



The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – August 2017
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The Porter deadline for the September issue is September 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.

 <p>Fraternity Meeting</p>	<p>Saturday, August 19, 2017 St. John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146 8:30 Mass -- Church. Meeting 9:15 – Youth room</p>						
<p>Refreshments</p> 	<p>Annapolis/Eastern Shore. Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home, restock if necessary. <i>Please remember to bring your own cup!</i></p>						
<p>Program</p>	<p>Dana Davenport from Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Baltimore will present a chapter from the “Just Neighbors” course about issues of race and prejudice, privilege, and poverty.</p>						
<p>Liturgy</p>	<p>Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park. Liturgy of the Hours: 19th Week of Ordinary Time, Saturday Week 3. Welcome Ceremony for Chris Grubach.</p>						
<p>Outreach</p>	<p>Phoenix Academy: School Supply Collection, see list of needed items on page 4. Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Next sandwich-making will be on Thursday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m., at home of Joan Kvetkas. Starting in September, the group will standardize its meetings to the 4th Thursday of each month. Contact Denise if you plan to come.</p>						
 <p>Prayer Requests</p>	<p><i>For our sick and/or homebound members:</i> (Please help us update this list.) Emily McGeady (upcoming eye surgery), Mary Musselwhite, Kelli Eye (Susan Greif's niece), Joan's husband Bill Kvetas for recovery from surgery. Mandy (Kathleen Sievers' niece), Teri Egan, Br. Walt Robb OFM Cap, Michael Benso (Laura's husband), Emily McGeady's son Matthew, Denise Miante, Jude Dodge, Kathy Duffy's daughter Lynne, Sister Mater Mundi (missionary in Mexico), Capuchin Bishop William Fey, Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney</p>						
<p>Birthdays</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Bob Ranke – 8/22</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Mary Rohde – 9/14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mary Rita Rossi – 9/01</td> <td>Laura Benso – 9/16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Denise Miante -- 9/03</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Bob Ranke – 8/22	Mary Rohde – 9/14	Mary Rita Rossi – 9/01	Laura Benso – 9/16	Denise Miante -- 9/03	
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Profession Anniversaries	Bob Ranke – 09/11/1986 Sarah Ranke – 09/11/1986	Carmen Delgado – 9/11/1986
Treasury	Common Fund balance is \$1,037.72.	
Council Meeting	Monday, August 28, 9:30 a.m. at the Tyrrell's home	
Upcoming Events		
Sun Sept 17 noon-4 pm	Multi-Fraternity Regional Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, sponsored by St. Joseph of Cupertino fraternity. You are welcome to attend the noon Mass in the Chapel. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and bottled water will be provided. Please bring a side dish/drink and, if you wish, a lawn chair. We will poll the fraternity at the August meeting, so the host fraternity can plan food for appropriate numbers. If you don't come to the meeting, please email Pat and let him know if you will be attending (jpatricktsfo@gmail.com)	
October 6-8 27-29	Formation Directors Weekend October 6-8. Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center (Marriottsville, MD) will host a weekend with weekend retreat with Fr. Daniel Horan, OFM, presenting <i>The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton</i> . One can register either to stay overnight at Bon Secours during the retreat (\$220 if registered prior to 8/27) or to commute from home each day (\$120). Overnight: https://rccbonsecours.com/event/franciscan-heart-thomas-merton-weekend-retreat-fr-daniel-horan-ofm/ Commuters: https://rccbonsecours.com/event/franciscan-heart-thomas-merton-commuter-option/	

COMMUNITY



Minister's Minute: Judith and I attended a Secular Franciscan Conference at St. Bonaventure University the weekend of July 21-23, where we listened to Fr. David B. Couturier, OFM Cap, talk about the Development of the Franciscan Person.

His first talk started by suggesting (as did Br. Kip at our July fraternity meeting) that we should live our Rule so it leads us to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are living in a Franciscan moment under a pope who encourages the Church "to renounce its citadel fortress or remnant mentality and start smelling like sheep and acting more like a field hospital." The Franciscan Imagination—that set of ideas, understandings, and insights that help us to answer the big questions of life (who is God; what is humankind, what is the purpose of life, why is there evil, are we fundamentally good, etc.)—should guide us in this journey. His talks asked the question, "What keeps us as Franciscans from attending consistently to the Lord?" He provided some of the answers from his book *The Four Conversions*, which looks at the psycho-social dynamics within us which turn our attention away from God (the self-transcendent part of our lives) to our emotional needs (in other words, when there is a conflict between our values and our needs). His book explores this theme in four major chapters on the dynamics of our personal relationship with God, as well as our relationships with family (interpersonal), the Church, and society (cultural and organizational). If we are aware

of the conflicts and are working on them, we are living a Christian life. If we fail, we need to confess it! Francis and Clare built their communities by "doing mercy." We can do the same, by going from the Gospel to life and from life to the Gospel. Fr. David used this quote from Fr. Michael Cusato's book, *Of Snakes and Angels: The Mystical Experience Behind the Stigmatization Narrative of 1 Celano*, (2006), in one of his slides "[E]verything that breaks the bonds of [the] sacred human fraternity created by God—through the destructive and abusive use of power, through the placing of oneself over and against others for the private advantage of one to the disadvantage of others—is what, for Francis, constitutes sin. Moreover, to understand what Francis means by sin is to understand what he means to say to 'do penance.' 'To do penance' is to distance oneself from all those actions and attitudes that threaten to rupture the bonds of fraternity."

So, let us begin again, for so far we have done little. I look forward to seeing you at our August 19th meeting. As you will see, the handouts for that meeting on poverty, prejudice, and racism, will provide a reflection that includes a self-examination regarding racism on the personal, interpersonal, and structural or societal levels.

JPIC -- JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION- Judith Tyrrell

"Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me and use me. I want to understand your energizing presence and open my life more fully to your power. Stir up within me the grace of my baptism in Christ and ANIMATE your gifts within me for the service of God's people. Enlighten and encourage me as I read and contemplate your inspired word in Sacred Scripture. Show me how to make my life a testimony to God's love."

The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts.

The Animate Peace Gathering of Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation animators from throughout the United States was held July 27-30 in St. Louis and the final conclusion of all of us was that it is the HOLY SPIRIT who animates each of us in our relationships with God, with others and with ourselves. Carolyn Townes, our National JPIC Animator led our Spirit-filled meetings. She said "the role of a JPIC animator is living and promoting our own particular way of promoting JPIC values and helping members to find their particular way." She had each of us share how we and our Fraternity and Region are doing this. The list filled the board and then some. It was encouraging, affirming and motivating to hear all of the ways Seculars are serving as we live out Catholic Social teaching and "the two feet of love-- putting faith in action—doing social justice and charitable works" all rooted in prayer and contemplation.

Another focus was Mindful Communication and peace-making. We as a group put forth this press release as a united Franciscan response to the North Korean actions. It is quoted here and I suggest all PRAY

AND SACRIFICE as brothers and sisters of penance for the current escalating situation to be resolved peacefully for "Nothing is Impossible with God".

"We, the National Commission of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) of the U.S. Secular Franciscan Order met July 27-30 2017 in St. Louis, Missouri for a National Animate Peace Gathering. Twenty JPIC Animators from around the nation gathered for a weekend of sharing, learning and fellowship. During the gathering North Korea launched an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) which has heightened tensions in the world. In the Gospel Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we urge the world community to use prayer, caution, wisdom, earnest discernment and patience before responding to these recent developments on the Korean peninsula. Any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is a crime against humanity and all creation. Our efforts towards mutual respect and understanding should be long-term."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

St. Joseph of Cupertino fraternity will host their annual OSF regional picnic. Mass will be offered at Noon in the Chapel followed by a picnic afterwards. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and bottled water will be provided. Please bring a side dish/drink and, if you wish, a lawn chair (though folding chairs will be available).

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OUTREACH

At the August fraternity meeting, we will be collecting school supplies for the Phoenix Academy in Annapolis. The Academy provides alternative programming to meet the needs of students who are experiencing barriers to learning in the comprehensive school environment while also ensuring a continuum of special education service provisions. It aims to create a dynamic partnership between school, student, home and community where all children succeed.

PHOENIX ACADEMY SCHOOL SUPPLIES WISH LIST

Post-it notes; Different sizes and colors. Also, ones with lines.

Lined Paper

Tons of Pencils

Markers

Colored Pencils

Glue Sticks

Dry Erase Markers

Binders

Plastic Folders

Composition Books

Kleenex

Paper Towels

Peanut Butter/Squeeze-bottle Jelly (Grape and Strawberry)

Misc. Snacks

Used books to give to the children

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Ilia Delio OSF, The Universe Within

Presented by Contemplative Outreach of Maryland and Washington (COMW)

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 1:00-4:30 p/m. -- Doors open at 12:30 pm

National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave N.W., Washington, DC 20016

Stone Fellowship Hall. Parking & Entrance in the back of the main Chapel

Ilia Delio will share her thoughts about "The Universe Within." Finding our place in the world is a challenging task. Ilia will explore the inner universe and the role of consciousness, elaborating on the insights of modern science and the tradition of the mystics. There will be opportunity for Q & A. Light refreshments will be offered. A \$40 goodwill offering is suggested or the amount with which you are comfortable. Light Refreshment will be available. All are welcome!

The format will be a retreat with 2 presentation sessions separated by a 20 minute private prayer and reflection. Ilia Delio's books will be available for purchase (cash or check only). She will be available for book signing at the end of the retreat.

For more information and to register: <http://conta.cc/2t2bqdH>



One-day pilgrimage to the
**National Blue Army Shrine of
Our Lady of Fatima in New Jersey**
September 23, 2017 (Saturday)

*Sponsored by the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy, Joy in the Spirit
Prayer Group and Sisterhood of the Blessed Mother*

The National Blue Army Shrine of our Lady of Fatima is a Catholic Shrine dedicated to the message of our Lady of Fatima. The Shrine is located on over 150 acres that rise over the scenic Musconetcong River valley in the farm country of western New Jersey.

During our pilgrimage, we can visit any of several places of prayer:

- Statue of our Lady of Fatima with the three children as they appeared at Fatima, Portugal
- Statues of the Holy Family
- Holy House Chapel and Retreat Center (the Chapel is a replica of the original home of the Holy Family which is now enshrined in Loreto, Italy)
- Rosary Garden
- Outdoor Stations of the Cross
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Capelinha (replica of the Chapel built at Fatima, where our Lady appeared to the three shepherd children)
- Other Statues and Shrines (Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, Byzantine, Icon of our Lady of Kazan, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Guardian Angel of the United States Peace Fund, St. Francis, St. Joachim and St. Anne, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, St. Therese of Lisieux)

Cost - \$60 per person (including bus, driver's tip and donation to the Shrine)

Schedule: Sept 23 (Saturday)

7:30 am	Leave from St. John the Evangelist parking lot, Severna Park.
10:00 am	Stop for bathroom break and early lunch (30 minutes)
11:00 am	Estimated arrival at the Shrine
11:30am	Confessions available
12 noon	MASS

After the mass, a short meeting with our Spiritual leader (TBD)

1:30-4:45pm	Free time to explore the Shrine on your own
5:00pm	Return to the bus for short trip to the restaurant
5:15pm -7:15pm	Early dinner at The Willows (pay on your own)
7:30pm	Return to the bus for trip home
10:45 pm	Arrival at St. John the Evangelist parking lot (ETA depending on traffic)

For questions, please call or e-mail any of the trip coordinators below:

Sarah Ranke – 410-647-3629 (shranke@verizon.net)

Tess Esposito – 410-212-1048 (tesposito51@aol.com)

Jim Esposito -- 410-212-8289 (spo5854@aol.com)

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Registration information:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____

Emergency contact information:

Name _____ phone number: _____

Number of people attending: _____

Payment = No of people _____ x \$ 60 = \$ _____

Amount paid - \$ _____ Ck# _____ Date: _____

Please make check payable to: **Joy in the Spirit Prayer Group.**

Mail check to:

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