



The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – October 2019
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The Porter deadline for the November issue is November 3. **Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting items** that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email (address above).



Fraternity Meeting

Mass of Establishment for Pope St. John XXIII Secular Franciscan Fraternity
Reception will follow the Mass
Saturday, October 19, 2019, 10:30 am
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 826 West Central Ave., Davidsonville, Maryland 21035

Refreshments



Fraternity members can sign up for food online at the link below. Much of the need for food is already covered; however a few items are still needed.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0448afa72cab9-fraternity>

Prayer Requests



For our sick and/or homebound members: (Please help us update this list)
Marlane Peterson (president of Ixcan Ministries), Mary Henry, Ruth Shea's daughter, 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 family members who are experiencing mental challenges, Kathleen Sievers' niece Mandy and her son Michael, Judith Tyrrell (recovering from gallbladder surgery)

Birthdays

Audrey Bushée – 10/21	Kathy Duffy – 10/25	Judy Hool – 11/02
Margaret Jackson – 10/22	Emily McGeady – 11/01	Jeanne Catrow – 11/07
Patricia Troup – 10/24	Marie Waleryszak – 11/01	Ron Van Nest – 11/07

Profession Anniversaries

Santa Matarazza – 11/01/1992
George Ryan – 11/11/1984 (35th anniversary)

Treasury

Current balance: \$756.28
PLEASE NOTE: The Common Fund is lower than normal due to Profession expenses and the absence of the collection basket at the Profession in September. The common basket will again not be present out at our October 19th fraternity meeting Holy Family Church.
Please consider mailing your monthly contribution to:
Kathleen Sievers, 515 Brentwood Ave, Severna Park 21146-2505

Outreach	Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Thursday, October 24, 9:30 a.m. at home of Joan K. Phoenix Academy “Backpacks”: Wednesday, October 16, 12:30.
Council Meeting	Monday, November 4, 9:30 am at the Tyrrell’s home.
Save the Date	June 13, 2020 (tentative) date of Br. Diogo’s ordination to the priesthood September ??, 2020 (tentative) date of Br. Rigo’s ordination to the priesthood

COMMUNITY

Minister’s Minute:



In the past, I often thought of Halloween as the start of the season of celebration leading to Christmas. But this year, it started early with the Profession Mass for Chris, Joe, and Toby. Many thanks to everyone who made it such a great success! And this month we will continue the celebration with the Mass for the canonical establishment of Pope St. John XXIII fraternity. At this time, I think there are 3 or 4 other emerging fraternities in our St. Margaret of Cortona Region, which would seem to indicate growth. But if I remember correctly, we actually went down in individual numbers in the Region and in the US—closer to 13,000 over each of the last few years. In

addition, we will not be having a “recruitment” meeting as we have had for a number of years each October. So, maybe we should start being a little more proactive as a fraternity and individuals in encouraging others to explore the possibility that they might have a vocation to the Order. On a positive note, I received a phone call from Mary Anne Novak, who moved to this area in June and comes from Troubadours of St. Clare fraternity north of Detroit. She has said she is planning to come to this month’s gathering at Holy Family.

Finally, we will celebrate the election of a new council at our November meeting. It is important that all active professed members attend to assure a quorum, and for those in Orientation, Inquiry, or Candidacy to attend, because we need three non-voting members to help the Regional representative execute the election (distributing, collecting, and documenting each vote). For those of you who do not yet know—Judith and I will not be running for any office this time. We have served 18 and 15 years, respectively, since 1998, including continuously for the last 12 and 9 years, respectively. It is time for a change. Below is the slate of candidates which the council approved after contacting everyone by email and/or personally. Listed below are the 9 of our 29 active professed members who have indicated that they would run. Please pray, “Am I called to servant leadership.” **Nominations will be taken from the floor at the election.**

PROPOSED SLATE

Minister – Joan Faltot

Vice Minister – Catherine Gonzalez

Secretary – Chris Grubach

Treasurer – Joe McHugh

Formation Director – Denise Miente

Two At-Large Councilors (alphabetically) – Jeanne Gaes, Maggie Jackson, Joan Kvetkas, and Genny Wilbourne.

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

Mission of Truth

The Church does not have technical solutions to offer and does not claim “to interfere in any way in the politics of States. She does, however, have a MISSION of TRUTH to accomplish, in every time and circumstance, for a society that is attuned to man, to his dignity, to his vocation.” Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*

In this month when we have celebrated the feast of St. Francis we are reminded in Rule 6 that we are “called like St. Francis to rebuild the Church and inspired by his example to devote ourselves energetically to living in full communion with the Pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity”.

Our Pope Francis has called a Synod on the Amazon which has begun (Oct 6-27 October) in Rome. The region includes Bolivia, Brazil (Br. Diogo’s home country), Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Venezuela and Surinam. In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis encouraged us to defend the poor and their natural environment. We did as a fraternity a Pledge to do that.

The Amazon contains one of “the world’s most critical ecosystems”. The fires raging there over thousands and thousands of acres have become an environmental concern of the Vatican as well as concerns for the indigenous peoples and religious issues in the area. On the Synod Day 2 “the systematic violation of the rights of the original peoples of the Amazon and the risk to life throughout the entire region due to the wounding of the habitat” were the center of the reflections and the points below summarize the conclusions. (See also <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2019-10/amazon-synod-day-2-the-church-confesses-ecological-sins.html> and <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2019-10/amazon-synod-briefing-synthesis.html> and https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/vatican-gathering-on-the-amazon-stirs-backlash-over-debate-on-allowing-married-priests/2019/10/05/b196a554-e457-11e9-b0a6-3d03721b85ef_story.html.)

- 1) Reject indifference. Accept responsibility—to always protect life. In this Respect Life month we are hearing in our churches the various issues from abortion to euthanasia to the homeless and forgotten, to the handicapped and abandoned. Have you participated in the 40 Days for Life?
- 2) To the international community, confront human rights violations—The idea of befriending the native populations, walking in friendship with those who have different points of view, lifestyles, places of origin, language, etc., because as stated “friendship respects, protects, and cares.” Have you learned about the new Saints just canonized yesterday? One of them Marguerite Bays, a lay woman from Switzerland is a Secular Franciscan. But the others are from Italy, India, Brazil and England. They have much to teach of us about caring for the rights of justice for others and for ourselves.
- 3) Greater knowledge of “ecological sins”—to have an ecological conversion to see the gravity of sins against the environment as sins against God, our neighbor, and against future generations.” (Have you seen the seriousness with which our young people are taking this issue?)
- 4) Promoting a permanent indigenous diaconate—There is also call for greater development of the lay ministry of both men and women, “understood as an authentic manifestation of the Holy Spirit”. Have you seen Fr. Cedric Pisegna, (FrCedric.org) a Passionist, speak about the person of the Holy Spirit in the Church or Fr. Pivonka TOR in The Wild Goose?
- 5) Reflection on the priestly vocation—There are insufficient numbers of priests in the Amazon and all over the world necessitating an increase of prayers to the “Lord of the harvest” for more but also for an examination of conscience for the lack of holiness as an obstacle to gospel witness (perhaps not only for priests but for all Christians). May we pray and fast for this Synod and the discussions about the priesthood as requested.
- 6) Young people and the odor of sanctity—There was talk of the martyrs of the Amazon Servant of God Father Lunkenbein SDB and a layman Simao Kudugodu and their example of holiness. We see young people in the news raising their voices for truth of climate change, living their lives helping others, caring for the homeless and hungry. Let us encourage them on their path to sanctity. Let us all “go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Church’s mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by our lives and words.” Rule 6 in this Extraordinary Month for Missionaries.

Have you noticed that our forests are being cutdown too? It seems a new housing development goes up every time we turn around or how about all of the assisted living sites? Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman is “seeking to overhaul the forest conservation laws aimed at curbing what he says is rampant tree clearing for development”. **LET’S PRAY THOSE ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL DO THE RIGHT THING AND ADD OUR VOICES TO THE DISCUSSION. CAPITAL GAZETTE OCT 3 AND OCT 8, 2019** <https://www.capitalgazette.com/environment/ac-cn-forest-conservation-hearing-1008-20191008-s4vgliemxfbs7og4mxgurr3ki-story.html>

WHAT COLOR ARE YOU? By Susan Burns, OSF

This summer, while working at Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, I had the privilege of being a tour guide for a young, racially mixed family to the top of Thunderhead Mountain on the arm of Crazy Horse. Having viewed the movie on the history of the project before the tour, the father shared that his very young son had asked him, "What is a white man?" And so, he asked me the same question. My immediate response privately to the father was a white man is a power-hungry arrogant SOB, but I have since given the question and the response a lot more thought.

The white man had a treaty with the Plains Native Americans that the Black Hills would be theirs for perpetuity. The treaty was broken 6 years later when Custer discovered gold at French Creek in Custer State Park. In fact, there were over 370 treaties that the white man had with Native Americans from the east to the west and not one was kept.

The white man performed genocidal acts on the Native Americans reducing their population from 60 to 80 million before the invasion of the EuroAmericans to about 3 million today, and then proclaiming the destruction of the Native Americans as "God's Will." Many were killed by "white man" diseases; typhoid, tuberculosis, small pox. Others were killed in battle defending their way of life. Others died in forced migrations; "Trail of Tears."

The white man named sites after themselves. One of the 7 holy spots in the Black Hills is Black Elk Peak, the tallest peak in the Black Hills. The white man had named this peak "Harney" to honor General Harney. In the mid 1800s an old cow wandered from a wagon train into a Lakota tribe where the cow refused to return and so was killed and eaten. When the white man cow owner and cavalry representative approached the tribe looking for the Native who stole the cow, the Lakota offered 2 young horses as trade since no one had stolen the cow. The offer was refused. Soldiers returned for battle and the warriors reciprocated. Nearly a year later, General Harney invaded the tribe. Finding only women and children, everyone was killed or taken captive in retribution for "stealing the cow".

The white man depicted the Native Americans as savages and uncivilized. Remember all those cowboy and Indian movies we watched? Did you know most Native Americans considered scalping and mutilation a barbaric custom introduced to them by the white man? Native Americans believe in the connectedness and balance of all animate and inanimate creation, the circle of life, gifts from the Creator to be guarded and cared for. The white man came and took without asking, took for their self-gratification beyond their need or the need of others, interpreted God's Word of dominion to mean dominance.

The white man builds walls of separation instead of bridges of unification, fostering separation of family units, promoting segregation and isolation, spreading untruths seeking support of the white man's will instead of God's Will.

The white man asks discriminatory questions or makes discriminatory remarks out of ignorance.

"Why aren't Native Americans working at Crazy Horse?"

"With all the money Native Americans make in the casinos, do they donate to Crazy Horse?"

"Why didn't Native Americans volunteer to assist Korczak in the beginnings in 1948?"

"God's plan is sometimes slow to be revealed. Look at all the pagan conversions Christians were able to accomplish throughout the world with the wealth extracted from Native American lands."

Or by sharing a "joke": "Crazy Horse weighed 8 pounds when he was born. His testicles were so large, they weighed 4 pounds. At birth Crazy Horse was already half nuts."

Each of the above are comments I've received at Crazy Horse.

The white man took Native American children from the reservations and sent them to boarding schools where the children were stripped of everything Native American; their hair was cut, their tribal regalia was taken, they were forbidden to speak their Native language, their names were changed. Chief Henry Standing Bear and his brother Luther were sent to Carlyle, Pa. When they returned to Pine Ridge Reservation, instead of responding to this ordeal with revenge or retaliation, they decided the best way to help their people was through education. They believed that through education each one of us can learn of the "others'" customs and traditions to come to a reconciliation of the

past, no matter how dark it may be, so we can all move forward together as brothers and sisters under one Creator. This DREAM of Chief Standing Bear and the Elders at Pine Ridge Reservation has been carried out through the development of Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. The mission at Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation is to protect and preserve the Native American culture tradition, and living heritage. The mission is fulfilled in three ways; (1) By the carving of the mountain so the white man will know the Redman have great heroes too (2) Through the Native American Museum, Educational and Cultural Center, and Performers supported throughout the day (3) Through the Indian University of North America and a Medical Training Center.

One of the Native American Performers at Crazy Horse this past summer was Paul LaRoche and the Brule' performers. They perform contemporary Native American music incorporating traditional dance. One of the numbers was "Directions." Native Americans tell direction by color; white is north for cold and snow, red is south for the hot sun, yellow is east for the rising sun, black is west for nightfall, blue is up for the sky, and green is down for the earth. Paul adds purple to the list of directions, purple for the direction of the heart. Although my skin is white, I prefer to think of myself as purple and pray, with the Grace of God, the purple direction of my heart is one of God's Love. What color are you?

Outreach – The Apostleship of the Sea – Christmas Gift Boxes

At our November Fraternity Meeting, our fraternity will again be collecting gift boxes for the Apostleship of the Sea. The Apostleship of the Sea distributes gift boxes "dockside" to crews of ships that will arrive in the Port of Baltimore during the Christmas Holidays and throughout the year. 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:

Personal items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, combs, nail clippers, mouthwash, shampoos, conditioners, soap, shaving cream, deodorant, q-tips, disposable razors,

Clothing: socks gloves, scarves, caps

Handy Fun Stuff: pens, pencils, writing supplies, English dictionaries, 2019 calendars, pocket-sized address books/planners, scotch tape, playing cards, travel-sized games, reading materials (magazines, paperbacks), non-perishable foods/snacks/candy, **wholesome DVDs**, a small signed Christmas card or blessing

Step 3: Wrap the box.

Step 4: Remember to bring it to our Fraternity Meeting on November 16th.

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Gabriel Network

Recalling our previous presentation by Gabriel Network, it is a nonprofit ministry that empowers a committed network of Christian churches to provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support to pregnant mothers and families in need during and after pregnancy.

St. John the Evangelist Church is forming an Angel Friend Team to support Gabriel Network. If you are interested in learning more or joining their team, Angel Friend Training will be held on **Monday, October 21, from 7-90p.m.** in the Parish Center. To sign up, email Nora Jean at nora.jean@gabrielnetwork.org or signup online at www.gabrielnetwork.org. Or contact Nora Jean if you wish to create your own team at your church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
September 25th - November 3rd

HELP SAVE LIVES IN ANNAPOLIS!

Can you pray with me one hour?



You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 individual participants!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 23 coordinated campaigns:

- 16,004 babies saved from abortion
- 191 abortion workers converted
- 104 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Planned Parenthood 929 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Carolyn Schumaker, carolynschumaker@verizon.net, 410-757-8840
- **Learn more ... get involved** sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below



40daysforlife.com/Annapolis

Be a voice for the voiceless!

Pray just one hour a week for mothers, babies and workers.