHONY –STARTS WITH MASS AT 12N
September 22-27	VISIT OF POPE FRANCIS TO USA/ CANONIZATION OF JUNIPERO SERRA
September 22-25	WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

### Minister’s Minute

Brothers and Sisters in our Franciscan family, This is such a “family” month when we all get together for First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Mother’s Day. I am thinking about our heavenly family, our son, our mothers who have gone to be with the Lord, Jimmy, Joan, Mary and all the others from our fraternity but also St. Joseph and especially Our Blessed Mother. This is St. Anthony’s Prayer to Our Lady—“We ask you, Our Lady, you who are called the morning star, dispel with your light the thick fog of allurements to evil which fill our souls. Like the light of the moon, replenish our emptiness, and dissipate the darkness of our sins, so that we may attain the fullness of eternal life and the light of never diminishing glory. With His help, who made you our light, and although born from you, gave you life. To Him be honor and glory from age to age. Amen.” We remember the Blessed Mother this month especially and recall how St. Francis made her the Protectress and Advocate of our Secular Franciscan Order (RULE 9). We ask her prayers through his intercession for each of us to live fully our calling and to invite others to discern theirs. May we reach out to the inactive and suffering members of our fraternity and wrap them in the mantle of Mary with our prayers that they may be filled with the Peace of Christ.

pax et bonum, Judith



If you ordered a copy of *The Living Mirror*- a book about St. Clare that we will discuss in August- please pick it up at our meeting.

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE TWO MASSES FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA ON THE WEBSITES-MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> WITH CARDINAL WUERL, AND MAY 24 WITH BISHOP BOLAND BOTH AT THE SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN DC AND BOTH AT 12 NOON. THIS IS THE APOSTLESHIP THAT WE SUPPORT EACH CHRISTMAS WITH OUR BOXES FOR THE MARINERS.



FROM

<http://www.usccb.org/news/2015/15-071.cfm>

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE FOR MARINERS AND PEOPLE OF THE SEA, MAY 22 & MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>....

The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea will be celebrated May 22. The day is observed in conjunction with National Maritime Day in the United States ....“Pope Francis has called on those who work for the wellbeing of seafarers and families to ‘be the voice’ of those workers who live far from their loved ones and face dangerous and difficult situations,” said Bishop J. Kevin Boland...Ninety percent of the world’s goods are transported by sea and the waterways. Approximately 1.2 million seafarers work worldwide in 10,000 commercial ships and maritime vessels. The Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is a worldwide Catholic maritime ministry for the spiritual and practical assistance to seafarers, fishermen, their families and all those who work and travel by sea and the waterways. Bishop Boland will be the celebrant of a special Mass at which the Dedication of Our Lady Star of the Sea Roundel will take place on May 24, 12N, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The Mass is open to the public and sponsored by the AOS national office and the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



The Fraternity Council is asking all of us to pray the Angelus together in spirit, each day at noon, to pray for peace.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS:

Pope Francis has said, “We will not resign ourselves to imagining a Middle East without Christians.” Also there was an urgent recent appeal from the Guardian of the Franciscan Monastery: “Pray for the survival of Christianity in the Holy Land and for Christian communities there for whom life is often a daily struggle and peace elusive. Pray for the Sacred Places where Our Lord was born, lived, died, and rose again to be reserved.”

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/07/13/pope\\_francis\\_appeals\\_for\\_peace\\_in\\_the\\_holy\\_land/1102837](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/07/13/pope_francis_appeals_for_peace_in_the_holy_land/1102837)

Our Peace Cross is also continuing to circulate! Please make sure all materials are passed along- a new Pope Francis prayer has been enclosed.

## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS- MAY

- **Universal:** That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.
- **Evangelization:** That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

## A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PHILADELPHIA 2015

God and Father of us all, in Jesus your Son and our Savior you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family with the aid of your Holy spirit guide all families especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen Jesus and Mary and Joseph pray for us.



## *Care for Creation*

At first glance the picture appears to be our beautiful Chesapeake Bay. But look closer. The picture (copied from the website David E. Shi Center for Sustainability) is subtitled “*Chicken Poop in the Chesapeake Bay.*”

*Come to the Care for Creation Ministry Meeting Sat June 6, 9-10 am,  
Our Lady of the Fields, 1070 Cecil Ave, Millersville, Md. Room 203/204*

*Find out ways we can help the bay*

*Presentation by Holly Willis*

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States with a multitude of environmental, economic, and aesthetic benefits. It absorbs flood waters, prevents erosion, filters polluted storm water runoff, provides a habitat for a large number highly productive organisms, houses two of the North Atlantic’s five major shipping ports, and supports educational and family activities such as boating, swimming, and bird-watching.

For more information about the Care for Creation Ministry contact Susan Burns, 410-245-0890, seburns318@comcast.net

## *Care for Creation Update – May 2015*

On May 2 2015, Deacon Ed Stoops presided over the blessing of the straw-bale garden and beehives at Our Lady of the Fields.



We began with a procession from the Church Pavilion to the garden singing *Song of Creation*. Guitar



accompaniment was provided by Deacon Mark Loepker and Sandy Loepker lead the singing.

**The works of the Lord are created in wisdom  
We view the earth's wonders and call him to mind  
We hear what he says in the world we discover  
And God shows his glory in all that we find**

**The sun every morning lights up his creation  
The moon marks the rhythm of months in their turn  
The glittering stars are arrayed in his honor  
Adorning the years as they ceaselessly burn**

**The song is unfinished; how shall we complete it  
And where find the skill to perfect all God's praise  
At work in all places, he cares for all peoples  
How great is the Lord to the end of all days**

We also sang, *"Lord, Send Out Your Spirit"*, *"Canticle of Daniel"* and *"America the Beautiful."* Donna Kish presented the Reading from the Book of Genesis and Deacon Ed read the Gospel of John and provided a homily.

### ***Blessing for the Sprouting Seed***

O Lord, your devoted people now pray that you will bless these bales with an abundant harvest. In your goodness protect them from all harm: strengthen the sprouting seedlings, refresh them with sufficient water and let them grow to full maturity.

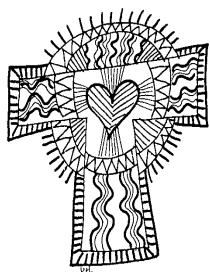
### ***Blessing of Bees***

O Lord, we ask you to bless these hives and the bees they will shelter. Let the hives thrive. Let the bees work of pollination, wax making and honey production prosper. Let their gentle kiss of the blossoms generate new plants. And let their soft buzzing music remind us of your ever present love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Blessing, we gathered at the pavilion to share the beehive cake Chris Pine had made and to share the organic chocolate/raspberry cupcakes. The beverages were Fair Trade coffee and organic ice tea. The paper cups are biodegradable and the plastic ware is the re-usable variety.



Participants pictured below are Joan and John Hoppa, Mike Heuther SFO, Anne Nourse, Donna Kish and myself, Susan Burns SFO and of course the Presider Deacon Ed Stoops.



### ***Thoughts of Peace***

“Peace is not a product of terror or fear.  
 Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.  
 Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.  
 Peace is dynamism.  
 Peace is generosity.”                      Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador

Some time ago, Glen Burnie Area completed a study of ***Francis and the Sultan, A Model for Peacemaking*** with resource materials by Kathleen A Warren, OSF available through Franciscan Action Network (FAN). Following is a synopsis of some of the study points.

Similar to today, violence, revenge, and hatred were seen as “normal” behavior at the time of Francis’s encounter with the Sultan. From Francis’s “abnormal” behavior of engaging a relationship with “The Other,” a Decalogue for Dialogue can be created, turning the “abnormal” behavior of the 13th century, or of any century, into the “normal” behavior, especially for followers of St. Francis.

#### **Decalogue for Dialogue**

1. Franciscan dialogue is animated by contemplative consciousness
2. Enter the dialogue as a ***minore***, avoiding quarrels and disputes while being subject to all
3. Be honest and upright, bearing witness that you are a Christian, or the follower of one’s chosen faith tradition
4. Trust in the other, accepting his or her honesty and uprightness
5. Live among others with different faith and life views without fear or suspicion
6. Seize the initiative, as Pope Paul VI says: “We must be the first to ask people for a conversation, not waiting for them to request an encounter with us.”
7. Share the Good News in word and deed, showing that this news is good more by what you do than by what you say
8. Work for the betterment of your world, especially of those in need
9. Seek “to understand rather than be understood,” especially in your ability to listen
10. Be an instrument of peace

What do you think about the ***Decalogue for Dialogue***? How do they relate to the world events today? What can we do to become a peacemaker, to bring peace to our hearts and to others? “*God is not the God of disorder but of peace.*” (1Corinthians 14:33) Here are 10 suggestions from ***The Center for Nonviolent Communication***.

1. Spend some time each day quietly reflecting on how we would like to relate to ourselves and others.
2. Remember that all human beings have the same needs
3. Check our intention to see if we are as interested in others getting their needs met as our own.
4. When asking someone to do something, check first to see if we are making a request or a demand.
5. Instead of saying what we DON'T want someone to do, say what we DO want the person to do.
6. Instead of saying what we want someone to BE, say what action we'd like the person to take that we hope will help the person be that way.
7. Before agreeing or disagreeing with anyone's opinions, try to tune in to what the person is feeling and needing.
8. Instead of saying "No," say what need of ours prevents us from saying "Yes."
9. If we are feeling upset, think about what need of ours is not being met, and what we could do to meet it, instead of thinking about what's wrong with others or ourselves.
10. Instead of praising someone who did something we like, express our gratitude by telling the person what need of ours that action met.

*"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.'"* (John 14:27)

Following are quotes from Archbishop Lori as written in *The National Catholic Register* regarding his interview on the recent protests in Baltimore surrounding the circumstances in the death of Freddie Gray. I've highlighted the phrases I think relate to the *Decalogue for Dialogue*.

***"How can there be hope for peace and justice in Baltimore if the community, particularly the African-American community, has no confidence that the police are able to keep the peace?"***

"First of all, in this case — and I don't want to contradict the Gospel — but in this case, "seeing is believing." And it seems to me that if we restore order, and start to **construct a dialogue**, that would be welcome in a lot of quarters, and that could be the best possible outcome of this otherwise tragic event. **Building bridges takes time and patience.** It doesn't work the first few times you do it, but I think we have to be a lot more persistent — and we have been — in building these bridges. I think they have to span the ecumenical and interfaith divide, and they have to include all the stakeholders in our community.

Let me also say this: At this tragic hour, the role of religious communities in achieving and **working together for the common good** could not have been clearer. Where would Baltimore be without its religious communities right now? And what a leaven it is for reasonableness and for peace, and it seems to me to be an argument in and of itself for letting churches and religious institutions to have the freedoms to do their ministries.

***"What are some of the other underlying issues behind the recent outbreak of violence that the Church is able to address?"***

A lot of things. Certainly, one of them, is, in spite of all the money being spent on education, many of our schools remain underperforming. There is a lack of school choice, being blocked by one or two very powerful people in the state. It has broad, broad support in Baltimore City: Parents would really love to have educational choice, but it is being blocked by special interests.

There is also the lack of adequate housing. If you drive through some of our neighborhoods, as I do often in West Baltimore and East Baltimore, it breaks your heart to see these row houses that "must be held up by hand," I think. Another thing to think about is drugs and gangs, which are huge, huge problems in the city.

So there are multiple problems, and no amount of grandstanding and political posturing is going to take care of this. It requires people who have been around the table, who have good will and competencies, and are **willing to take the risk to build bridges and begin pushing back the frontiers of evil.**

***"How does the Church plan in Baltimore to act and refocus the conversation, so that the discussion does not end up being about the riots and nothing else?"***

The Church is a catalyst. We are not the government; we are not the police; we are not a political organization. We are Church: **Our job is to bear witness to the Gospel and the beatitudes.** Our job is to bear witness to Christ and to bring forth his holiness and to help our congregations to be that leaven in society. Pope Benedict stressed that, Pope Francis stresses it, and I'm stressing it. That is first and foremost our job. And, secondly, because we're raising up communities that are filled with Gospel values and strengthened by the sacraments, we

ought to be equipped to be a catalyst in our community to help encourage and foment these kinds of **constructive conversations and projects** that are going to make a difference.

Let me also say this: We don't just take policy positions. We don't take political positions; **we take Gospel positions**, and we back them up with action. We're educating kids successfully who come from disadvantaged neighborhoods, and we're doing social services on a massive scale in the city far greater than what our numbers suggest. It is not enough to say, "Oh, human dignity, peace, love" — **we're working out in that community every day**, whether it is Head Start after school or community schools; whether it is counseling, drugs, immigration services, family services — we're out there doing our best every day. I think that gives us a seat at the table, don't you?

Let us pray. God of our longing, you do not ignore the cry of those who wait and hope for peace. Hear our prayers of sorrow for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We share a common story, God's love created each of us. We share a desire for forgiveness and reconciliation, and a longing for unity and a just peace. Help us to be channels of that peace this day. Hear our prayers and open our ears, eyes and hearts to your Word and your Way as we make a place for your love to be born in our war-torn world. Amen

## On Fire for Immigration Reform- A Pentecost Resource

Please click on the above link to reach the Pentecost Novena and Immigration Toolkit from the USCCB. I believe it was written a couple of years ago. There is more information, and more resources and action items on the site: [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org) including an updated parish kit at <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/parish-kit.shtml>.



We are all praying for Brother John Paul Kuzma who will be ordained to the priesthood on June 6<sup>th</sup>. In Pittsburg and will celebrate "first Masses" on June 7<sup>th</sup>. In Erie, PA and on June 14<sup>th</sup>. In Cumberland, MD. Please contact a Council Member if you need more information on times and places.

**MANY THANKS** to all the many faithful brothers and sisters who attended the wake for Evelyn's husband, Jimmy, participated in the Rosary, attended the funeral, or helped with the cleanup. Please continue to keep Evelyn in prayer. Thanks too to all those who attended an anniversary Mass for Mary Hannon at St. Andrew by the Bay on May 1<sup>st</sup>, which was the first anniversary of her death.



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Many Spiritual Events are planned at the Shrine of St. Anthony during the next few weeks but below is the schedule for the Feast of St. Anthony on June 13. For more dates and times visit their website:

<http://www.shrineofstanthony.org/event/>

**June 13, 2015**

12 noon - 9:00pm.

**St. Anthony Pilgrimage Day**

If you feel lost or want to give thanks for being found, this feast day pilgrimage in honor of St. Anthony of Padua is perfect for you. Let the Shrine of St. Anthony help you reconnect, refresh, and rediscover the beauty of holiness.

This year's featured speaker is Fr. Joachim Giermek, OFM Conv., 11th successor of St. Francis as Minister General of the Order.

Saturday June 13th from 12pm.-9pm.

**Schedule of Events:**

12 noon Opening Mass in the Shrine Chapel

1pm. Confession - through 4pm.

1pm. Lunch available for purchase, Live Music, Moon Bounce through 5pm.

2pm. Fr. Joachim Giermek, OFM Conv., will speak on "Marian Doctrines in the Writings of St. Anthony" in the Shrine Chapel

3pm. Way of the Cross at the Outdoor Stations of the Cross

3pm. Pony Rides at the Manor House grounds

3:45pm. Fr. Joachim Giermek, OFM Conv., will speak on "Cultural Traditions Around the World Associated with St. Anthony" in the Shrine Chapel.

5pm. Dinner available for purchase, Live Music

5:15pm. Rosary in the Grotto

7:30pm. Closing Mass at the Outdoor Altar

8:30pm. Candlelight Procession

8:50pm. Benediction

All are welcome. There is no charge for the day, unless you want to purchase food. You are welcome to bring your own food and picnic on the Shrine grounds.

For further information please contact the Shrine office at 410-531-2800 or [info@shrineofstanthony.org](mailto:info@shrineofstanthony.org).

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**More Details**

**There is a Franciscan Chapel at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, DC. You might want to visit it and take a self-guided tour!**