

# The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD  
Secular Franciscan Order – May 2018  
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The Porter deadline for the June issue is June 8. Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting things that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email (address above).

	<b>PICNIC TIME for families 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b> <b>Picnic Pavilion at our Lady of the Fields</b> <b>1070 Cecil Ave South, Millersville, MD</b>
	Dave & Trish Demers, OLF parishioners, will provide info-tour of the Care for Creation (C4C) garden and talk about other C4C topics
	Glen Burnie/Pasadena
	Sign-up sheet circulated at our last meeting. Denise will be sending out the list to remind everyone of what you signed up to bring. Glen Burnie/Pasadena will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary. <i>Please remember to bring your own cup (and plate and silverware, if possible).</i>
	<i>For the soul of:</i> Br. Saúl Soriano <i>For our sick and/or homebound members:</i> (Please help us update this list.) Jeanne Gaes (sinus surgery), Jude Dodge, Genny Wilbourn's granddaughter Jessica, Al Gigel (regional councilor), Mary Musselwhite, Joan's husband Bill Kvetkas, Mandy (Kathleen Sievers' niece), Teri Egan, Denise Miante, Pat Troup.
	For more information, contact Denise. <b>Phoenix Academy Backpack Program:</b> Wednesday, May 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. <b>Lighthouse Shelter Lunches:</b> Thursday, May 24, 9:30 a.m. Contact Denise for location.
	Louise Ryan – 5/25 Judith Tyrrell – 5/29 David Littleton – 6/04

<b>Profession Anniversaries</b>	Marie Shelton—5/19/2000 Mary Henry – 5/21/2016 Catherine Gonzalez – 5/21/2016	Audrey Donnelly – 5/21/2016 Emily McGeady – 6/12/1979 John Cobis – 9/12/05
<b>Treasury</b>	<p>Common Fund balance: \$ 1179.65. A \$100 gift is being made to our Capuchin Friars of St. Augustine Province in memory of Br. Saúl.</p> <p><b>REMINDER</b> - Please remember to use the memo line of your check to designate how you wish your contribution to be directed. There are 3 possible designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Fund (this covers fraternity operations and the Sabu family in India),</li> <li>• Phoenix Academy (for student weekend food backpacks), and</li> <li>• Tokens (bus tokens for the Lighthouse Shelter clients).</li> </ul> <p>You can write one check and direct your contribution to any or all three areas.</p> <p>Example: \$20 Com / \$10 Phoenix / \$5 Token. None of these amounts should be interpreted as being what is expected from any particular member.</p> <p>Cash contributions are also acceptable, but checks are preferred.</p>	
<b>Council Meeting</b>	Monday, June 11, time TBD, at the Tyrrells	
<b>Upcoming Events</b>		
<b>June 29-July 1</b>	Regional Chapter of Mats. Priest Field Pastoral Center. Details and registration form are in the February issue of the Regional newsletter <i>Up To Now</i> emailed to you on or about Feb 16.	
<b>July 12-15</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Summer Seminar for OFS, Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA “Francis the Troubadour: How Can I Keep From Singing” presented by Jerry & Cricket Aull, OFS and Br. Bob Herrick, OFM Cap. Registration deadline: June 25. <a href="https://www.francis.edu/News/2018/02/Secular-Franciscan-Summer-Seminar/">https://www.francis.edu/News/2018/02/Secular-Franciscan-Summer-Seminar/</a>	
<b>July 13-15</b>	OFS Conference at St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY July 13-15, 2018 Becoming Prayer, Becoming Presence: A Workshop for Secular Franciscans Cost for conference, three nights lodging and all meals on campus, approx. \$400. More info and registration at <a href="http://www.sbu.edu/about-sbu/sbu-campus-maps-directions/franciscan-institute/summer-Fall-2018-programs">http://www.sbu.edu/about-sbu/sbu-campus-maps-directions/franciscan-institute/summer-Fall-2018-programs</a>	

## COMMUNITY

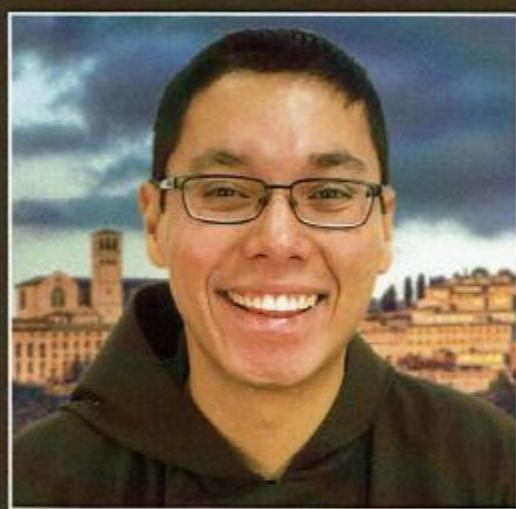


### ***Minister's Minute: Dear brothers and sisters in the LORD,***

Brother Saúl’s death was tragic and so unexpected. He was such a bright light. As Brother Diogo said in an email last week, “It’s been very difficult for all of us. He was my best friend, too. . . . God’s ways are mysterious, and sometimes very painful. But only on the other side of this life will we be able to realize how truly Good God is in all things. Only He knows why.” We will miss him so much! Please continue to pray for his families: his grandmother, mother and sisters; the Capuchin community; all those whose lives he touched; and our fraternity, who felt close to him, even though we only knew him for a few months, because he was so open and loving and smiling. All will miss him so much!

After talking with several friars at the viewing last Friday and hearing from Br. Diogo this morning, it appears that Br. Saúl had some minor trauma or discomfort while riding his bicycle on Saturday, May 5. Sometime afterwards, he complained of lower back pain. He went to or was taken to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with massive internal bleeding and died during surgery around 1-2 am Monday, May 7. It appears he had a prior genetic condition that predisposed him to have aneurysms or vascular issues, but it was never diagnosed during his lifetime.

If you haven't already, be sure to visit the Province website for the obituary that contains a few photos and be sure to scroll through at least some of the 180 photos that follow the obituary. <http://capuchin.com/index.php/87-friars/necrology/760-018soriano>



**Br. Saúl Antonio Soriano Rodriguez  
OFM Capuchin**

Born: *August 18, 1986*

Simple Profession: *July 19, 2014*

Solemn Profession: *August 19, 2017*

Died: *May 7, 2018*

*"Ninguna persona se conoce mientras no se haya encontrado con Dios."*

-Beato Monseñor Óscar Romero

### HOLD BACK NOTHING

Lord Jesus,

Let the whole world tremble,  
and let the heavens exult when You,  
beloved Son of the Living God,  
are present on the altar  
in the hands of a priest!

O sublime humility! O humble sublimity!

You are the Lord of the universe,

God and the Son of God,  
and You so humble Yourself  
for our salvation that  
You hide Yourself under  
an ordinary piece of bread!  
We Praise You as we look at  
the humility of God,

\*and we pour out our hearts before You!  
Lord Jesus, help us to humble ourselves  
that we may be exalted! Give us the Grace  
to Hold back nothing of ourselves for  
ourselves, so that You, who gave Yourself  
totally to us, may receive us totally!

*A prayer inspired by  
St. Francis' Letter to the Entire Order*

*"Ninguna persona se conoce mientras no se haya encontrado con Dios"*

Translates to "No person knows himself until he has met God"

*St. Francis' life was to search and strive for union with Christ through faith. Death for him was not a harsh reality, but the goal through which he passed toward his ultimate goal-total union with the Father. What St. Francis sought through faith on earth, he achieved totally after death. The death of a Franciscan shows forth the same faith as that which St. Francis possessed: our belief that death is the gateway to total union with God.*

From the Secular Franciscan Wake Service.

### JPIC -- JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION

Animator Judith Tyrrell, OFS

**Rule 15:** "Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith." From the Constitutions article 22: "The renunciation of the use of violence, characteristic of the followers of Francis, does not mean renunciation of action. However, the brothers and sisters take care that their interventions are always inspired by Christian love."

Just this week there was more news about the separation of children from their parents who have entered into the country illegally. "If you are smuggling a child then we will prosecute you and that child will be separated from you as required by law says Attorney General Jeff Sessions." See Washington Post article at [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/sessions-says-justice-dept-will-prosecute-every-person-who-crosses-border-unlawfully/2018/05/07/e1312b7e-5216-11e8-9c91-7dab596e8252\\_story.html?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.9104998a9210](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/sessions-says-justice-dept-will-prosecute-every-person-who-crosses-border-unlawfully/2018/05/07/e1312b7e-5216-11e8-9c91-7dab596e8252_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.9104998a9210)

This is another suffering for those who are already trying to escape the violence and the horror of their lives south of the border. The immigration system is broken and must be fixed for the sake of justice and the dignity of all life. How can we help? What can we do? Brother Saul who escaped from war torn El Salvador carried his banner "Defend Dreamers" in the March for Life. He encouraged us to Pray. He stood up for just immigration laws, speaking out publicly on TV. He did so with love. His smile said it all. He will be missed.

## What's Up in the Neighborhood and Elsewhere

*If there is an interesting coming up next month in your parish, please send me an email so it can be included on this page.*

### **Heavenly Earth: Images of St. Francis at La Verna - until July 8, 2018**

National Gallery of Art, West Building, Ground Floor – Gallery 22 (just inside the 7<sup>th</sup> St entrance)

Exhibition of Franciscan imagery spanning the 15th through 18th centuries that showcases the *Descrizione del Sacro Monte della Verna* (1612), a bound volume that depicts the monastery and rocky terrain of La Verna, the site where St. Francis received the stigmata. This exhibition contains approximately almost 30 paintings, drawings, and etchings of the experience of Saint Francis on Mount La Verna and other Franciscan subject matter. You can see more information and some of the images at <https://www.nga.gov/exhibitions/2018/heavenly-earth-images-of-st-francis-at-la-verna.html>.



### **Annual Multicultural Parish Festival at Our Lady of the Fields Parish**

**Sunday, June 3rd**

Archbishop Lori is scheduled to celebrate the 12:30 Mass (Feast of Corpus Christi) followed by a procession of saints. Parishioners are encouraged to bring statues and pictures of favorite saints. International food will be available for purchase for late lunch outside at the pavilion.

### **St. Anthony Festival featuring Dr. Scott Hahn – June 9, 2018, 11:00am – 6:00pm**

Shrine of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD

The 8th Annual St. Anthony Festival will be held on Saturday June 9th from 11am.-6pm. The day includes talks, Masses, Confessions, Adoration, Food, children's activities, and more. Admission is free. The Featured Speaker is Dr. Scott Hahn. Don't forget your lawn chairs or blankets!

11:00am.	Dr. Scott Hahn, 1st Talk
12 noon	Mass (Outdoors)
1:00pm.-4:00pm.	Confession & Adoration (in the Shrine Chapel)
1:00pm.	Lunch available for purchase (or you may bring your own)
2:00pm.	Dr. Scott Hahn, 2nd Talk
2:00pm.-3:30pm.	Children's Activities
4:30pm.	Closing Vigil Mass with Eucharistic Procession

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