



# The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD  
Secular Franciscan Order –November 2019  
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The Porter deadline for the December issue is December 1. **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

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**  
**St. John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146**  
**8:30 Mass – Church. Meeting 9:15 – Youth Room**



### Refreshments

Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park. Glen Burnie/Pasadena has supplies and hopefully will not forget to bring them. Glen Burnie/Pasadena will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary.

### Liturgy

Welcome Ceremony for Kenneth Suhr

### Program

Fraternity Elections

### Outreach

**Collection of Christmas shoeboxes for Apostleship of the Sea** See page 3 for details



### 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

### Birthdays

Jeanne Wilbourne – 11/22 Genny Wilbourne – 12/05

### Profession Anniversaries

Susan Greif – 11/16/1997 Jude Dodge – 11/18/2017  
Sarita Palmer – 11/17/2018 Santa Ragot -- 12/14/1980

### Treasury

Current balance: \$756.28 - Treasury is a bit low since the collection basket has not been out for our last two gatherings. Please try and contribute a bit more if possible. At the end of year the council makes contributions to several charities and amount we can contribute is dependent on having surplus funds in the Common Fund. Also please use the memo line to indicate how your contribution is to be allocated: Common Fund, and/or Phoenix Academy Backpacks (weekend food), and/or bus tokens (for Light House residents).

<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Lighthouse Shelter Lunches:</b> No lunch making in November, since it would fall on Thanksgiving. December lunches will not be on its normal date but will move to Thursday, December 19, 9:30 a.m. at home of Joan K. <b>Phoenix Academy "Backpacks":</b> Wednesday, November 20, 12:30.
<b>Council Meeting</b>	To be determined
<b>Save the Date</b>	<b>June 13, 2020</b> (tentative) date of Br. Diogo's ordination to the priesthood <b>September ??, 2020</b> (tentative) date of Br. Rigo's ordination to the priesthood

## COMMUNITY

### **Minister's Minute:**



I thought I had made some notes or started to write this piece within the last week or so, but I can't find such a thing anywhere, so I have asked the Holy Spirit to play a larger-than-normal part in my note to you this month. It is my 36<sup>th</sup> and last so it should be about something important. (How fast these three years have gone. Speaking for myself and the entire council, thanks for all your help and support.) Our theme this year was *Gospel life in the fraternity and in the world*. To me, the clearest and most simple explanation of *Gospel life* is to love God and neighbor. How have we done? How have I done? How have you done? If we have prayed to the Holy Spirit and centered our efforts at being the most loving person we can be to God, others, and ourselves, then we well may have been doing the right things and praying as we should. The importance of the Holy Spirit in the Church and the Order is sometimes not given the recognition that it should be given. Our mission as Christians and Franciscans is grounded in the Holy Spirit.

The Prologue to our Rule says that "*the **spirit of the Lord** will rest upon them (all Franciscans) and he will make his home and dwelling among them.... We are spouses [of Jesus], when by the **Holy Spirit** the faithful soul is united with our Lord Jesus Christ....*"

Rules 1 & 4 state, in part:

The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families *raised up by the **Holy Spirit*** in the Church, unites all members of the people of God--laity, religious, and priests-- who recognize that they are *called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi*.

The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: *to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people. Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to him, the truth into which the **Holy Spirit** leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly.*

So, we have done what we were to do. Please continue to pray for our election and may the new council discover what it is that they are to do as they animate and guide the fraternity. Let us all begin to serve the Lord God for up until now we have done little or nothing.

Pat

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

### OUR REJANI ROY PUTHUVAL FAMILY IN INDIA

Good news! Work on a house for our new family in India has already begun. All the concrete work is done and the remaining cost for the remaining work is \$2,800. Perhaps you will think of them when considering your year-end spending and donations. You may send any donations directly to the Franciscan Family Apostolate (checks made out to the same with a note in the Memo line "Rejani Roy house #1178" and mail it to the Franciscan Family Apostolate, 93 Country Way, Madison, CT 06443 or bring a check to an upcoming fraternity meeting and our Treasurer can send several together to FFA.

For more information about the FFA, check out their website at (<https://franciscanfamilyapostolate.org/>)

### Fraternity Election

The majority of our meeting will be the election of our new council which will serve for three years, starting immediately after the conclusion of the election. The presider for the election will be a member of the regional council, and most probably Barbara Countryman. Based on fraternity’s straw vote and email solicitation. The following members were nominated and have agreed to serve.

#### 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.**

The following information was extracted from the Regional’s *Council Members Handbook, 2019*. Please note item 5 below. There must be a quorum for the election to take place. **All active professed members should make every effort to attend this meeting. For those not professed, you are needed to assist the presider at the election as Tellers and Secretary so your presence is also very important for this election.**

**Election Requirements** The following information should answer questions the fraternity may have about the elections and should be discussed at a meeting prior to elections.

1. The elections will take the place of the gathering; the last duty of the outgoing minister will be to introduce the regional presider and the regional witness to the fraternity members
2. Only active professed sisters and brothers are eligible to vote.
3. Temporarily professed members may vote, but may not hold a council office
4. Inquirers and candidates may not vote in council elections
5. ***Half plus ONE of "active professed" (per the fraternity roster) must be in attendance to establish a quorum.***
6. Each person must be present at the election to vote; absentee ballots are not permitted.
7. Temporary and permanently professed **members must be on time: arriving once the election begins makes one ineligible to vote.** [Of course if you arrive late you will also miss out on some great refreshments prior to the election.]
8. All nominees must be present, unless there is some circumstance that legitimately prevents a candidate from attending, e.g., illness.
9. No one may be nominated from the floor if they are not present.
10. Once the presider closes the nominations, the voting must take place.
11. The minister may serve no more than three terms. The other council members may serve more than three terms.
12. The outgoing minister may not be elected to the vice minister position during the current election period.

#### **Duties of the Election Tellers and Election Secretary**

##### **The Duties of the Two Tellers:**

1. Election tellers and secretary should be **non-voting members** of the fraternity.
2. One teller at the table counts out loud the number of ballots needed (one for each voter). The other teller distributes ballots to voters.
3. One of the tellers collects ballots and, facing the assembly, one teller will count out loud so the voters can hear the total number of ballots received.
4. The votes should be tallied out loud, while the secretary, presider and friar witness confirm and record the tallies.

After all the folded ballots are counted, one of the tellers will open them, one by one, announcing the name on each ballot out loud, while the secretary records the tallies. The second teller marks tallies on the board in sight of all. After all ballots are read out loud, the presider will ask the secretary to confirm his/her tallies to make sure both tally counts match.

##### **\*Duties of the Secretary:**

1. Has Report of Elections Form
2. Make sure the secretary has a ballot and vote count tally sheet or blank paper on which to write names and keep tallies for each vote
3. Announces the name of the person elected by using the *Franciscan Ritual Book*, page 42

#### **The Presider**

Ask whether candidate accepts the election (cf. Ritual, page. 42). If there is no absolute majority vote for minister on the first ballot, repeat the voting process.

If no one is elected on the second ballot, repeat the voting process, announcing to the electors that the top two candidates of the second ballot are the only nominees for the third ballot. If there is a tie at the conclusion of this balloting, the senior by profession is deemed elected: if both were professed on the same day, the senior by age is then elected.

Following the same procedure, the balloting proceeds to the election of the vice-minister, secretary, treasurer and councilors (and formation director, if this is an elected position).

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

## JPIC Survey

Attached is the response I sent to Gil Donahue our Regional JPIC Animator. We are an active fraternity in Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation and many of us are serving in areas of interest mentioned in the list of issues that are a part of the survey. Some of you are creating care packs for migrants, backpacks and lunches for Phoenix Academy and Light House, finding jobs thru St. Vincent de Paul and Light House resumes, providing transportation for the handicapped and bus tokens for the poor. We have had speakers about some of these issues including local trafikking and the Samaritan House, prolife and the Gabriel Network and Hospice of the Chesapeake and you have donated to these and so many more ministries with your financial generosity. Some promote recycling and collect plastics and Styrofoam. Some encourage prolife activities and educate regarding euthanasia and Earth Day activities. Some educate us regarding climate change and land use. Others encourage prayer and Pledges to pray and care for the poor like our family in India as well as local needs at HOPE For All and the indigenous and the environment. And so much more like your attendance at JPIC Masses for Life and for Peace as well as the Social Ministry Convocations where we learn about many of the organizations in the area working for Justice Peace and the Integrity of Creation and you share your knowledge.

But as we look at the list of issues perhaps there are some that you are interested in, have a passion for and would like to focus on in the coming years. What JPIC news items pique your interest on TV or in the newspaper and magazines? Pray about them, think about them and let your new Council know as they reflect on their vision and plans for the fraternity in the coming year. Here are some I read

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/every-human-should-be-alarmed-by-the-plastic-crisis-in-our-oceans/2019/10/26/88434802-eba4-11e9-9c6d-436a0df4f31d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/every-human-should-be-alarmed-by-the-plastic-crisis-in-our-oceans/2019/10/26/88434802-eba4-11e9-9c6d-436a0df4f31d_story.html) ;

[https://www.americamagazine.org/sites/default/files/issue\\_pdf/ARI\\_10.21.19.pdf](https://www.americamagazine.org/sites/default/files/issue_pdf/ARI_10.21.19.pdf)

### Canticle of Fraternity

Praise be You, My Lord, through Sister Brokenness who reveals to us your healing and your wholeness. She is tender and fragile and invites us to share our poverty with one another.

Praised be You, My Lord, through Sister Forgiveness who reveals your unconditional love and tender mercy. She is gentle and asks for poverty of spirit as she seeks to be both freely given and freely received in fraternity.

Praise be You, My Lord, through Brother Conversion who reveals your radical Gospel call and the heart of the paschal mystery.

He is violent and requires uprooting, letting go, emptying and comes to us through self emptying fraternal experiences.

He is a mirror of true Eucharist.

Praise be You, My Lord, through Sister Joy who reveals your fullness and the life of your Trinitarian love.

She is carefree. She is loving. She is genuine. She is Beatitude.

She is gift coming from you through sharing Your presence with one another.

Most High, all powerful and good Lord, Yours are brokenness, forgiveness, conversion and joy. We praise and bless You, Lord, and give You thanks for fraternity.

All praise be yours, O Lord

Poem: Renita Brunner OFS

from Franciscan Seculars: Isle of Wight, Great Britain

<http://franciscanseculars.com/join-us>

ISSUE	IMPORTANT TO THE FRATERNITY?	BEST ADDRESSED BY CHARITY?	BEST ADDRESSED BY ADVOCACY?	REQUIRES ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER FRATERNITIES?	BEST ADDRESSED AT THE REGIONAL OR NATIONAL LEVELS?
Women's Issues	✓	✓	✓		
Migrants/Refugees	✓	✓	✓		
Safety/Security/ Gun Violence	✓		✓		
Homelessness/ Affordable Housing	✓	✓	✓		✓
Family Issues	✓	✓			
Job Availability	✓				✓
Education	✓				
Labor Issues					✓
Physical Infrastructure (e.g., public transport)	✓		✓		
Recycling/Plastics	✓		✓		✓
Water and Air Pollution	✓		✓		✓
Other Issues					

Climate change ✓  
 Peacemaking ✓

What are the most important JPIC issues that need to be addressed by the Fraternity?

Food for the hungry and homeless; trafficking; pro-life; migrants and refugees; family issues; recycling; water and air pollution; climate change; peacemaking; poor families in India

How are these issues being addressed? Locally food is being provided to the Light House with lunches, meals and donations also provided to the Our Lady of the Fields feeding of the poor in Baltimore and the Care for Creation Garden; Samaritan house speaker for education and donation about local trafficking; pro-life speaker from Gabriel Network, Euthanasia DVD, prayer at planned parenthood and March for Life participation, baby showers for birthright and 40 Days for Life; for Migrants and Refugees-Area group sharing and Stations for Migrants and care packs from Our Lady of Guadalupe team at St. Mary's; for family-Phoenix Academy support and backpacks of food ,and school supplies, St. Francis prayer; recycling-limiting use of plastics at meetings, collections of styrofoam and education in Porter; water and air pollution-Chesapeake Bay updates, Earth Day info; climate change DVD and Porter info; peacemaking-Angelus and Peace Cross traveling to members for prayers for peace and St. Michael prayer; support for poor India families through Franciscan Family Apostolate; jobs through St. Vincent de Paul and resumes at Light House and bus tokens for transportation from the Light House; members drive handicapped nondrivers; Partners in Care speaker

What JPIC issues should be addressed by the region? Safety and Gun Violence and Racism /Archbishop Lori; affordable housing; Social Justice Convocation in Baltimore and DC for education on many of these issues; attend Masses related to these issues

What JPIC issues should be addressed at the national level? Immigration and Labor Laws needing change; Climate Change climate refugee legal issues

Do fraternity members participate in activities sponsored by FAN (Franciscan Action Network)? We as a fraternity did the St. Francis Pledge and continued with the Laudato Si pledge renewal. ? other activities except reading the website

Do fraternity members participate in JPIC activities organized by the diocese? Mentioned above Masses for Pro-life, Migrants, Racial Justice and attended the Social Justice Convocation

Should JPIC issues be given more prominence in initial and ongoing formation programs? Always space for improvement but all in formation are encouraged to learn and participate in JPIC related events.

What is the fraternity's JPIC goal for the current year? Same as Earth Day goal=refuse, recycle and reuse

Additional Comments: Thanks for this survey, time for reflection and animation for further JPIC action. Judith Tyrrell  
JPIC Animator for St. Conrad fraternity Annapolis

## Pope St John Fraternity XXIII, Davidsonville, MD

Our fraternity has received a Thank You note from Ron Van Nest, OFS, Minister of the newly established Pope St John XXIII Fraternity which meets at the Holy Family Church in Davidsonville, MD. Eight years ago under our Minister Judith Tyrrell, our fraternity sponsored this group as an emerging fraternity. Our fraternity was responsible for their members' formation (thanks to Denise Miente and her team) and for admitting and professing new members as part of our own fraternity. This group had jumped thru all the hoops necessary and has been officially, canonically established as a fraternity.

Last month our fraternity was invited to celebrate with them. As a gift from our fraternity to theirs, our fraternity members donated many Franciscan books from our personal libraries add to their library. [We gave them over 40 books.]

Oct 27, 2019

Dear Pat,

Please extend our appreciation to each of the members of the St Conrad Fraternity for all of their tireless support, dedication and encouragement during our struggles to profess and form a fraternity. We could not have done it without you.

The gift of an entire Franciscan library on our day of establishment leaves us almost speechless. We can't thank you enough.

Our sincerest gratitude, thanks and blessings to you

Ron Van Nest OFS  
minister  
Pope St John XXIII Fraternity, OFS

## ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

**Now Available ONLY at: CENTRAL RECYCLING CENTER (Millersville Landfill), 389 Burns Crossing Road, Severn, MD**

Anne Arundel County Waste Management Services is pleased to introduce Organics Recycling at the Central Recycling Center. Residents may bring food waste for composting to our Central Recycling Center. We recommend residents use a small counter top container for in home use, then transfer the daily waste to a reusable container with a lid for transporting material to the Recycling Center. Containers must be emptied at the Recycling Center and cannot be placed in with the food waste upon disposal. Bin for organic recycling is near the entrance to the Millersville landfill.

Below is a list of items from your kitchen that can be recycled:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Bread, pasta, grains (no raw dough)
- Eggs and egg shells
- Coffee grounds and filters (no "Keurig style" cups)
- Tea bags and loose tea
- Meat (including bones)
- Dairy products - milk, butter, cheese (No containers)
- Leftovers and spoiled foods
- Cardboard fruit & vegetable boxes
- Paper ice cream containers
- Paper towels and napkins (from the kitchen only)
- Uncoated or compostable paper plates
- Food-soiled newspaper
- Pizza boxes – greasy
- Uncoated paper bags with food scraps
- Seafood (including shellfish) - Must be contained in uncoated paper bag or wrapped in newspaper.

**NOT ACCEPTED WITH ORGANICS:** Grease or fat, plastics, compostable bags or tableware, facial or bathroom tissue, pet waste, diapers, foil or plastic backed paper (plates or bags), aluminum foil or pans, household trash/litter, glass, or Styrofoam®.

**Storage Tips:** Scraps can be stored in plastic bags in your refrigerator to help reduce smells. Chop or shred scraps during meal prep to take up less space. A small kitchen pail specifically designed for food storage is convenient for daily collection in the home. Transfer the daily scraps to a 5-gallon bucket with a tight fitting lid in a garage or outdoors for longer storage and easy transport to the Recycling Center.