

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
 Secular Franciscan Order – October 2016
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The next Porter deadline is November 10th : send info to Jean Gaes, 1824 Lang Drive, Crofton, MD 21114 or jrgofs@gmail.com

Fraternity Meeting 	Come and See - Open House -Saturday, October 15, 2016 St. John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146 8:30 Mass- Church. Meeting 9:15 –AM Youth Room of the school. Speaker- Deacon Presberry on Prison Ministry
Refreshments 	Our Annapolis group will supply breakfast. Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park- take the supplies home, restock if necessary, and return them at the next meeting. <i>Remember to bring your own cup!</i>
Treasury	Common Fund balance: \$950.71
Outreach 	November- Christmas boxes to the Apostolate of the Sea in Baltimore - information included; collection for the weekend food program at PHOENIX ACADEMY ; next Light House Shelter lunch-making- Thursday, Oct. 20 at 9:30 a.m. at Joan Kvetkas' home. Contact Denise with any questions.
Prayer Requests 	For ill and/or homebound members: Denise, Pat, Jude Dodge, and Kathy Duffy's daughter, Lynne; repose of the souls of Adam's Jentilet's wife, Doris and Lita's mother-in-law; our country.
Birthdays 	Brigid Cobb 10/08, Audrey Bushee 10/21, Joan Robinson 10/22, Margaret Jackson 10/22, Patricia Troup 10/24, Kathy Duffy 10/25, Emily McGeady 11/01, Marie Waleryszak 11/01, Judy Hool 11/02, Ron Van Nest 11/07, Jeanne Wilbourne 11/22
Profession Anniversaries 	Joan Kvetkas 10/04/79; Louise Ryan 10/04/82; Mary Cicero, Patricia Troup, and Pat Tyrrell 10/10/96; Teresita Chitty 10/11/1998; Mary Musselwhite 10/15/2011; Joan Faltot 10/16/1991; Mary Jo Johnson 10/19/1988; George Ryan 11/11/1984; Susan Greif 11/16/1997
Upcoming: Oct. 15 November 19 December 17	Fraternity Meeting- Open House-Deacon Presberry will speak about his prison ministry. Fraternity Meeting- Elections to the Council- bring Christmas boxes for Seafarers! Advent Retreat- Christmas Carols

Minister's Minute

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Penance, May the face of Christ shine upon you and give you His peace. There is much to share that has happened in this month. Did you celebrate Transitus and the feast of St. Francis? What is he saying to you about your Franciscan life? Share this month at your tables. We rejoice with the newly Professed, they had their Visitations and we look forward to the report that they will be an emerging fraternity. Brigida Cobbs daughter was married and Brigida was well enough to be there and celebrate with her. Susan Burns is back from 6 months in Yellowstone and has been very busy with selling of honey from the bees and catching up with the Care for Creation group and garden. She sponsored the Laudato Si course that began this week at OLF. St. Anthony's sponsored an awesome talk by the wife of the murderer of the Amish children 10 plus years ago and reminded us of the power of forgiveness and trust in God in this Year of Mercy which ends Nov 20th.

Saturday we will welcome newcomers to our fraternity at our annual Open House and hear Deacon Presberry. Please pray, pray, pray for our Council election to be held in November. Pax et bonum, Judith



October is Respect Life Month! You can find more information and resources to download or post on social media on the website of the US Catholic Bishops at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm>

Also many members and local parishioners are praying and fasting for life in coordination with 40 Days for Life- see <https://40daysforlife.com/> Prayer vigils are taking

place at abortion facilities in Annapolis and Greenbelt between 9/28-11/6.

Can we be a Franciscan presence? Can you pray for an hour during the 40 Days with others or at home?



Buy a Peace t-shirt to support Casa Franciscana

This is a photo of the image that appears on the t-shirt offer promoting the Casa Franciscana <http://www.casafranciscanaoutreach.org/> in Guaymas, Mexico. The original was done by Mary Esther Stewart, author of the book *Our Brother Bonaventure*, who may be the retreat master at the April Regional retreat. The shirts are \$20 each including postage. People can mail their orders and checks to the address below. Please note the size needed (and specify men's or women's) Make the check payable to Joyce Sabol who is the contact person ((505.634.6056) on all issues regarding the tee shirts. Thank you

Joyce Sabol
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OUR PATRON SAINTS AND BLESSED IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

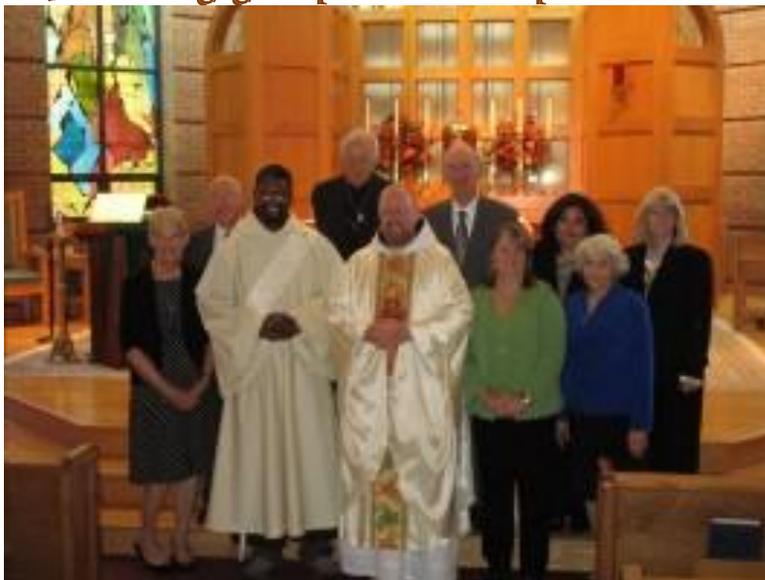
August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv. (1894-1941), was born in Poland. He was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. "That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both." One year later, he and his elder brother Francis joined the Conventuals. He organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) after witnessing demonstrations against Pope St. Pius X and Benedict XV. His goal was to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons, through the intercession of Mary. Fr. Gaitley, in his recent book *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*, credits St. Kolbe along with St. Faustina and St. John Paul II with being the 20th Century's greatest proponents of God's Divine Mercy. During WWII, Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo (as were many priests) and eventually was transferred to Auschwitz. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, ten men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn other prisoners not to escape. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family. Unlike those in other starvation bunkers, who could be heard to scream and moan as they died slowly from lack of food and water, it is said that Fr. Kolbe led the other nine men in prayer and song to Our Lady until they all died except Fr. Kolbe. After two weeks of dehydration and starvation the guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. He died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement.

August 23 – Bl. Bernard of Offida, OFM Cap. (1604-1694) Bernard entered the Capuchin Order in 1626 and served as a lay brother throughout his life. For the first seven years, he worked in the kitchen. He loved to immerse himself in the Sacred Scriptures and other spiritual readings. Our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist was the source of his spiritual devotion; indeed, he often found it impossible to stifle the cries of joy he sang out when in the presence of Jesus. He spent many hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and on numerous occasions, friars witnessed Bernard raised from the ground with his face shining like the sun. Bernard's faith was rewarded with spiritual favors not only for himself but for many others as well. Many Capuchin theologians came to Bernard seeking solutions to difficult questions. Bernard is also credited with the raising of four children from the dead and once, when all the roads were snow bound, food was sent to the friary due to his fervent prayers. The Cross also was a reality in the daily life of Blessed Bernard. His fasting was almost continual. He also scourged himself frequently and at the age of seventy two, Bernard received the Stigmata. For the remaining twenty years of his earthly life, he stood like a giant before the world with the Holy Seals of Christ's sufferings, witnessing to the indescribable love of God for erring humanity.

August 25 – St. Louis IX, King, Patron of the III Order (1215-1270). Louis IX was born in Poissy, France, and succeeded to the throne at the age of twelve under the regency of his mother. On his 21st birthday, he assumed the reign on his own. He was well known for protecting the French clergy from secular leaders and for strictly enforcing laws against blasphemy. Louis generally remained neutral in international disputes. However, because of a dispute between the Count of Le Marche and the Count of Poitiers, in which Henry III supported the Count of Le Marche, he was forced to go to war with England. In 1242 Louis defeated Henry III at Taillebourg. After the war, he made restitution to the innocent people whose property had been destroyed. Even in childhood, his compassion for the poor and suffering people had been obvious to all who knew him and when he became king, it burst into full flower. Over a hundred poor people ate in his house on ordinary days and many more on holidays. Often the king served these guests himself. Louis also gave generous gifts of money to poor people whether others considered them worthy or not. Monks and nuns, widows and prostitutes, gentlefolk fallen on hard times and minstrels too old or sick to perform, Louis gave happily to them all. He also built hospitals and homes for those who needed them. One hospital for blind people near Paris included a chapel so the three hundred men who stayed there could attend worship services. A hostel outside Paris became home to a large group of women who had been driven by poverty to prostitution. Louis called it the House of the Daughters of God. Louis had a special place in his heart for people in religious orders and helped all those who asked for his support. He established the Sorbonne (1252) and the monasteries of Rayaumont, Vavert, and Maubuisson. Louis led two crusades, the Sixth and the Seventh. He was captured and imprisoned during the Sixth (1244-1249). At the onset of the Seventh Crusade in 1270, Louis died of dysentery in what is now Tunisia. He was canonized in 1297.



Congratulations to Katherine Brady, Kathleen Duffy, Judith Hool, Sondra Horvath, David Littleton, John Treichel, Ronald Van Nest and Marie Waleryszak, members of the newly forming group, who were professed on September 17, 2016.



OUTREACH: The Apostleship of the Sea – Christmas Gift Boxes



At our November Fraternity meeting, we will again be collecting gift boxes for the Apostleship of the Sea. The Apostleship of the Sea distributes gift boxes “dockside” to seafarers that will be in the Port of Baltimore during the Christmas Holiday. Here is how to prepare your gift box:

Step 1: Find a heavy duty cardboard or plastic shoe box

Step 2: Fill the box with the following suggested items:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, combs, nail clippers, mouthwash, shampoos, conditioners, soap, shaving cream, deodorant, q-tips, disposable razors, socks gloves, scarves, caps, pens, pencils, writing supplies, English dictionaries, 2017 calendars, pocket-sized address books/planners, scotch tape, playing cards, travel sized games, reading materials (magazines, paperbacks),

non-perishable foods/snacks/candy, a small Christmas card or blessing signed from a member or members of your organization.

Step 3: Wrap the box.

Step 4: Remember to bring it to the November fraternity meeting on November 17th,

http://apostleshipofthesea.com/?page_id=269

Our Fraternity website has been updated with new photos of friars and the professions: a Novena to St. Clare and the Franciscan Family Chaplet prayed at the Quinquennial for the renewal of the Franciscan Family

<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/franciscan-prayers/>



Remember- elections to the Fraternity Council will take place at our November meeting and all members are needed to be in attendance so we will have a quorum!