



The Porter

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The Porter deadline for the November issue is November 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).



Fraternity Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 2017

St. John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146

8:30 Mass -- Church. Meeting 9:15 – Church Meeting Room

Early Warning: November 18th meeting will be Profession Ceremony for Jude Dodge at Cap. College
December 2 will be a Day of Recollection at Cap. College

Refreshments



Glen Burnie/Pasadena; Annapolis/Eastern Shore will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home, and restock if necessary. *Please remember to bring your own cup!*

Program

Open Meeting – please bring a guest who has a Franciscan Spirit.
Pat and Judith Tyrrell will report on the weekend seminars they attended this summer on the Development of the Franciscan Person at St. Bonaventure University, and the JPIC Animate Peace Gathering in St. Louis.

Liturgy

Annapolis/Eastern Shore: Liturgy of the Hours: 28th week of Ordinary Time, Saturday Week 3 and *The Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (ritual page 77.)

Outreach

Phoenix Academy Backpack Program: October 19 at 2:15
Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Next sandwich-making will be on Thursday, October 26 at 9:30 a.m., at home of Catherine Gonzalez. Contact Denise if you plan to come.

Prayer Requests



For our sick and/or homebound members: (Please help us update this list.)
Emily McGeady, Mary Musselwhite, 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), Denise Miante, Jude Dodge, Kathy Duffy's daughter Lynne, Sister Mater Mundi (missionary in Mexico), Capuchin Bishop William Fey, Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney

Birthdays	Audrey Bushee – 10/21 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 Catrow—11/07
Profession Anniversaries	George Ryan – 11/11/1984 Susan Greif – 11/16/1997		
Treasury	 <p>Common Fund balance: \$735.71 REMINDER - 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"> • Common Fund (this covers fraternity operations and the Sabu family in India), • Phoenix Academy (for student weekend food backpacks), and • Tokens (bus tokens for the Lighthouse Shelter). <p>You can write one check and direct your contribution to any or all three areas. Example: \$20 Com / \$10 Phoenix / \$5 Token. None of these amounts should be interpreted as being what is expected from any particular member. Cash contributions are also acceptable, but checks are preferred.</p>		
Council Meeting	Friday, November 10, at 1:30 p.m.at the Tyrrell’s home		
Upcoming Events			
Oct 27-29	SOLDOUT but there is a waiting list - 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/		
Nov 18	Profession Ceremony at Capuchin College in D.C. for Jude Dodge at 11:30 followed by pot-luck Luncheon. Additional details in November <i>Porter</i> .		
Dec 2	Fraternity Advent Day of Recollection at Capuchin College directed by Br. John Paul. Outreach: Apostleship of the Sea shoeboxes. Additional details in November <i>Porter</i> .		

COMMUNITY



Minister’s Minute:

Thanks to those of you who put notices in your parish bulletins and brochures around your parishes to invite people to our meeting this month. Although the fraternity and the Order are not clubs and the size of our fraternities doesn’t really matter (except for some sensible minimums), we do have an obligation to promote vocations to the Order. Do you ever “pray that God may give the grace of the Franciscan vocation to new members” as it says in Article 45 of the General Constitutions? In that regard, if you haven’t done so yet, perhaps before the week is out, you could personally ask someone to attend Saturday’s meeting.

Do you ever examine your Franciscan conscience? That is, do you ever think about what it means to you personally to be a Secular Franciscan? Do you wonder if there is some prayer practice or “good work” that might make the commitment you made in your profession more complete or meaningful? How are you living out your consecration “to the service of his Kingdom” (Ritual, p. 23)? Should you be doing more? That was one of the main messages I took away from our pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome in September—am I doing enough? As the end of the year approaches, perhaps we should all examine how we might “conform [our] thoughts and deeds to those of Christ and build a more fraternal and evangelical world by fulfilling our vocation as [brothers and sisters] of penance” (Ritual, p. 25).

In this context, I share with you some information from Fr. Tom Betz, the Provincial Minister of our Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, who invited all the Spiritual Assistants and Secular fraternity ministers to a meeting in late September. At that meeting, when discussing the New Evangelization, Fr. Best said that since becoming Provincial Minister he had visited all the bishops in the Province and they all asked him to energize the Seculars in evangelization. If you have some ideas about how to do this, let one of the Council members know, so we can consider them at our annual planning meeting in the New Year. Pat.

JPIC -- JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION

Dakota Access Pipeline Update – Joan Faltot

Last week I received the following email from EarthJustice, the organization fighting for the tribe in the courts.

This is an email I hoped I wouldn't have to write.

Earlier today [October 11th] a federal judge ruled that the Dakota Access Pipeline can continue operating while we wait for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete its environmental review.

It's been over a year since we first filed our lawsuit against the Corps and asked it to simply acknowledge and address the threat this pipeline poses to the people of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

Although the Court has agreed with us that the Corps violated key environmental laws, the threat from the pipeline persists.

The pipeline has already experienced three separate leaks since President Trump directed the Corps to move forward with the project despite widespread opposition. A major spill or a slow leak in the Missouri would be a catastrophe for the people of Standing Rock and the millions of others that rely on the river.

This decision is a disappointing continuation of a historic pattern: other people take all the profits while tribes face all the risk and harm. The court already found that the Corps violated the law when it issued the permits for the pipeline without thoroughly considering the impact on the people of Standing Rock. The company should not be allowed to continue operating the pipeline while the Corps studies that threat.

Jan Hasselman, Staff Attorney

Currently the Army Corps, as directed by the court in June, is in the process of doing a new environmental review. The Tribe has a technical team of experts assisting it in providing input. The goal—as it has been from the beginning—is to demonstrate that the risks of an oil spill, and the impacts on the Tribe, are sufficient to require a full environmental impact statement to be prepared, which would reopen the discussion around an appropriate location for crossing the Missouri River. The Corps has stated that process should be complete by April of next year. The court admonished the Corps not to treat this process as a “bureaucratic formality” but to give “serious consideration” to the errors identified by the court.

Fuller information covering the history of this legal battle and future plans can be found at:

https://earthjustice.org/features/dakota-access-what-next?utm_source=crm&utm_content=LearnMoreButton&autologin=true



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“RESTING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD:

OUR NEED FOR SABBATH”

At the Shrine of St. Anthony

Saturday — 11/4/17

Coordinator: Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Presenter: Fr. George Hazler,

(Institute of Voluntas Dei)



8:30 — Breakfast

9:30 — Morning Prayer

10:00 — Presentation

11:00 — Period of Silence

11:30 — Reflection

12:30 — Lunch

1:30/2 pm — Presentation

3:00 — Period of Silence

3:30 — Reflection

4:15 — Mass (for following Sunday)

Cost: \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Please RSVP by October 22nd to: Jenna Whelan at Jennawhelan83@gmail.com. The RSVP is for food preparations as there will be more festive foods for lunch, and the host, The Table Foundation, wants to make sure we have enough for everyone! Checks should be made payable to Fr. Leo Patalinghug.