

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – November 2026
http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/

The Porter deadline for the November *Porter* is December 9th. **Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting items** that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 715 Maiden Choice Ln, Apt CC122, Catonsville, MD 21224, or send by email to jd6bouv@verizon.net.

Fraternity Meeting	**Saturday, November 21, 2026** **Mass at 8:30 AM at Our Lady of the Fields** **1070 Cecil Avenue South, Millersville** **Followed by Fraternity Gathering in Classroom 203/204**
Program	End-of-Life Planning – if you already have a plan, or ideas for reading and hymns, bring them to the meeting.
Special Outreach	St. Vincent De Paul, St. Josephine Bakhita Conference
Liturgy	Group B (first name between (Ju-Z)
Refreshments	Group A (first name between (A-Jo)
Special Event	**Saturday, December 5th Special tour of St. Francis Missal by curator at the Walter's Gallery at 10:00am. St. Conrad and Pope John XXIII will share this special opportunity together. Carpooling is available and will be discussed at our November meeting.**
Prayer Requests	***For physical and spiritual healing of:*** Brigid Cobb, Bob & Sarah Ranke, Teresa Booher (Ruth's daughter), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), Margaret Jackson, Tessie Chitty, Al McGee (Ruth's brother-in-law), Ed Shea (Ruth's son), Emily McGeady, Dr. Alex Demyan, Jude Dodge's niece, Jude Dodge, Audrey Donnelly, Audrey Bushée, Bill Chitty, Harry Thompson, Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), 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	Audrey Bushee – 10/21 Margaret Jackson – 10/23 Emily McGeady – 11/01 Jeanne Wilbourne – 11/22
Profession Anniversaries	Joan Faltot – 10/15/1991 - **35 yrs** Santa Matarazza – 12/01/1992 George Ryan – 11/11/1984 Susan Greif – 11/16/1997 Judge Dodge – 11/18/2017 David Weir – 11/20/2011 -- **15 yrs**
Council Meeting	In person, Saturday, December 7, 10:00am at home of Mary Anne Novak



Minister's Minute

My dear Franciscan Brothers and Sisters,

November is such an important month--starting off with All Saints Day--praying to our favorite saints for their gentle intercession and guidance as we all strive to live more loving and peaceful lives in the footsteps of St. Francis. We continue with praying for our beloved deceased on All Souls Day. As Franciscans, we were committed to praying for a safe, fair and peaceful election.

During our November Fraternity Gathering on November 21, we will be exploring End-of-Life Planning. Please bring any resources that you have to share.

As I finish my first year as your minister, I want to thank each of you for your contributions to our fraternity. There is a noticeable feeling of care and concern visible as you interact with each other. We are blessed! Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. Here's a beautiful pray of gratitude to share.

A Prayer of Gratitude

"Wherever we are, in every place,
at every hour, at every time,
every day and continually,
let all of us truly and humbly believe,
hold in our heart,
love, honor, adore, serve, praise,
bless, glorify, exalt, magnify,
and give thanks to the Most High
and Supreme Eternal God,
Trinity and Unity, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit: to Him who is Creator of all,
Savior of all,
without beginning or end,
unchangeable, invisible,
indescribable, ineffable,
incomprehensible,
unfathomable, blessed,
praiseworthy, glorious, exalted,
sublime, most high, gentle,
lovable, delightful and, above all else,
desirable, for ever and ever."

–St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226)

It is with great joy that I announce we have been assigned a **new Spiritual Assistant: Fr. David Nestler, OFM Cap.** Fr. David is currently pastor at St. Ambrose Church in Baltimore. There will be more details coming as we pray, that he will be able to join us for a fraternity gathering soon.

Upcoming Events

November is Family Caregiver's Month--There are many caregiver activities to check out at https://www.aarp.org/states/maryland/aarp-maryland-celebrates-national-family-caregivers-month/

Missal of St. Francis is on exhibit at Walter's Art Gallery in Baltimore until February 7, 2027.

Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City -- Saturday, November 28, 2026, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Bible Study: Gospel of Mark -- This is the Gospel that will be used on Sundays during this coming Liturgical Year. It is the shortest of the Gospels and probably the first Gospel written. This class will cover its major themes, how it differs from other Gospels, and what relevance its message has to us today. This is a full-day Bible Study with a break for Mass and lunch (12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Click here to RSVP.

Consider attending a **JPIC event on December 5, 2026**. See flyer (next page) for additional details, titled **Faith and Action Workshop** at the Saint John Paul Center in D.C.

With prayers for peace and joy, Ruth



Faith and Action

A Day of Sharing Our JPIC Journey

Saturday, December 5

11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Saint John Paul II National Shrine,

Washington, DC

Leave behind all passivity and indifference. . . We cannot remain as unengaged spectators; rather, we must listen with our hearts, allow ourselves to be challenged, and become involved.

Pope Leo XIV

Come together to explore some of the charitable and advocacy efforts we are called to on the JPIC journey that lies at the core of our Franciscan spirituality. On the day's agenda will be:

- **Guest Speaker Dan Misleh, Founder of the Catholic Climate Covenant, followed by a discussion of actions we are able to take back to our own fraternities.**
- **A discourse on the roles played by Franciscan Justice Circles, including insights from FAN Executive Director Michele Dunne, OFS.**
- **A discussion of the realities and misperceptions around homelessness, including ways to become involved in existing apostolates that serve our region's homeless neighbors.**
- **And more. . . including updates on ways to respond to the OFS call to "accompany immigrants," and brainstorming our future involvement in peacemaking and other initiatives.**

$40 registration fee includes a light lunch. We regret that we are unable to accept unregistered walk-ins.

Early registration discount: $30 through November 5.

Register here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DABAA2BAAFACE9-65634033-faith#/

Sponsored by the St. Margaret of Cortona Region JPIC team. For more information, contact Pat at pboye@secularfranciscan.org.

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DECEASED FRATERNITY MEMBERS

Please continue praying for our beloved deceased on All Souls Day.

1983 Carolyn O'Neil
1991 Ed Walcsak
1993 Joanne Patmore
1998 Nancy Holthaus
2002 Janet Kuebel
2003 Dan Kuebel
2005 Paul Ralph
2006 Anne O'Donnell
2008 Mary Ellen McGeehan
2008 Genevieve Welle
2008 Pat Donahoe
2008 Sherry McGurk
2008 Marshall Love
2010 Marie Morris
2012 Mary Ann Ellinghausen
2013 Linda Coyn
2013 Herman Ellinghausen
2014 Joan Cornell Leckinger
2014 Mary Jeanette Hannon
2015 Helen Bradford
2016 Mary L. Cooke
2016 Anne Mercer
2018 Barbara Elaine Petrisko
2018 Br. Saùl Soriano, our spiritual assistant at the time of his death
2019 Jane Donohoe
2019 Mary “Rita” Rossi
2020 James Edward Holthaus
2021 Mary Henry
2021 Joan Robinson
2022 Genevieve Mary Moreira
2022 Patricia Troup
2023 Stephen John Corbis
2023 Edward F. Wilbourne
2023 Carmen Delagado
2024 Evelyn Jones (affiliate)
2025 Angelita “Lita” Mendoza Millan
2025 Santa Ragot
2025 Denise Miante
2025 Mary Jo Johnson



SAINTS IN THE MAKING

Linda Haney has been following the Facebook page for the **Secular Franciscan Order OFS South Australia.** Below is their posting for October 31 at 8:40 PM.

Saints in the Making

The people we walk with shape who we become. They influence our thinking, challenge our values, and either encourage our growth or reinforce our weaknesses.

St Francis welcomed people from different backgrounds, but joining the fraternity was not simply about belonging. It meant being willing to change. Humility had to be learned.

In The Little Flowers of St Francis, Brother Masseo was given humble, ordinary duties, serving at the door, distributing alms and cooking, rather than being allowed to rely on his gifts and reputation. Francis wanted him to grow in humility, not pride.

Intentions had to become actions. Another man wished to join Francis but, when asked to give his possessions to the poor, distributed them to his relatives instead. Francis recognized that he had not truly let go of what he valued most.

These stories reveal something important: wanting to change is not the same as being willing to change.

Franciscan fraternity was not about finding people who agreed with everything we did. It was about walking together towards Christ, allowing the Gospel to challenge our choices, attachments and attitudes.

We cannot grow in holiness while protecting everything that prevents us from growing.

To become a saint, we must follow in the footsteps of the saints, not only admire them, but practice what they lived.

Look at the people closest to you. Do they help you become more truthful, humble, generous and faithful to the Gospel? And are you helping them do the same?

All saints, pray for us!

Please help us get to know each other better!

Some of us haven't met, especially excused members and those who have just started to come to our meetings. We're asking that you share part of your Franciscan journey as a note we can publish in the Porter. It could be a long paragraph, or just a couple of sentences. For example, what initially drew you to the order? Was there a fraternity ministry that you found particularly meaningful? Have you gone on a Franciscan pilgrimage? How has being a Franciscan changed your life? Thanks for helping us all to learn from each other. We are looking forward to hearing from you! Email it to Joan at jd6bouv@verizon.net or bring it to one of our fraternity gatherings.



Library of St Conrad

The Library of St Conrad meets once a month at Audrey's house. On **Tuesday, December 1st at 2:00-3:15pm**, we will be discussing Chapter 6 of The Capillaries of Christ, Understanding the Part You Play in His Body by Marty Mitchell. Contact Linda Haney for more information and let her know if you plan to attend so she can let you know of any last minute changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Joe McHugh

The October report is as follows:

September Balance		$4,140.76
FFA Stipend	($100)	$4,040.76
OLF Stipend	($100)	$3,94076
Little Sister/Poor	($500)	$3.440.76
Gabriel Network	($500)	$2,940.76
October Deposit/Balance	$615	$3,555.76

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to: *Joe McHugh*
1740 Tedbury St
Crofton, MD 21114

November Outreach – St. Vincent De Paul, St. Josephine Bakhita Conference

St. Josephine Bakhita Conference serves the Glen Burnie and Severn communities. Through fellowship and works of charity they quietly and discreetly aid needy families. They provide assistance with basic needs like utilities, rent, and many things in between. They also provide food through their pantry and on our home visits.

Our fraternity member Dave Weir volunteers with this organization and keeps us updated on their status. He recently informed the council that there has been a lack of contributions to meet the needs of all.
Below is his most recent report.

> We have had to change one of our protocols. We were telling neighbors to call us back when the BG&E or other utility bill was $1,000 or below. We don't want to partially pay a bill in a situation in which the BG&E or other utility still gets turned off after we paid some of it. Because we are receiving so many calls for BG&E and other utilities, the President decided last Thursday that we had to lower the amount to $750. The neighbor has to be able to show us that they have enough funds to lower the amount owed to $750 or less before we will allocate $250 toward the bill. I have never seen this type of action taken at any time during the last four years. It was necessary to make this change because of the lack of contributions and the quantity of calls that we are receiving from our neighbors for assistance.

Should you wish to contribute separately, you can send a check payable *to St. Vincent de Paul* to: *126 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.*

LITURGY OF THE HOURS, EDITION 2 – Joan Faltot

In November 2012, the U.S. Bishops voted to revise the translation of the Liturgy of the Hours. After much work the American bishops completed their translation, review, and approval in November 2024 and submitted it to the Holy See for final confirmation. Now the printing presses are finally starting to roll.

Why?

The current version was promulgated in 1971. In 1985 The Holy See replaced the original Latin edition and established the new normative text for all future translations. In 2001 translation principles were outlined to provide more authentic translations which were used in a third edition of the Roman Missal. I assume that this update resulted in the change that Jesus was no longer 'born,' but instead 'incarnate' of the Virgin Mary. We survived the changes to the Roman Missal and we will survive the changes to the Liturgy of the Hours. Though it may take some time. Mandatory use of Edition 2 starts December 3, 2028.

Some of the more significant changes:

- Scripture readings will use the New American Bible Revised Edition: 2024 revised New Testament and the 2010 Old Testament.
- The Gospel canticles for Morning and Evening Prayer will correspond to the 3-year Sunday Lectionary cycle.
- 300 Latin Hymns translated from Latin
- Proper of Saints expanded to reflect additions and changes to the liturgical calendar.

The rollout will start with volume 2 of the 4-volume Liturgy of the Hours. The major difference between the 1-volume Christian Prayer book and the 4-volume LOH is the inclusion of the Office of Readings. The Christian Prayer Second Edition will be released in mid-2028 (so don't order the version currently at Ascension).

USCCB has designated **two publishers** for Edition 2: Word on Fire and Ascension.

Each publisher has also websites providing information about their products. Both offer installment payments.

Word on Fire: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQw0kXcLxKo [video 17:12]
https://www.liturgyofthehours.com/waitlist
Preorder information & discount: https://www.liturgyofthehours.com/checkout

Ascension:
https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/a-guide-to-ascensions-new-liturgy-of-the-hours-editions
Order information for volume 2 showing the different costs based on regular or large print and type of leather binding:
https://ascensionpress.com/products/liturgy-of-the-hours-second-edition-volume-ii?variant=48479515443392

There are **differences between the books** produced by each publisher. There is a great description about the differences at:

https://matthewkudija.com/notes/Ascension-vs-Word-on-Fire%E2%80%94Liturgy-of-the-Hours,-Second-Edition.html

Mandatory use of Edition 2 starts on December 3, 2028—so there is no rush to purchase LOH now.
I expect our fraternity to continue with Edition 1 at our gatherings until the mandatory date.

Liturgy of the Hours Shipment Schedule for Edition 2

July 1, 2026 – Preorders begin (with some discounts)

January 2027 -- Volume II (Lent and Easter) ships
February 10, 2027 -- Volume II may be used (Ash Wednesday)

April 2027 -- Volume III (Ordinary Time Weeks 1-17) may be shipped
May 17, 2027 -- Volume III may be used (Monday after Pentecost)

July 2027 -- Volume IV (Ordinary Time Weeks 18-34) may be shipped
August 1, 2027 -- Volume IV may be used

October 2027 -- Volume I (Advent-Christmas) may be shipped
November 28, 2027 -- First Sunday of Advent -- Volume I may be used

2028 -- Digital editions, one volume major extracts, and minor extracts
Mid 2008 -- The updated Christian Prayer is expected in mid-2028

December 3, 2028 -- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – **MANDATORY USE**

I know there are other cooks and bakers out there. Please contribute your favorite recipes… Especially cookie recipes in time for Christmas.



Franciscan Kitchen

Homemade Cranberry Sauce -so easy and a fresh delicious addition to your Thanksgiving dinner. --*From Ruth Shea*

Mix 1 cup of water and 1 cup of sugar in a medium sized sauce pan, bring to boil, add 12 oz of fresh cranberries, lower heat to simmer, and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Yep- that's all and it's delicious!