

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
 Secular Franciscan Order – May 2025
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The Porter deadline for next issue is June 11. Please send news, events, prayer requests, poems, or any interesting items to: Joan Faltot, 715 Maiden Choice Ln, Apt CC122, or send by email to jd6bouv@verizon.net.



Saturday, May 17, 2025
Mass at 8:30 in CHURCH followed by Gathering at the Annex
 THE CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 7436 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, GLEN BURNIE
Christ the King Annex is at
126 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD
 (Next to Monsignor Slade Catholic School)

Early warning: Next Gathering & Picnic on June 21 will be at Sacred Heart, Bowie.
Note change in location.

Program

Jean Gaes will speak on the Jubilee Indulgence
 Discussion: Memories of Pope Francis-His writings, his words, his style
 Brother Connor-Leo XIV

Refreshments

Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park

Prayer

Annapolis/Eastern Shore – Saturday, the 4th week of Easter - Franciscan Crown

Prayer Requests



For the soul of Tessie's father and comfort for her family.
For physical and spiritual healing of: Emily McGeady, Denise & Jerry Miente, Tessie Chitty's father, Dr. Alex Demyan, Jude Dodge's niece (ICU), Catherine Gonzalez's mother (broken shoulder joint), Ruth's daughter Kate, Jessica (Ruth's friend), Monica's daughter, Dave Weir, Jude Dodge, Margaret Jackson, , Audrey Donnelly, Tessie Chitty, Jeanne Wilbourne, Michael Huether, Evelyn Jones' son Jimmy, Audrey Bushée, Bill Chitty, Kathleen Sievers, Carole Marsh's sister, Harry Thompson, Jackie Chaplin (sister of Kathleen Sievers), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), , 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). *Please help keep this list current. Additions and changes should be sent to Joan at jd6bouv@verizon.net*

Birthdays

Louise Ryan – 5/25	Ruth Shea – 6/5
Judith Tyrrell – 5/29	Mary Anne Novak – 6/18

Profession Anniversaries


Marie Shelton – 5/19/2000 -- 25th !!	Audrey Donnelly – 5/21/2016
Linda Haney – 5/20/2023	Catherine Gonzalez – 5/21/2016

Council Meeting

Friday, June 6 at 7:00 via Zoom.

Upcoming Events Please pray for these events in our Region.	May 24, 2025. Embracing Your Leadership Journey , at the Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City MD. A one-day seminar for Ministers and Council members to discuss servant leadership issues. More information to follow shortly.
	June 27 – 29: Regional Formation Retreat. Priest Field Pastoral Center, WV. The theme: Caring for Each Other – The Health and Heartbeat of Your Fraternity

Minister's Minute



Dear Brothers and Sisters, So much to celebrate in this month of May! What joy with First Communions, Confirmations, Birthdays (Audrey was 90) Celebration of Life (our beloved Lita went home to her reward), Graduations, Feast Days including Fatima (May 13), and St. Margaret of Cortona (May 16 also Feb 22nd) just this week, Mother's Day too and remembering our Holy Mother Mary each and every day who St. Francis called our Protectress and Advocate. (Rule 9) Please support the Diaper Drive, see insert last page of Porter.

Now we have our First American Pope, Pope Leo XIV, an Augustinian, elected this month calling upon Mary's intercession as he begins his pontificate. I look forward to his installation and the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who inspires youth with his love for the Eucharist this month too. (See pg 27-28- in Poetry as Prayer where "Francis calls the Eucharist the incarnation of the risen Christ" (Admonition 1 and Rule 5) Wow how blessed we are.

According to the Rule 6: "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."

So what has Pope Francis said to us as Franciscans and do you think Pope Leo will follow in his footsteps? The April 24th Catholic Standard is focused on remembering the life and legacy of Pope Francis and I am sure the recent ones will give us insight into Pope Leo's amazing life of mission, ministry, justice and service to the poor. (See list of Pope Francis' Jubilee themes in this Porter) Pope Leo wants us to build bridges, to engage in conversation with people who suffer, to work for peace and unity, to listen to one another.

There has been an increase in food insecurity in Maryland. We have had a request for a donation to the Maryland Food Bank and the Council has agreed to giving 200 dollars from our fraternity. This month sandwich making for the Light House will be at the Tyrrells (my house) on May 22nd 10:30 am 1732 Tarrytown Crofton 410 721 7308. Thank you for your generosity each month.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your kingdom.

Peace, love and joy, Judith

Evening Prayer via Zoom

Pope St John XIII Fraternity (Davidsonville, MD) invites you to join its evening Liturgy of the Hours prayed daily on Zoom. Open a Zoom.us session and JOIN the meeting.

Meeting id: **88305033327** (same id every day)
Sunday through Friday meetings are at 4:30 PM
Saturday meeting is at 3:30 PM.

TRESURER'S REPORT — JOE MCHUGH

Thank you for your continued generosity !!!

February Balance		\$1,851.45
FFA Stipend	(\$100)	\$1,751.45
SA Stipend	(\$100)	\$1,651.45
Stipend (Dan Misleh)	(\$100)	\$1,551.45
April Deposit/Balance	\$895	\$2,446.45

Pax and Bonum, Joe

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

Climate Change & Nature: Just the facts

At our last gathering, Dan Misleh, the founder and executive director of *Catholic Climate Covenant* spoke from his extensive experience within the church on explaining the causes of climate change. I can't repeat all the things he said during his conversation and questions and answers with us. So I will simply list 10 facts on how Nature impacts Climate Change as listed on the website: <https://www.conservation.org/stories/climate-change-facts>.

1. In 2024, the average concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in our atmosphere was 421.73 ppm the highest in human history and more than 50% higher than pre-industrial levels of CO₂.
2. Analysis by NOAA shows that average global temperatures in 2024 were 2.3 degrees F (1.28 degrees C) warmer than the 20th-century average—beating the record set in 2023. This follows 15 consecutive months of monthly temperature records.
3. As much as 20 percent of all global greenhouse gas emissions caused by humans are due to **deforestation**—exceeding the emissions from all of the passenger vehicles on the planet.
4. **Tropical forests** are incredibly effective at storing carbon, providing at least a third of the mitigation action needed to prevent the worst climate change scenarios. Yet nature-based solutions receive only 3 percent of all climate funding.
5. Scaling up natural climate solutions, such as restoring degraded **forests**, could create as many as **20 million new jobs**. In total, ecosystem restoration creates 3.7 times as many jobs as oil and gas production per dollar.
6. According to the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service, the average global temperature for June 2024 was higher than any June on record—and July 22, 2024 was the hottest day the world has seen since 1940, when recording started.
7. As many as 3.6 billion people live in areas of high vulnerability to climate change impacts such as droughts, floods, heat waves, extreme weather events and sea-level rise.
8. In a single square mile, **mangroves hold as much carbon** as the annual emissions of 90,000 cars. If they are destroyed, all that carbon is released into the atmosphere, contributing to climate change. [I don't want to think about all the methane gas being released as the permafrost thaws in Siberia.]
9. Conserving **ecosystems** is often **more cost-effective than human-made interventions**. Mangrove trees, which thrive in salty, coastal areas around the world, provide flood protection benefits exceeding US\$ 65 billion per year.
10. One hundred ninety-five countries have ratified the 2015 Paris Agreement agreeing to limit global warming and adapt to climate change, partly **by protecting nature**.

The Papacy

During our gathering we will take the opportunity to look back on Pope Francis and share some favorite memories. And now that we have a new pope, I expect we will share our first impressions of Pope Leo XIV

Remembering Pope Francis I -- 13 March 2013 – 21 April 2025

Jorge Mario Bergogli, b. 17 December 1936 – d. 21 April 2025

The first Jesuit pope ✕ The first Latin American pope

What do you remember most about him? Which were your favorite memories?

- enthusiasm for life and faith and readiness to share it
- the gift of families and a desire for personal holiness
- youth, students and adolescents
- peace in our world especially among nations
- wiser use of the goods of the earth
- the sick, the poor, the elderly
- prisoners, migrants, and exiles
- greater hope for all for eternal life in heaven

First Impressions Pope Leo XIV -- 8 May, 2025 –Robert Francis Prevost, b. 14 September 1955

The first pope from North America ✕ The first pope to hold both US and Peruvian citizenship ✕

The first pope from the Order of Saint Augustine ✕ Probably the first pope to be a Chicago White Sox fan

Notable Quotes:

Reflecting on Jesus' question to the apostle Peter in St. Matthew's Gospel -- "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" -- Pope Leo said one might find two possible responses: the world's, which considers Jesus "a completely insignificant person" who becomes "irksome because of his demands for honesty and his stern moral requirements," and that of ordinary people, who see him as an "upright man, one who has courage, who speaks well and says the right things."

"Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent," he said. In these settings, "a lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society," the pope said.

And in many settings in which Jesus is appreciated, the pope said, he can be "reduced to a kind of charismatic leader or superman."

"This is true not only among nonbelievers but also among many baptized Christians, who thus end up living, at this level, in a state of practical atheism," he said. "Therefore, it is essential that we too repeat, with Peter: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

"I say this first of all to myself, as the successor of Peter, as I begin my mission as bishop of Rome," he said. Referencing St. Ignatius of Antioch, he said the commitment for all who exercise authority in the church is "to move aside so that Christ may remain, to make oneself small so that he may be known and glorified, to spend oneself to the utmost so that all may have the opportunity to know and love him."

Why Leo?

"Pope Leo XIII, with the historic Encyclical *Rerum novarum*, addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution," Pope Leo recalled. "Today, the Church offers to all her treasure of social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and the developments of artificial intelligence." A name, then, not only rooted in tradition, but one that looks firmly ahead to the challenges of a rapidly changing world and the perennial call to protect those most vulnerable within it.

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

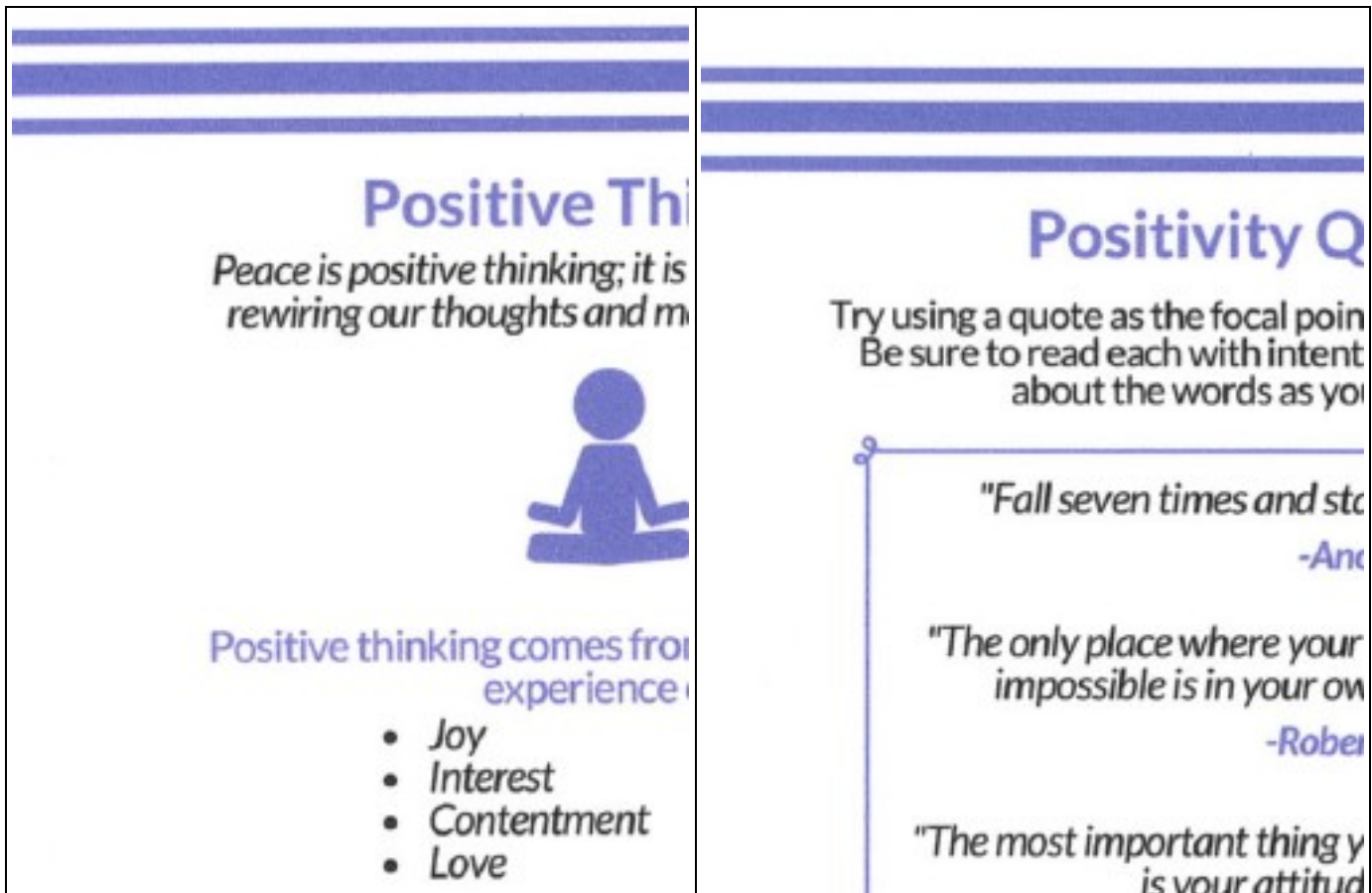
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Both the book and the peace tool cards can be purchased at <https://www.lffp.org/store.html>

Below is the last *Peace Tool Card*. All cards have now been published in *The Porter*. Each card is laminated.



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