

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – May 2019
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The Porter deadline for the June issue is June 3. **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	Picnic at the Light House Shelter, 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis (parking in rear) Saturday, May 18, 2019 – Setup at 9:00 am, Lunch at noon followed by Tour		
Refreshments 	Signup sheet for food was passed around at our April meeting. If you forgot what you are bringing or need suggestions as to what to bring, contact Denise. We are planning to feed ourselves and the residents of the Lighthouse (about 60 people)		
Special Outreach	In addition to food for the picnic, please consider bringing items to donate to the Lighthouse. Items needed are listed on page 5.		
Prayer Requests 	<i>For the repose of the soul of</i> : Naed Smith, OFS, and his family and for the members of his fraternity (St. Thomas More Fraternity, Harrisburg, PA) <i>For our sick and/or homebound members:</i> (Please help us update this list) Mary Henry, Ruth Shea’s daughter Anne (kidney tumor removed on May 20), Audrey Donnelly, Joan’s husband Bill Kvetkas , Pat Troup, Brigid Cobb, Joe McHugh’s brother John, Mary Henry’s daughter-in-law Katherine, Evelyn Jones’ niece, Genny Wilbourne’s granddaughter Jessica, Kathleen Sievers’ niece Mandy and her son Michael.		
Profession Anniversaries	Marie Shelton -- 05/19/2000 Mary Henry – 05/21/2016 Catherine Gonzalez – 05/21/2016	Audrey Donnelly – 05/21/2016 Emily McGeady – 6/12/1979 (40 years !!!!!) John Cobis – 6/12/2005	
Birthdays	Louise Ryan – 05/25 Judith Tyrrell -- 05/29	David Littleton – 06/04	
Outreach	Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Thursday, May 23, 9:30 a.m. at home of Joan Kvetkas Phoenix Academy “Backpacks”: Wednesday, May 15, 12:30 p.m. in the cafeteria For more information, contact Denise.		

Treasury	Current balance: \$ 1,276.28. Our full 2019 Fair Share contribution has been paid to the Region. There will be <u>no</u> fraternity collection this month at our picnic. Please double up next month.
Council Meeting	Tuesday, June 4, 9:30 at the Tyrrells' home.
Save the Date	<p>May 31-June 2 Regional Retreat at Priestfield, WV. Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap., will be the retreat director. Flyer and registration form on page 6. Register by May 23.</p> <p>September 7 (tentative) Br. Rigo's ordination to the Transitional Diaconate at the Shrine in DC.</p> <p>September 28 (tentative) Br. Tage Danielson's ordination to the Priesthood in Pittsburg.</p>

COMMUNITY



Minister's Minute:

St. Bonaventure tells us that towards the end of his life St. Francis would tell the other friars: "Let us begin again, brothers, for up until now, we have done little or nothing." Shane Claiborne (b. 1975) is a Christian activist and author who is a leading figure in the New Monasticism movement and one of the founding members of the non-profit organization, The Simple Way, in Philadelphia. New Monasticism is a diverse movement, not limited to a specific religious denomination or church and

including varying expressions of contemplative life. These communities expand upon traditional monastic wisdom, translating it into forms that can be lived out in contemporary lives "in the world." Shane is also a social activist, advocating for nonviolence and service to the poor (<https://www.thesimpleway.org/>) Judith and I were introduced to him through Fr. Eric de la Pena, OFM Conv, director at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. Fr. Eric mentioned Shane's book, *Irresistible Revolution*, more than once during his three-day mission at Our Lady of the Fields in early April. Although I have not finished the book yet, it struck me that Shane is very Franciscan in his thinking. Here are some excerpts that struck me.

"What the world needs is people who believe so much in another world that they cannot help but begin enacting it now.... There is a kind of conversion that happens to people not because of how we talk but because of how we live.... Conversion is not an event but a process, a process of slowly tearing ourselves from the clutches of the culture. As we practice hospitality, there comes a point where the suffering around us drives us to ask what it would take to re-imagine the world. We've all heard the saying, 'Give someone a fish and they'll eat for a day, but teach them to fish and they'll eat for the rest of their life.' The problem is that nobody is asking who owns the pond. As we consider economics, some of us will give people fish. Others will teach people to fish. But still others must be looking at who owns the pond and who polluted it, for these are also essential questions for our survival. We must storm the fence that has been built around the pond and make sure everyone can get to it, for there are enough fish for all of us.

"A homeless mother once told us that there is a big difference between managing poverty and ending poverty. 'Managing poverty is big business. Ending poverty is revolutionary.' Too often, the church has chaplained the corporate global economy, caring for the victims of the systems. As long as we uncritically manage the collateral damage of the market economy the world can continue to produce victims. But as Dietrich Bonhoeffer said during his age of injustice, 'We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, but we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.' We cannot look at the sick without looking at what is causing the sickness, that sin is both personal and social. (pp. 149-51)"

I hope you will think about this as you enjoy our picnic at The Light House Shelter on the 18th. Be present to those we serve there. Be the merciful presence of God and the joyful Christ to everyone. Think about how you, individually, or we, as a group, can take a next step or two to help those served by the Shelter. Can we not just feed them, but also teach them "to fish" or do something about "the pond?" I am sorry we will not be there. Please keep us and my family in your prayers as we bury my brother next to our parents in Connecticut that day. Thanks.
Pat

PS Brigid Cobb reports that she may finally be having her twice-postponed cataract surgery May 16. Dennis Mallon reports that he is feeling better and experiencing some minor miracles in his life.

JPIC -- JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION, ANIMATOR JUDITH TYRRELL, OFS

PROTECT OUR SPECIES-Earthday.org

Dear brothers and sisters have you read the TAU Spring 2019 edition? Cover to cover it is filled with wisdom for our life in fraternity. Carolyn Townes OFS, our National JPIC Animator begins her article with a quote from Art 13b in the Rule. "A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially the lowly for whom they shall strive to creation conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ." This month Pat and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Jean Vanier the founder of L'Arche International, whose writings Community and Growth and Be Not Afraid had been a help to us as we followed a call with our family to a prolife community in Holland. In a recent article about him it said "His life's work reflects a...belief in the inherent rights and dignity of every human life. Vanier identified this as the "belief in the inner beauty of each and every human being." His little community that began with two intellectually handicapped individuals now inspires 10000 people who live together in 150 l'Arche communities! Perhaps you know too of his connection with Fr. Henri Nouwen the Dutch priest who lived in a L'Arche community. He too through his many wonderful writings like the Beloved, the Prodigal Son and With Open Hands, Gracias, The Road to Daybreak and The Wounded Healer etc prepared us for our life in community.

Two recent articles about Jean Vanier teach us about the wisdom he learned from the disabled: Jean Vanier's wildly inefficient model of compassion and his obit Gave community, dignity to the intellectually disabled.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/jean-vanier-who-gave-homes-and-dignity-to-the-intellectually-disabled-dies-at-90/2019/05/07/31bd8bb2-650a-11e9-8985-4cf30147bdca_story.html;

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/jean-vanier-created-a-wildly-inefficient-model-of-compassion-we-can-learn-a-lot-from-it/2019/05/09/6c91cc92-7295-11e9-9f06-5fc2ee80027a_story.html?utm_term=.3a76891f9203

Pat and I attended the anniversary Mass of the passing of our beloved brother and spiritual assistant, Brother Saul who came to the United States from El Salvador. He had such Zeal for the Dreamers and the plight of the immigrants to our nation. He wanted all to understand the love of the Father for ALL OF HIS CHILDREN. See Immigrant Prayer.

Recent articles in the Post have spoken of the plight of these migrants crossing our borders. Pat and I lived in one of these border sites in El Paso Texas and through our parish of Blessed Sacrament and our work in Evangelization groups as well as with a Nigerian refugee we came in contact with Ruben Garcia the director of the Annunciation House mentioned in these articles (1545 migrants passed through there in February alone). Catholic Social Teaching says that "we are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences." US Catholic Bishops

Read these articles and help the Annunciation House if you can. https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/ruben-garcia-has-sheltered-migrants-in-el-paso-for-over-four-decades-with-a-crush-at-the-border-he-now-needs-a-warehouse/2019/04/01/2e8e6580-5243-11e9-af35-1fb9615010d7_story.html?utm_term=.3c8c019e58e3 ;

https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2019/04/13/snapshot-where-migrants-go-after-release-into-united-states/?utm_term=.e4063ab9433c

Praise God for the right and dignity of the human lives being saved in Georgia by the passing of the Living Infants Fairness and Equality Act which bans abortions as early as six weeks -- the "heartbeat" bill which bans abortions the moment physicians hear a fetal heartbeat! https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/05/10/hollywood-filmmakers-are-boycotting-georgia-over-heartbeat-abortion-bill/?utm_term=.0a51e53924b8

In this month of May in which we honor the blessed virgin, we pray

Hail, O Lady,
Mary, holy Mother of God:
you are the Virgin made Church
and the one chosen by the
most holy Father in heaven
whom He consecrated
with His most holy beloved Son
and with the Holy Spirit the Paraclete,
in whom there was and is
the fullness of grace and every good

Hail His Palace!
Hail His Tabernacle!
Hail His Home!
Hail His Robe!
Hail His Servant!
Hail His Mother!

And (hail) all you holy virtues which through the grace and light of the Holy Spirit are poured into the hearts of the faithful so that from their faithless state you may make them faithful to God.
AMEN

A FINAL LETTER FROM JANCY SABU, OUR FRANCISCAN FAMILY APOLATE FAMILY

April 2019

Dear loving friend,

First of all let me wish you all the peace and happiness of the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. May Almighty God bless you abundantly for the love you are sharing.

Received your timely assistance and thank you very much for the same. Special thanks for the Christmas card. Here we are all keeping well by the grace of God. I am going for work. My second daughter Sabitha is learning I.T.I course and it is one year course and she wrote the exam and waiting for the result. My married daughter is living happily at her husband's home. He is a good man and he is well cared us. My father-in-law goes for fish vending. Now we are living without difficulties. With your help I got a good house, settled my daughter and also our life style has improved a lot. We have no words to express our deep gratitude towards you for all what you have done for us. We remember you all in our daily prayers.

Once again thanking you and assuring our prayers for your well being.

With lots of love and prayers
Jancy Sabu

SPECIAL OUTREACH COLLECTION FOR THE LIGHT HOUSE

The Light House relies on in-kind donations from our generous community to ensure that their clients' most basic needs are met. Due to limited storage space and health code regulations, we have developed the following donation guidelines. We are very committed to being good stewards of your donations by only accepting items we will be able to use. The following flyer lists the items that are "immediate needs" on their website, probably because there is a constant need for these items.



Light House

A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER

FOOD DONATION DRIVE

The Light House has provided emergency shelter, transitional and supportive housing, homelessness prevention, and related support services to people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness in Anne Arundel County for 30 years.

Here is a list of their most needed items:

low/no sodium canned vegetables,

100% fruit juice,

canned fruit in 100% juice,

peanut butter, jelly,

canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken),

whole grain pasta,

brown rice,

low sodium beans,

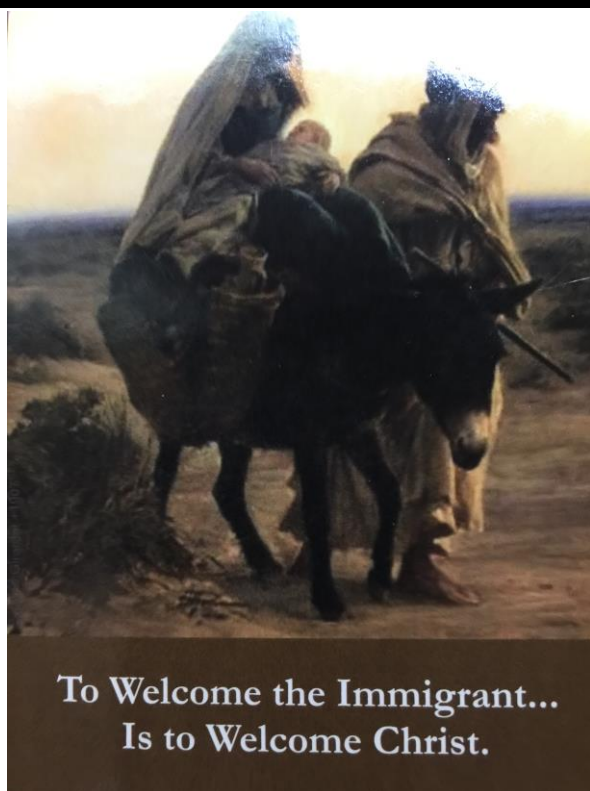
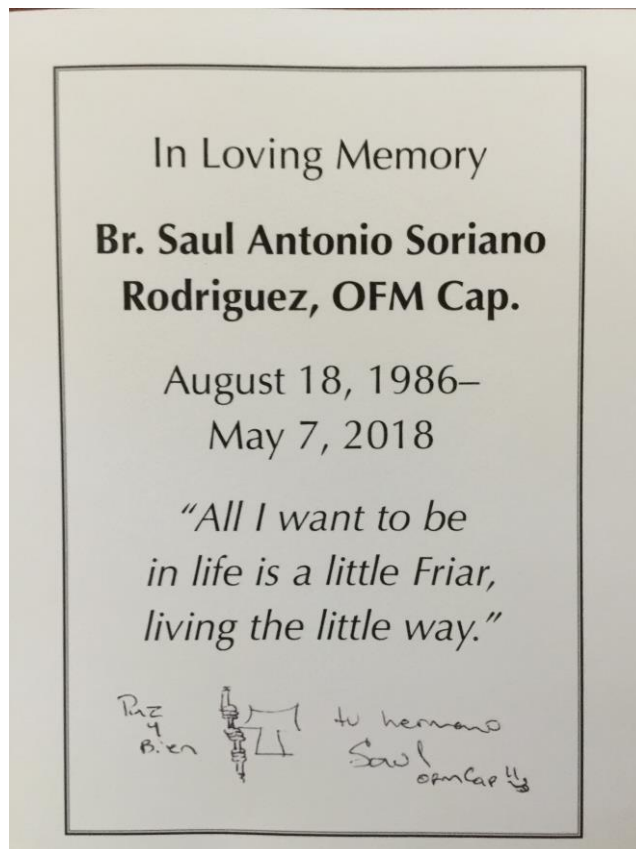
packets of oatmeal,

canned soup/chili.

In addition to food, they also always need

liquid laundry detergent,

paper towels



Dearest Jesus, you traversed the lonely paths of this world as a pilgrim among us, to shower mercy upon all people and to teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to heed your words from the Gospel;

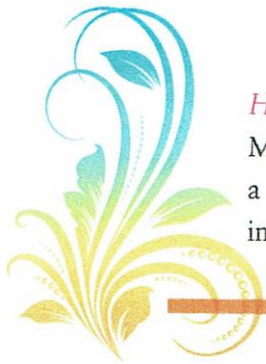
"[Lord], when did we see you a stranger and welcome you?" "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
(Mthw 25:38 & 40b)

O Lord, give us generous hearts to welcome with just charity all people of goodwill who seek to join our society. May our leaders craft fair laws that protect the safety of our citizens and also give orderly and lawful means of immigration for those who desire to dwell among us. May all immigrants enjoy the privileges of our bountiful country and help contribute to the common good of our land. Protect us from those who wish to cause us harm and those who try to divide us from one another. Help us to see you, O Lord, in the faces of all immigrants and to extend the same generous mercy that you have shown to us. Amen
-Pedro de la Cruz

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Floral Reflections on the Hail Mary

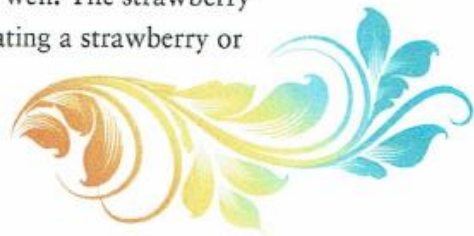


Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Mary understood throughout her life how richly God had blessed her. The lily is a symbol of Mary's purity and openness to God's will. Reflect upon this beautiful image and how you might open yourself more fully to God's grace.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

We honor Mary as the mother of Jesus and as our mother as well. The strawberry plant symbolizes Mary's fruitfulness. Enjoy the pleasure of eating a strawberry or other piece of fruit. Reflect on how God is calling you to be the bearer of life to all those you meet today.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners . . .

We turn to Mary as an intercessor, one who prays on our behalf. The lily of the valley is also known as "Our Lady's Tears" due to the shape of the small blossoms. Let Mary's compassion and kindness wash over you when asking her for prayers of comfort and consolation.

Now and at the hour of our death.

The Rosary includes meditations on both the joys and sorrows in Mary's life. The rose has symbolized these mysteries since ancient times. As Mary stood vigil beneath her Son's cross, let her faith and trust be a model of hope and inspiration for you each and every day of your life.



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HONORING MARY IN YOUR GARDEN from Franciscan media

During The Middle Ages, the faithful saw reminders of Mary, the Mother of God, in the flowers and herbs growing around them. Devoted to Mary, people decorated her altars with flowers on her feast days. Prior to the Second Vatican Council of the early 1960's, the faithful also honored Mary with flowers. May crownings were the tradition in Catholic schools during Mary's month (May), and makeshift home altars bearing an image of Mary were decorated with the choicest home grown blossoms.

Those traditions have almost disappeared, but the medieval custom of finding reminders of Mary's attributes, glory and sorrows in flowers and herbs has left a legacy that can enrich our lives in this millennium. These legends and traditions, as well as, the Mary names of flowers can still inform and delight us.

Reflecting on the flower names, we can honor Mary and find relevance for our own lives. These flower and herb legends tell us about important moments in Mary's life. The legends and reflections which follow can take us, in spirit and in our hearts, on a virtual journey with Mary.

COLUMBINE *Aquilegia vulgaris*, Our Lady's Shoes.

Reflection: Mary, how many miles you walked upon this earth! Your grace-filled being brought the Son of Man close to us. Have we ever thanked you for the role you played? Let us follow footprints; even better, teach us to walk in your shoes.

OX-EYE DAISY *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*, Mary's Star.

Reflection: Things, persons and events are prophets pointing the way to God; they are priests and people praising God. Did you learn, Mary, to discern God's graces long before Bethlehem and the coming of your child? If only I could share your wisdom, as did the Wise Men who knelt down before the child in your arms.

JUNIPER *Juniperis*. The Madonna's Juniper Bush.

Reflection: Our garden of life includes blessing and despair. We marvel that the two can go hand in hand. Just as we note the splendor of our gardens, we also note the toil and sweat it takes over the years to establish a good garden. Egypt worked hard to make a land where junipers can thrive. Mary, you, Joseph and the child would live there for a while. Sometimes I wonder how you mastered life in the desert. Teach me.

FUSCHIA *Fuchsia magellanica* and *hybrida*. Our Lady's Ear-drop.

Reflection: A baby's fascinated play—tugging at his mother's ear, exploring ears, mouth, nose and the softness of her skin—brings a smile to those who watch. Lovers, even little ones like this child, deck the beloved with lovely things, tuck flowers in her hair, make wreaths to bring her joy. Mary, nourish my love for you and Jesus.

LILY OF THE VALLEY *Convallaria majalis*. Mary's Tears.

Reflection: The sacred text does not speak of your tears, Mary, as our legend does. It tells us instead that you stood by the cross and you were not alone. Other women and John were also there. We wonder at the sorrow, the bitterness, the pain of this little community standing by. Fragrant tiny white lily-bells, a thousand quiet tears bowing before the still-cold winter winds, teach me of springtime and the Resurrection just beyond the stone-cold tomb.

ROSES AND LILLIES *Rosa*, red rose. Our Lady's Rose; *Lilium*, white lily. Mary's Lily.

Reflection: Your destiny is our destiny, Mary. Your life mirrors to us what ours is to be, if we but faithfully follow Christ Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. We look forward, Mary, to our gathering in and homecoming; we also look forward to meeting you.

FLEUR-DE-LIS *Iris pseudacorus*. Yellow Flag Iris.

Reflection: Mary, more countless than the drops in an ocean or stars in the firmament are the repetitions down the ages of those gracious words. Hail, Ave, full of grace, the Lord is with you. I add my chant, my prayer, my roses and lilies to the wellspring of praise.

Planting a Mary Garden: A Mary Garden is a garden dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. In a Mary Garden a statue of Mary is surrounded by herbs and flowers which have special significance for her, through legends or naming. Since the Mary names of hundreds of flowers and herbs have survived, your garden may contain many of your favorite flowers, planted with the intention of honoring Mary and representing her many attributes.

Pilgrimage to Mary Gardens: Five large Mary Gardens, each with an original statue of the Madonna and all connected with religious institutions, are located east of the Mississippi River. To walk through the gardens is to take a sensual and spiritual tour.

(1) The Garden of Our Lady, Cape Cod, MA

(2) **The Mary Garden at St. Mary's Church, Annapolis, MD, is located behind the church in the quadrangle formed by the church, rectory and historic Carroll House on Duke of Gloucester Street in the heart of old Annapolis**

(3) The Mary Garden at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Dayton, OH

(4) Mary's Garden at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Portage, MI

(5) The Mary Garden at the Episcopal Convent of the Transfiguration in Cincinnati, OH

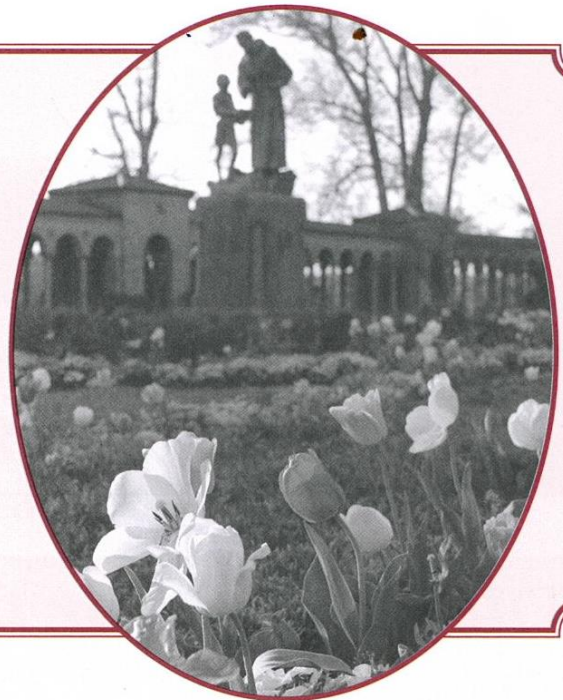
AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY OF THE HOLY LAND IN AMERICA

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Attend our Spring Luncheon at the Monastery

Join us for our annual Spring Luncheon with the Friars! Enjoy a unique opportunity during this event to see the beautiful cloister garden, which is rarely open to the public. The Spring Luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 1 p.m.

For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit www.myfranciscan.org/spring-luncheon.



REGIONAL RETREAT 2019

Where: Priest Field Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430-3742
When: May 31 - June 2, 2019
Who: All Secular Franciscans, including candidates, inquirers and spiritual assistants
What: TBA
Presenter: Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Submit form no later than **May 23, 2019**
2. Please type or print all information clearly.
3. Only one participant per registration form.
4. A deposit of \$100.00 must accompany this form. **Deposit is nonrefundable after May 23, 2019.**
5. **Make your check payable to ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION*** and mail this form with payment to:

Peter Noyes, ofs

P.O. Box 860

Burtonsville, MD 20866

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***Please make checks payable to St. Margaret of Cortona Region,
NOT to Peter Noyes or to Priest Field. Thank you.**

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Address			
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Fraternity			

Please check room requirement:

Rooms are designed for double occupancy for maximum attendees.

- A) Single occupancy room: \$248.00[†]
- B) Double occupancy room: \$228.00
- C) Single occupancy cabin: \$282.00
- D) Double occupancy cabin: \$257.00
- E) Dormitory: \$184.00
- F) Days Only: \$126.00

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[†]Select single occupancy only if there is a serious personal or medical reason. Thank you!

Please indicate any special needs you have:

Please choose a roommate, or one can be assigned for you.

Name of preferred roommate:

Amount enclosed with this form \$