

Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order

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Transforming the World Through Reverence

Our Mission

Inspired by the gospel of Jesus and the example of Francis of Assisi, the Capuchin friars of the Province of Saint Joseph, together with our partners in ministry, prayerfully build sister-brotherhood in the world. We attend simply and directly to the spiritual and other basic human needs, especially those of the poor and disenfranchised, promoting justice for all.

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Joyous Missionaries

“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew.”

With these words our Holy Father, Pope Francis begins his letter to the whole Church. He reminds us that the fire of the Spirit fills the whole Church and all of us are called to spread the Gospel of Christ, realizing that we are all infinitely loved by God.

Our Capuchin brothers recently met for a week-long retreat. We prayed and reflected together about what it means to be a Capuchin. The words of the Pope echoed in the words of the brothers as we shared with one another and learned about our Capuchin Constitutions. St Francis has called us to be brothers to all, to see the infinite worth of each person, to view people as brothers and sisters who join us in celebrating the love of God. This love and joyful



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message urges us to go beyond our comfort zones and live the message every day.

This new approach initiated by the Pope for the whole Church is also the vision for our Capuchin Province. In all our ministries we are called to be missionaries of God’s love, reaching all people, especially the “Little Ones of God,” the forgotten ones, the poor and needy. That’s where we Capuchins want to be. That’s why we have our Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit serving needy and hungry people. That’s why we send missionaries to places like Panama, the Cheyenne and Crow Indian Reservations in Montana. It’s why we walk with the undocumented people in our central cities. Let us never forget that all of us, all followers of Christ, are called to be joyous missionaries wherever we find ourselves.

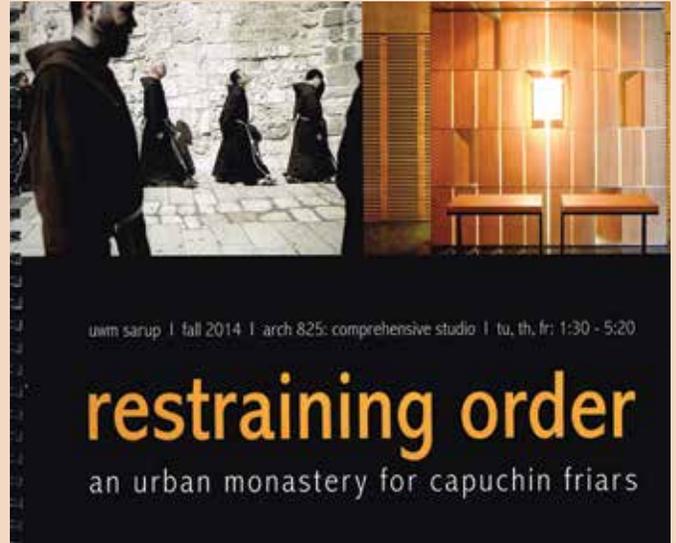
God bless you.

Michael Sullivan, O.F.M.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Architect Grad Students to Examine Capuchin Life

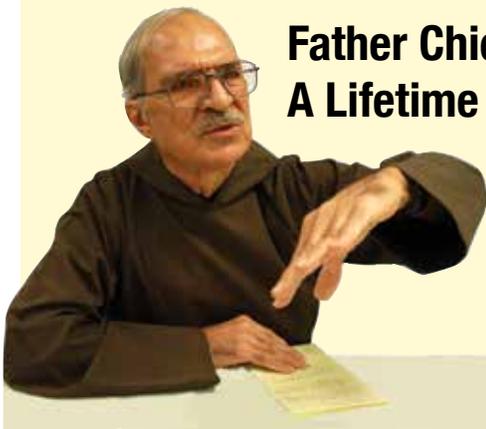
UWM professors and architects, Sebastian Schmal-ing and Brian Johnsen, are teaching a graduate level course that will focus on the design of a monastery for Capuchin Franciscan friars in Milwaukee's central city. **Although no actual monastery will be built,** the students are being asked to design a complex that will occupy an entire city block and include hous-ing for friars, a chapel and cloister, a small library, a community area, a large soup kitchen, a community clinic, an extensive vegetable garden, and a small cemetery for deceased brothers.

Professor Schmal-ing explains that the title of the course, "Restraining Order," refers to the simplic-ity of the life of a Capuchin friar – a life dedicated to serving those in need: the poor, the sick, and the socially marginalized. "It is the Capuchin ethos of simplicity and restraint that will guide our semester-long investigations," Professor Schmal-ing explains. "Students will be challenged to develop meaningful, environmentally sustainable architectural strategies



that support the Capuchin charism of community, contemplation, and prayer."

The Capuchin monastery course will be conducted in collaboration with the Jade University of Applied Sciences in Oldenburg, Germany where a paral- lel course will investigate the same program, site, and technological theme. The goal is to foster the vibrant exchange of cross-cultural ideas, here and abroad. Capuchin Friar Mark Joseph Costello is serving as a consultant and will be speaking with the students periodically throughout the semester.



Father Chico, A Lifetime of Service

Capuchin Friar Chico Fary has spent forty-five years in Nicaragua, serving on both coasts.

On the Atlantic coast, there are few roads, few busi- nesses, and many, many who are poor. He has traveled to the people by horseback, by river, and by foot. In a year's time, he travels to more than 100 chapels, at best two times a year.

On the Pacific coast, he has been the spiritual director for the seminarians. The 145 seminarians are typical- ly between the ages of 22-23 and are readying their lives for God.

"Nicaragua is very religious," Father Chico explains. "There is a lot of devotion to Mary in a way that you cannot imagine. It's part of the culture."

"It's the parish lay leaders who keep the church vibrant in Nicaragua. They prepare the parishioners for marriage, baptism, and confirmation. They are the heartbeat of the church."

"I am enjoying the most wonderful experience," Father Chico concludes. "I am meeting souls. I am walking the journeys of many. I am honored to have served those in the mission field and those who are just starting their spiritual adventure. I am a most fortunate man."

www.TheCapuchins.org/ministries/missions

The New Normal: Capuchin Vocations

The Capuchins are reaping the benefits of a renaissance of vocations. This fall, we received six new postulants, sent three onto novitiate, welcomed four as they professed their first vows as Capuchins, and celebrated two who professed perpetual vows for the rest of their lives. Next May, we look forward to two being ordained deacons, and then as priests the following year.

This is the new normal for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph vocations! In 2004 we had only two men at all levels of formation. Today, we have twenty-one. We have had eleven consecutive years with new postulants. In the previous twenty-five years, we never had new postulants for more than four consecutive years.

The difference? A vocation culture that involves all of us encouraging young people to consider a church vocation and supporting those who take the leap. Thanks to you for sharing in the vocation ministry of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph! www.capuchinfranciscans.org



Postulants
(L-R) Vince Thomas, Akram Esho, Hahm Gahng); Back row (L-R): Clint Evrard, Matthew Tiritilli and Chris Rog

First Vows
(L to R)
Capuchin Friars
Joshua Minden,
Truong Dinh,
Michael
Sullivan, Provin-
cial, Fernando
Iniguez, Joseph
Taylor



Final Vows
(L to R)
Capuchin Friars
M J Groark,
Michael Sullivan,
Provincial,
Vito Martinez

Cap Corps: Transforming the World for 20 Years



Cap Corps' 20th birthday party was attended by our new volunteers (in brown t-shirts), friars and over fifteen alumni plus their families

Cap Corps is our Franciscan Capuchin volunteer ministry, geared to college age students and graduates who wish to emulate the example of St. Francis of Assisi. The ministry marks its 20th year of serving the poor and disenfranchised. In those 20 years,

nearly 200 volunteers have served, representing roughly 244 years of service! This year's Cap Corps volunteers are providing service in Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Montana, Peru and Nicaragua. www.CapCorps.org

Capuchin Soup Kitchen's On the Rise Bakery Café Opens



On the Rise Bakery, a program of Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen, recently celebrated the grand opening of



its new café. The 1900 square foot facility showcases the bakery's delicious breads, cookies, sweet rolls, pies, and cinnamon rolls. The facility has café seating for 25-30, encouraging patrons to enjoy a sandwich or bakery treat while sipping a delicious cup of tea or Fair Trade coffee. The café also provides bountiful sandwiches; all served on a choice of On the Rise Bakery's homemade artisan breads. What started as a social enterprise in the kitchen of the Meldrum meal site is now a business that has served as a new-beginnings-launch-pad for over 70 men returning to society after bouts in prison or halfway houses.

Brother Ray Stadmeyer explains. "There is a real need for men coming out of these situations to get their feet beneath them. It's too easy to lapse back into old ways when there's no job to be had or no place to live. The purpose of our 12 month bakery program is to introduce structure and purpose. For some of the men, this is the first time they have experienced those crucial elements in their lives."

www.CSKDetroit.org

Meet Our New Provincial Council

Over 140 friars attended the four-day chapter, held every three years, to elect the Provincial Council, their governing body, and to discuss theological and social/justice issues.



The 2014-17 Provincial Council (L-R) Capuchin Friars Gary Wegner, Jerome Johnson, Steven Kropp, Michael Sullivan, Robert Roemer

Capuchin Jubilarians Honored

A favorite Province event is honoring our friars who are celebrating their jubilee year. This year we celebrated twelve jubilarians whose combined service totals 760 years! Most of this year's jubilarians served in the Mission field. Thank you Brothers!



Caption: Pictured first row, L-R: Friars Kevin Heagerty (60 years), Bertin Samsa (65), Campion Baer (65); Second row, L-R: Michael Gaffney (50), Robert Udulutsch (65), Kenan Siegel (65); Third row, L-R: Brian Braun (60), John Francis Samsa (60)
Not pictured: 70 year jubilarians Capuchin Friars Rupert Dorn, Reginald Lawrence, Alexis Luzi and Paschal Siler (60 years)

Capuchins' Run Walk for the Hungry to German Fest Draws Nearly 3,000 Participants

It was a sea of blue T-shirts as nearly 3,000 joined the friars in Milwaukee, walking or running to help feed the hungry. "It was a gratifying experience," Race Director Brother Dave Schwab explains. "This was our ninth year. Our first year we had 300 participants. This year we had nearly 3,000. It's a great community event for parishes, businesses, and organizations. We are grateful for all the support. No one should be hungry."



All proceeds of the event benefit Milwaukee's Capuchin ministries: St. Ben's Community Meal that serves hot, home-made meals to the homeless and chronically poor six days a week (prepared by various organizations

and religious groups) and the House of Peace food pantry that aids Milwaukee's working poor and chronically poor. www.capuchinsrunwalkforthehungry.org

Blessing of Cornerstone St. Lawrence Seminary High School's Renovated Dormitory

The blessing of St. Anthony Hall's cornerstone recently took place at St. Lawrence Seminary High School. The dorm can now accommodate approximately 140 freshmen and sophomores and has new plumbing and bathrooms, electrical work, a new elevator, and an approximately 3000 square foot addition. St. Lawrence Seminary High School is the founding site of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, Mount Calvary, WI. www.StLawrence.edu



Led by St. Lawrence Seminary High School Rector, Fr. John Holly, and student altar servers, the St. Lawrence Seminary staff and students process to the main entrance of St. Anthony Hall to join in the blessing of the building's cornerstone.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Milwaukee Now Offers Monthly Blessing of the Sick Services



St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Milwaukee, will be offering a monthly Blessing of the Sick, celebrated for many years in Detroit in commemoration of Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM Capuchin.

Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey was a beloved Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He had strong Wisconsin roots having been born in

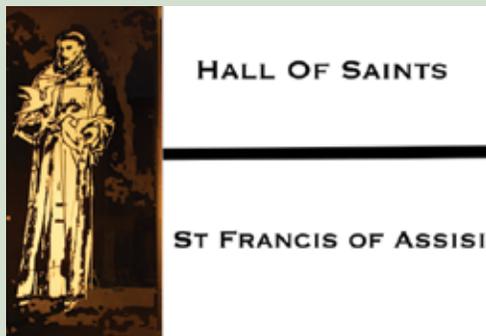
Prescott, WI, and ordained in St. Francis of Assisi Church in 1904.

The Blessing of the Sick will incorporate Scripture, prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, and a blessing with a relic of the True Cross. This Blessing has ancient roots in the Church, dating back to the 6th century abbot, Saint Maurus.

The monthly service will be held the first Friday of each month, 2:00 PM at the parish, 1927 N. Fourth Street, Milwaukee. Confession will be available beforehand at 1:30 PM.

“Fr. Solanus had two great loves – the poor and the sick,” St. Francis of Assisi Pastor, Father Mike Bertram, explains. “The Blessing of the Sick addresses the widespread need for many kinds of healing in so many people’s lives. St. Francis Church would like to celebrate the heritage of Fr. Solanus who once lived here by offering this Blessing of the Sick to people of Fr. Solanus’ home state, just as it is widely celebrated in Detroit.”

Solanus Casey Center Introduces Hall of Saints’ Videos



Detroit’s Solanus Casey Center is a popular pilgrimage destination, devoted to Father Solanus’ holiness and spirituality. It is a sacred space filled with God’s grace. A popular area within the Center is the Hall of Saints, etched glass representations of those saints who were important in the spiritual life of Father Solanus Casey. Michael Sherry, a Solanus devotee, assisted the Center in the creation of a video feature for each of our Hall of Saints. We encourage you to visit the Solanus Casey Center website, enjoy the videos, and reflect how you can be inspired by these saints’ holy lives.

www.SolanusCenter.org/about-us/hall-of-saints

Capuchin Province of St. Joseph Areas we serve

