

# The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD

Secular Franciscan Order – September 2016

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The Porter deadline for the next issue is October 10<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 to [jrgofs@gmail.com](mailto:jrgofs@gmail.com)

### Profession



**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church, Davidsonville, MD**  
**The members of the newly forming group will make their professions.**  
**Mass in the Church is at 9:30 AM. A reception will follow.**

### Refreshments



Please remember to bring food early! Glen Burnie/Pasadena will be next and should arrange to take the supplies home, restock if necessary, and return them at the next meeting.

### Treasury

Common Fund balance: \$828.80

### Prayer Requests



**For sick and/or homebound members-** all in need of physical or spiritual healing; for Denise and Tessie's father; for our country, for Br. James and Br. Jonathan who were ordained to deacons on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, for vocations, for our Poor Clare sisters.

### Birthdays



Mary Rita Rossi 9/10, Mary Rodhe 9/14, Francis Proctor 9/25, Evelyn Jones 10/01, Brigid Cobb 10/08

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### Anniversaries



Carmen Delgado - September 11, 1986; Denise Miente, Genny Wilbourne, and Mary Rita Rossi – September 18. 2010; Jean Gaes - September 17. 1987; Mary Cicero, Patricia Troup, and Pat Tyrrell- October 10, 1996

### Calendar

September 17

**Fraternity Meeting- PROFESSION OF MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY FORMING GROUP at Holy Family Church in Davidsonville, MD- Mass will be at 9:30AM and a reception will follow**

September 18

**OFS Regional Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony**

October 15

**Fraternity Meeting- Open House-Deacon Presberry will speak about his prison ministry.**

November 19

**Fraternity Meeting- Elections to the Council**

## Minister's Minute

Brothers and Sisters of Penance,

Praise God. Denise and Pat will be with us sharing our joy as the members of the newlyforming group from Holy Family that you all have helped to form for three years will be finally professed into our fraternity. We all have hopes of them becoming a new fraternity in three years. Praise God for their perseverance. Praise God for those who have worked with Denise on the formation team that has met weekly with them for years including Joan Kvetkas, Joan Faltot, Ed Wilbourne, Susan Burns, Pat and I. Jeanne Catrow a Secular from Holy Family who had been inactive has been helping with formation as well. Please join us in this wonderful celebration on Saturday, Sept 17 (feast of the Stigmata) at 9:30am at Holy Family in Davidsonville. Fr. Andy Aaron will concelebrate with Fr. John Paul Kuzma OFM Cap who talked to the group at Holy Family as St. Conrad's Spiritual Assistant three years ago. Fr. Andy was present at the first meeting with the 5 professed members of Holy Family (all inactive at the time). Joan Robinson our sister from St. Conrads had called for the meeting because she wanted to get a fraternity started at Holy Family. The group asked for information about what we do at our meetings and were given formation and other materials to help them get started in learning about the process. All was passed on to the Regional Minister, Mary Thuman, who has since died and to the Capuchins for their help in the process by me, the minister at the time. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers.

As you recall St. Francis had a great devotion to St. Michael even of fasting and praying up to the feast on Sept 29 as in a LENT. See FRANCIS EARLY DOCUMENTS –Vol III p 452-458 for the story of St. Michael fast and the Stigmata. Let us unite with him in prayer and sacrifice for our fraternity. Pax et bonum, Judith

**Profession of the Newly Forming Group will be this week! Our September meeting will take place at Holy Family Church in Davidsonville MD, beginning with professions at the Mass at 9:30 AM and followed by a reception there. Please recall whether you a signed up to bring for food for the reception and bring it in before the Mass. Also there will be no monetary fraternity collection this month so please be generous in your contribution next month, or mail your check to our treasurer.**

*Our Fraternity website features new prayers including a Novena to St. Clare and the Franciscan Family Chaplet that was prayed at the Quinquennial for the renewal of the Franciscan Family .*  
Go to : <http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/franciscan-prayers/>

## Our Patron Saints and Blesseds in this Jubilee Year of Mercy

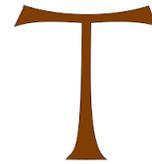
July 14 – St. Francis Solano, I Order (1549-1610), came from a leading family in Andalusia, Spain. He entered the Friars Minor in 1570, and after ordination enthusiastically sacrificed himself for others. His care for the sick during an epidemic drew so much admiration that he became embarrassed and asked to be sent to the African missions. Instead he was sent to South America in 1589. While working in what is now Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay, Francis quickly learned the local languages and was well received by the indigenous peoples. His visits to the sick often included playing a song on his violin. Around 1601, he was called to Lima, Peru, where he tried to recall the Spanish colonists to their baptismal integrity. Francis also worked to defend the indigenous peoples from oppression. He died in Lima and was canonized in 1726.

July 24 – Blessed Louisa of Savoy, II Order (1461-1503), Louise was born on 28 December 1461, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, to the Blessed Amadeus IX, Duke of Savoy, and his wife, Yolande of Valois, the sister of King Louis XI of France. Through her mother, Louise was a collateral descendant of the great Franciscan saint, Elizabeth of Hungary. Louise showed an inclination to the spiritual life at a very young age. While still a child, she was found to be fasting on only bread and water on the Vigil of any major feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Despite the active court life around her, she was drawn to prayer and solitude. Yet she was marked by a spirit of obedience, and when her mother insisted that she dress well in keeping with her station, she would obey. She would wear a hairshirt under her lovely garments, though. When she was older, Louise naturally was drawn to enter a monastery. Her uncle, the King, however, arranged that she marry Hugues de Chalon, to which she was agreeable. In her typical attitude of obedience, she saw the hand of God in this arrangement. The Prince proved to be a pious young man who supported his wife's efforts at living a life of faith and self-denial in the midst of their luxuries. Louise set a high tone of morality for her court, starting with her attendants. She would demand that any man found to be using foul language be required to make a donation to the poor as a penance. They held the usual court events, such as dances, but did not participate in the revels. This life of happiness soon ended, though, as her husband, the Prince, died when she was 27 years of age. As she had no children, the young widow then determined to follow her calling as a nun, refusing many offers of marriage. She used her vast wealth to meet many needs of the poor and entered the monastery of the Poor Clare nuns in Orbe, now part of modern Switzerland. In the cloister, she showed herself to be a model of humility and obedience, preserving nothing of her royal origins. Louise was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI in 1839. Her feast is observed by the Poor Clares on the date of her death.

July 24 – St. Kunegunda, II Order (1224-1292), daughter of King Bela IV and niece of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, married King Boleslaus V of Poland at sixteen and became a princess when her husband ascended the throne as Prince of Krakow. Despite the marriage, the devout couple took a vow of chastity. On his death in 1279 she became a Poor Clare at the Convent of Sandeck, which she had founded. She also built churches and hospitals, ransomed Christians captured by the Turks, and served the poor and ill. Her sisters were Saint Margaret of Hungary and Blessed Jolenta of Poland. She is also known as St. Kinga.



PHOTOS OF THE DEACONATE  
ORDINATION OF BROTHER JAMES  
AND BROTHER JONATHAN  
CONGRATULATIONS BROTHERS !



WE WILL ALL BE PRAYING FOR YOU!  
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE  
INSPIRATION, PRAYERS AND  
DEVOTED ATTENTION YOU HAVE  
GIVEN US!

