



The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – June 2024
<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

The Porter deadline for next issue is July 8. Please send news, events, prayer requests, poems, or any interesting items that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email to jd6bouv@verizon.net.



Fraternity
Gathering

Saturday, June 15, 2024
Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church
1070 Cecil Avenue South, Millersville, MD
Mass in Church at 9:30am
Followed by Picnic and Party at the Pavilion
FAMILY AND FRIENDS INVITED AS WELL

Refreshments



Picnic Time !!! All fraternity members are encouraged to bring a dish or treat to share.
There was a signup sheet at the May fraternity meeting. If you cannot remember what you are bringing or if you need an idea of what to bring, call **Judith or Pat**

Prayer

Welcoming Ceremony for Lorraine Colleta.

Program

Having fun with friends and family.

Prayer Requests



For physical and spiritual healing of: Genny Wilborne, Audrey Donnelly, Jerry Miente, Jeanne Wilbourne, Michael Huether, Evelyn Jones' son Jimmy, Audrey Bushée, Lita Milan, Bill Chitty, Kathleen Sievers, Jude Dodge, Carole Marsh's sister, Harry Thompson, Jackie Chaplin (sister of Kathleen Sievers), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), Evelyn Jones, Tessie Chitty, Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne, Gerard Malka (brother of Genny Wilbourne), Carolyn Malka (sister-in-law of Genny Wilbourne)

Birthdays

Mary Anne Novak – 6/18 Santa Matarazza – 7/20
Lita Millan – 6/22

Profession
Anniversaries

Mary Anne Novak – 7/8/2006
Susan Burns – 7/13/2013
Judith Tyrrell – 7/14/1991

Council Meeting

Friday, July 5 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Upcoming
Events

July 17-21, 2024. Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.
<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>
September 6-8, 2024. 2024 Chapter of Mats. Claggett Center, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. Scholarship money is available.**



Minister's Minute:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today as we honor the Immaculate Heart, the patroness and advocate of our Franciscan Order, our Blessed Mother, I want to share the testimony of a Missionary of Charity priest that Pat and I just heard at Sacred Heart. He was the unexpected celebrant today. Father shared that when he was in India serving in the Immaculate Heart Home of the Missionaries of Charity he was asked to Baptise a man who was literally dying but he had not been prepared for the Sacrament. So he said No but gathered several to pray for the man. The Sisters came back later and said the man was now sitting up and eating and wanted to be Baptised acknowledging his sins and Jesus when questioned by Father who then gave him all the Sacraments of the Church and he died soon after. Father and the group had prayed through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart!!! May she pray for all of us.

Yesterday was the feast of the Sacred Heart and there was a Eucharistic Procession after Mass at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore.(Another one Sunday at the Shrine 12 noon Mass indoor procession in DC) Bishop Bruce celebrated and gave the homily focusing on the simplicity of the Eucharist and the importance of spending time in "Visits to the Blessed Sacrament" (by Alphonsus Liguori) St. Francis went to the Eucharistic Congress as I recall held in Paris. It led him to insist on better care of the hosts, pyx. I look forward to hearing Dianne's sharing in August about Indianapolis Congress. She will be Admitted to our fraternity soon so lets keep her in our prayers especially in these coming months as she travels to Ireland and Indianapolis.

Let's attend our fraternity Adoration time at St. John Neumann at 11am this week on the 2nd Friday,

This week is also the feast of St. Anthony on June 13th. A woman who was once contemplating suicide in the 13th Century stopped at a Shrine dedicated to him and he appeared to her and gave her what is now called St. Anthony's Brief taken from Revelation 5:5 "Behold the Cross of the Lord flee ye adversaries! The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David has conquered, alleluia" Let's pray it for all those contemplating suicide.

Have you ever seen the ST. Francis Missal believed to be the one St. Francis opened three times to obtain guidance? It is in Baltimore at the Walters Art Museum and at present cannot be seen but they have produced a Youtube that tells the story of the Missal and its current condition google Walter Art Museum St. Francis Missal for more articles but this one is called Saving the Sacred; Conserving the St. Francis Missal.

Can't wait to join with youall for fun and games and food and fellowship at our fraternity picnic JUNE15 starting with 9:30 Mass and then party begins on tne pavilion at the far end of the parking lot. Also see the statue of St. Francis or pray at the Prolife garden and statue of the Blessed Mother on the Church property. See you soon. Please call Pat and I with any food additions. 410-721-7308

Thank you for your continuing generosity! ! !

Love and Peace, Judith

OUR NEW GATHERING SPOT COME SEPTEMBER

As St. John the Evangelist parish takes up a major renovation of their church, our fraternity will once again need to find a new meeting space starting with our fraternity gathering in September. During our May fraternity gathering, a vote was taken as to where we should relocate.



The location receiving the most votes was Monsignor Slade Catholic School just down the road from Christ the King Church in Glen Burnie. Judith, Pat and Genny checked it out. The priest from Christ the King was very welcoming and excited about having us (Jeanie Gaes)

Saturday Mass is at 8:30am in the chapel (complete with a San Damiano cross over the altar). Our meeting room will be in the old 4-car garage which has been renovated as the "Annex." It is brightly lit, air-conditioned space with sinks, bathrooms, whiteboard, screen, outlets and several large tables and chairs more than enough to accommodate us.

Address: 120 Dorsey Rd Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

It is just east of Interstate 97. Parking is located behind the parish center west (to left) of the school

Warning: Don't get too attached to the location. Christ the King parish has already raised half the funds necessary to begin construction of a new mega church to be located behind the parish center and school.



A CHANCE ENCOUNTER – Catherine Gonzalez

In Des Moines Iowa, we attended mass At St. John's Basilica. As good Catholics we went to the after-mass doughnuts, much to the delight of our grandchildren. While helping them, I passed a woman sitting by herself at a table, wearing a TAU. I got my doughnut and coffee and asked if I could join her. Her name is Margie Florence. (She explained, yes that is my last name.) How wonderful that she was wearing her TAU. It would have such a missed conversation! Her fraternity is down to 5 members. To witness to others, they are teaming up with Catholic Daughters, and other groups at their Church, to support the others' apostolates. Can we be on watch for volunteer opportunities at our Churches?

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOE MCHUGH

Thank you for your continuing generosity! !!

April Balance		\$2,946.45
FFA Stipend	(\$100)	\$2,846.45
SA Stipend	(\$100)	\$2,746.45
St. John's Church	(\$100)	\$2,646.45
OLF Rental (Pavilion)	(\$100)	\$2,546.45
May Deposit/Balance	\$1,375.00	\$3,921.45

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to:

*Joe McHugh
1740 Tedbury St
Crofton, MD 21114*

Remember, when making your donation to the fraternity, use the memo line of your check to designate where you wish your contribution to be directed. There are three possible designations:

- COM** - Common Fund (includes Sabu family)
- BUS** - bus tokens for the Light House shelter clients
- Phoenix** – Phoenix Academy 'backpack' food

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – Denise Miente

Phoenix Backpacks: Filled 20-plus bags on Wednesday, May 15th. I missed it, because of car trouble; Catherine, Jean and Joe were a God-send that day. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ That completes the school year; some changes may be coming in October. Miss Beasley (backpack coordinator) is moving to Mary Maud’s Academy (middle school) and asked if we could do food for that school as well. Denise is exploring that option.

Light House Shelter Lunches: Made 50 sandwiches on Thursday, May 23 at Catherine’s and Paul’s. Next scheduled sandwich-making is on Thursday, June 27th. Jean Gaes and Catherine will oversee the lunches

Shelter Bus Passes: Next scheduled purchase and delivery is for June 27th. Catherine purchase and getting the bus passes.

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation (JPIC) – Joe McHugh

I would encourage all fraternity members to log onto to the Franciscan Action Network.org (FAN) at

<https://franciscanaction.org/acting-franciscan-podcast/>

where you can hear three Podcasts hosted by Jimmy Beh on the creation of the organization and other significant content.

Episode 1: Who is the Franciscan Action Network; Episode 2: The Two Hands of Active Nonviolence

Episode 3: The Call to Ecological Conversion

MJ PARKER’S *LITTLE FRIENDS FOR PEACE* <https://www.lffp.org/>

Conversations

"Great communication begins with connection."
-Oprah Winfrey

How to Make a Conversation Safe and Bonding:

- Come with a balanced wellness wheel
- Center oneself with an open mind, heart, and spirit
- Bring an attitude of discovery and learning
- Listen with a curiosity to gain understanding
- Check tone of voice, body language, and eye contact
- Speak in a way that makes others and yourself feel safe
- Use I-Statements - "I would like to know more..."
- Ask questions
- Be patient with yourself and others
- Keep the conversation going

Peace Tool Card
A Path to Peace
For more, visit www.lffp.org.

Peace Quotes

Try using a quote as the focal point for your day or week.
Be sure to read each with intention, actually thinking about the words as you say them.

"Do not let the behavior of others destroy your inner peace."
-Dalai Lama

"Nobody can bring you peace but yourself."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"You'll never find peace of mind until you listen to your heart."
-George Michael

"When things change inside you, things change around you."
-Unknown

"Let go of the thoughts that don't make you strong."
-Karen SImansohn

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Register **NOW** for St. Margaret of Cortona 2024 OFS Chapter of Mats

Registration is **NOW OPEN** for our **September 6-8, 2024 Chapter of Mats** to be held at the beautiful **Claggett Center** in Adamstown, Maryland. Under the theme of **The Next 800 Years**, we will explore where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going.

**How are we as Secular Franciscans poised to bring Christ to our world?
What unique gifts do we have to offer?**

Deadlines:

Non-Refundable Deposit	\$150.00	Due by June 1, 2024
Full remaining balance	Based on housing selection	Due by Aug. 1, 2024

Note: See payment options on page 2. After August 1, all reservations are final and non-refundable.

Housing Options:

Housing options will include single and double hotel-like rooms with private baths in the, **Christiane Inn** in close proximity to the dining room and meeting rooms. Accommodations are also available in cottages, downhill from the dining and meeting space. **Cottages** have two twin beds per room and shared baths down the hall. Map and more explanation of housing can be found on the regional website.

Event Costs:

All meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast) and registration fees are included in the cost of the rooms. The lodging cost is based on the type of housing selected from the options below. There are no additional fees.

- Inn – single room/1 queen bed for 1 person (\$265 by April 30/\$315 after May 1)
- Inn – 2nd person in single room/1 queen bed for 2 persons (\$208 per person by April 30/\$235 per person after May 1) – must designate roommate
- Inn – double room/2 queen beds for 2 persons (\$225 per person by April 30/\$275 per person after May 1) – roommate may be designated or assigned (\$200 per person by April 30/\$230 per person after May 1) – must designate roommates
- Inn – double room/2 queen beds for four persons (\$188 per person by April 30/\$210 per person after May 1) – must designate roommates
- Cottage – two twin beds per room for 2 persons (\$185 per person by April 30/\$235 per person after May 1) – roommate may be designated or assigned (**no single rooms in cottages**)

PLEASE NOTE: Single rooms are limited and available on a 1st come, 1st served basis. If you want a single room, or to reserve any other room of your choice, we encourage you to register and pay the \$150 deposit ASAP.

Payment Options: Payment can be made via check or credit card (subject to 3.5% fee).

- Checks should be made payable to **St. Margaret of Cortona Region**, and mailed to **Peter Noyes, 1904 Atkisson Road, Joppa, MD 21085-1811.**
- If you wish to pay by credit card (with additional 3.5% fee), mark that box on the registration form
- and you will receive an invoice and payment instructions from Peter Noyes.

To enhance the participation of all our brothers and sisters, **disability and dietary accommodations**, and **language interpretation/translation** will be available throughout the Chapter of Mats. Please indicate your requests on the registration form.

WE NEED YOU!

To make our upcoming OFS Chapter of Mats memorable, we wish to include in the planning fraternity members willing to share their talents by working with the subcommittees in the various capacities listed below. Please indicate on the registration form the subcommittee(s) for which you would like to volunteer:

- Program
- Publicity
- Registration and Welcome
- Onsite volunteer (usher, guide, etc.)
- Liturgy and Environment
- Access
- Social

If you have any questions or need help with registering, email Peter Noyes at pnoyesofs@gmail.com and to Janice Benton at jbentonsfo@gmail.com.

NOTE: Please indicate on the form whether paying by check or credit card. (Reminder: credit cards are subject to a 3.5% fee)

For up-to-date information, visit the St. Margaret of Cortona website's Events page <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/upcoming-events/>. There are also links to a map and photographs of the campus that can be viewed from the website.

To Register, a fillable registration form link is available on the website. <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Registration-for-Mats-2024-.pdf>