

Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order

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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Spread God's Compassion and Joy!



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We're all missionaries! Pope Francis has reminded us that every baptized Christian is a missionary: called to announce the Good News of Jesus by word and example. What a challenge that is! Our Holy Father exhorts us: "Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of His love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades." [Joy of the Gospel, 2]

We Capuchins and our partners in ministry continue to make room in our hearts for others, especially the poor. We hear His voice in the voice of the humblest among us, and we realize we are brothers and sisters to all. That's a missionary spreading God's compassion and joy to all one meets.

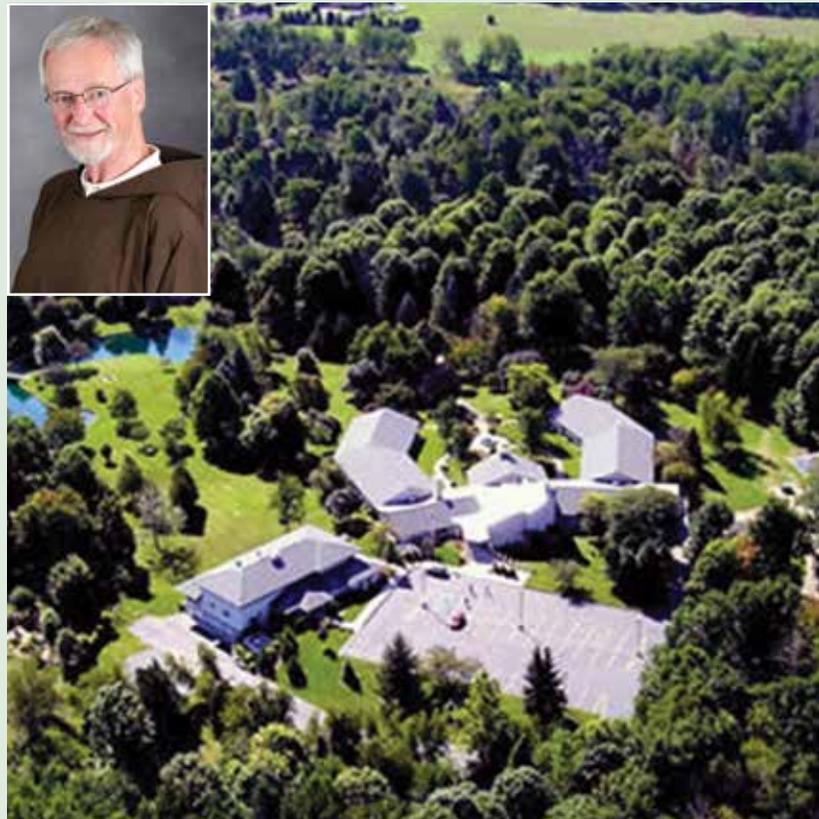
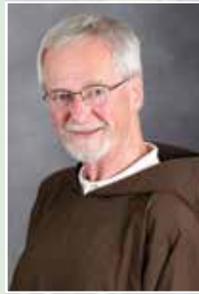


The Beauty of a Retreat

By Capuchin Friar Keith Clark

Surrounded on all sides by nature, Capuchin Retreat offers men and women of all ages a chance to explore traditional spiritual values in a most contemporary setting. The talks given by the retreat center's staff offer applications of traditional spiritual values to contemporary issues in the lives of participants. Retreat participants, from high school students to retired adults, all say that the place and the people speak to their hearts.

For the majority of our Capuchin Retreat guests, time away for a retreat means a chance to get away from life's pressures and just be quiet, unhurried, peaceful. For others who are bored with their lives, a retreat can be enlivening. Whether you are tired and stressed...or bored, discover for yourself how refreshing a retreat can be. www.CapRetreat.org



Our Friars' Ministry among the Northern Cheyenne and Crow People

By Capuchin Friar Mark Joseph Costello



For over ninety years, Capuchin Friars have been present in Montana. Our ministry on the Native American reservations faces challenges that poverty, substance abuse and historical/present day discrimination have created. Distances between sites,

fewer friars stationed here along with collaboration with religious sisters contributed to a model of ministry that was beginning to show strain. Fewer sisters were coming and our Montana friars were aging.

Our Capuchin Province called for a renewed communal presence of friars ministering on the reservations. The communal aspect of our life was seen as a necessary ingredient for support in this often difficult ministry. St. Katharine Drexel Friary was established at Crow Agency, Montana in 2015 and currently four 'new-to-Montana' friars reside there, working at the parishes and Pretty Eagle Catholic Academy (K-8) nearby. Plans are underway to establish another community at Ashland for friars ministering at Cheyenne parishes and the St. Labre (pre K-12) School.

Standing with, praying, and reaching out to indigenous peoples with a renewed communal presence of Capuchins on the reservations are what we are attempting ... and with God's help we hope to contribute to healing and hope.

St. Lawrence Seminary High School

At first glance, St. Lawrence Seminary seems to be about beautiful buildings, proudly set upon a Wisconsin hillside. But St. Lawrence Seminary is much, much more than the bricks and stones that are the building materials of the many campus buildings.

The bricks and stones used to build, rebuild and renovate reflect the commitment of the Capuchin Friars, the teachers, the students, their families and the benefactors of St. Lawrence to be “built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” The names and faces of the many, many St. Lawrence Seminary students are reflected in this dwelling place. It is a ministry that will continue to be a lifelong presence in the lives of its alumni.

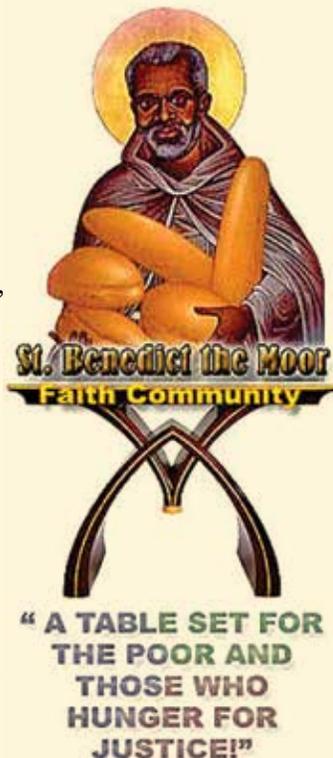
St. Lawrence Seminary High School’s President and Rector, Capuchin Friar John Holly, explains, “Growth happens here. Not all the boys are going to become priests or brothers, but they will take the growth to other places...and that says that St. Lawrence does good work.”

Do you know a high school age fellow who would benefit from St. Lawrence? www.StLawrence.edu



St. Benedict the Moor Parish: A Table Set For All

Originally called St. Benedict the Moor Mission, it was founded in 1908 and was given to the care of the Capuchin Friars in 1912. Located in downtown Milwaukee, St. Ben’s provided special care to the city’s African Americans including a school for boarders and day students. Now 105 years later, it continues to care for the disenfranchised and forgotten, reaching out to all, particularly the homeless.



The parishioners of St. Ben’s actively support social justice issues including Micah (Milwaukee Congregations Allied for Hope), jail ministry, tutoring city school children, immigration issues, advocacy. Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, St Ben’s Parish is a table set for all who hunger for the nourishment of the gospel. The parish welcomes and nurtures all in the hope of building a more just...and more peaceful world.

Long-time parishioner and parish administrator, Barb Augenstein says, “We celebrate ‘God Among Us’ with all people. True to the spirit of St. Francis, St Ben’s seeks to reach out to the transient, disenfranchised and disenchanted people.”

Capuchin Friar and Pastor Michael Bertram invites you to learn more. Visit www.StBensParishMilwaukee.org

Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Provide “Truckloads of Hope” to Capuchin Soup Kitchen’s Guests

Thank you Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers for providing household staples and shower supplies for our Capuchin Soup Kitchen guests. The “Truckloads of Hope” donation drive filled 38 Chevy Silverado truck beds—one for each Metro Detroit Chevy dealer location—and delivered it to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen’s Services Center via a Silverado caravan! Thank you Chevy Dealers for assisting our Soup Kitchen guests! www.CSKDetroit.org



Solanus’ Children’s Film Debuts in July

EXTRAORDINARY
Stories about Solanus Casey for Children

BLESSED BE GOD IN ALL HIS DESIGNS

What Has God Designed for YOU?

WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017 - 2 PM

AMC Star 20 Theater
25333 West 12 Mile
Southfield, MI

TICKET INFO - FREE ADMISSION
solanuscenter.org/extraordinary
313-579-2100

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“Blessed Be God in All His Designs” is a well-known saying of our Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey. These words are inscribed on the top of his tomb at the Solanus Casey Center.

Film director, Stan Williams, brings new meaning to the phrase in his most recent project, **EXTRAORDINARY: Stories About Solanus Casey for Children.**

“Blessed Be God in All His Designs” is the catch phrase for each of the eleven stories in the 72 minute film.

Capuchin Friar David Preuss, Solanus Casey Center director, explains. “A donor approached us, asking if we had a film geared for children about Fr. Solanus’ holiness. When we explained we did not, the gentleman suggested that he would be able to assist us with the cost of the production. He felt strongly that children learn at an early age about Fr. Solanus’ extraordinary stories and his simple, but remarkable spirituality. We then had the good fortune to have a second benefactor to become involved.”

Children as young as five and adults of all ages will enjoy the colorful, engaging film which will premiere July 16 at the AMC Theatre in Southfield, MI.

Can’t wait until July 16? View a ‘sneak peak’ of the movie by visiting www.SolanusCenter.org/EXTRAORDINARY

Visit www.SolanusCenter.org for further details of the July red carpet theatre premiere which will include the director, cast, and crew.

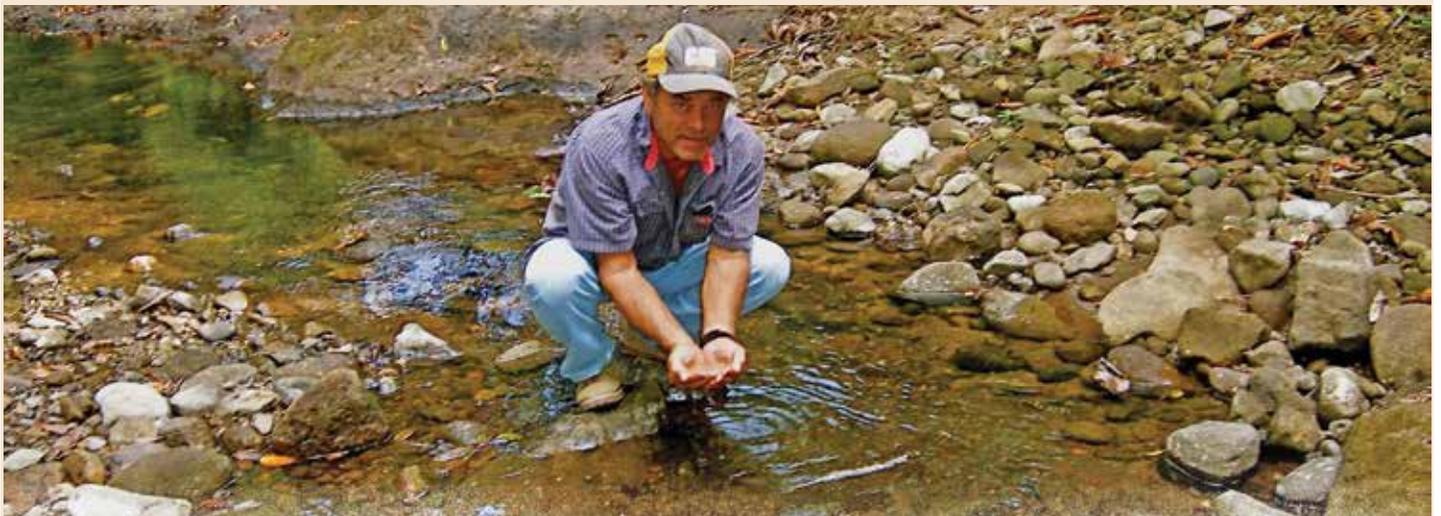
The Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph

The important work of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph reaches from Detroit to Montana and into Central America. Your support of our Capuchin Friars means we are able to continue our work assisting the poor and disenfranchised. We are able to continue to educate our men in formation as they continue their vocational path. We are able to continue to care for our elderly friars who have dedicated their lives to helping others. We are able to continue to serve and bring our mission to light every day. We invite you to view our new **Mission & Our Ministries** video to learn more about the good work that the Capuchin Friars and our partners in ministry undertake every day.

www.TheCapuchins.org/OurMission



Padre Pablo: Panama's Hero (And Ours Too!)



Capuchin Friar Wally Kasuboski (affectionately known in Panama as Padre Pablo) was voted Panama's 2016 Hero of the Year! TVN Media nominated ten individuals who exemplified leadership and who created a significant positive social impact through a particular project. The \$25,000 grand prize will be used for Padre Pablo's continued water project.

Padre Pablo's water and dam project has been documented in an award-winning film, **From Mass to the Mountain**. The feature-length documentary was produced and directed by Kurt Sensenbrenner and Colin Sytsma. It offers an in-the-trenches account of the Wisconsin-born Capuchin Friar's tireless efforts to solve the drought and contaminated water issues

that have plagued the area of eastern Panama. Padre Pablo, with the help of countless volunteers and residents, has constructed the largest rural water system in Central America. The water system will protect watersheds and conserve the rainforest.

The impactful documentary will be shown at a special screening in the metro Detroit area. To view the film's trailer and purchase tickets to the June 11 screening, go to www.TheCapuchins.org/panama

As Father Wally says, "Without water, there is no life."

Fr. Wally has been serving as a missionary in Panama for over 25 years. www.TheCapuchins.org/Missions

Walking in the Footsteps of St. Francis:

We are blessed that our Capuchin Friar vocation program continues to flourish. Men of strong faith and the willingness to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis continue to explore our Capuchin life.

One such man is Jose Vera who is currently discerning his vocation as a Capuchin Friar. He is a member of our postulancy program, serving at our Milwaukee's Capuchin Community Services' meal site. When not serving our homeless and chronically poor guests, Jose is in class, studying the life and writings of St. Francis of Assisi. His studies also include basic catechesis in the Catholic



Postulant Jose Vera

Solanus Presentations Now Live Streamed

The Fr. Solanus Guild and the Solanus Casey Center are hosting a special "Remembering Fr. Solanus" series in



preparation of the 60th anniversary of Fr. Solanus' death, July 31. The City of Detroit, where he died and had spent most of his years of ministry, decreed a day of mourning.

Fr. Solanus' following is not only in Detroit. He has a national (and international!) following, many holding dear his simple spirituality and holiness. In an effort to share the exciting 60th anniversary programming, we are now offering live streaming of programs held at the Solanus Center.

To view live streaming events, please visit www.SolanusCenter.org To view earlier programs, go to www.SolanusCenter.org/videos

faith, Liturgy of the Hours and community prayer, Eucharist, and social analysis and theological reflection on experiences with the poor.

Jose's path to the Capuchins has not been an easy one. Jose explains, "I was in a very dark existence from age 14-20. I was a gang member; I went to jail; I was smoking, drinking, and doing drugs. At the age of 22, I became tired and realized I needed to change my life. I went to my family and they helped me with rehab. I went back to school. I received an apprenticeship as a welder. I was now a success. I had turned my life around yet I still felt empty. At the age of 28, a friend invited me to a four day retreat in Chicago.

"The first day-I didn't want to be there. The second day-I figured I might as well try to like it. The third day-I enjoyed myself. The fourth day-I experienced a conversion.

"My Capuchin life has taught me how to love strangers, just as Jesus did. I have witnessed that even though there is suffering and need. God does not forget his people. God is love."

www.CapuchinFranciscans.org

Save the Date & Support the Capuchins!



June 10, Detroit
The Ahee Souper
Summer Celebration
Comerica Park
Benefiting Capuchin
Soup Kitchen
CSKDetroit.org



June 16, Milwaukee
Capuchins' Run Walk
for the Hungry
Polish Fest
Benefiting Capuchin
Community Services
CapuchinsRunWalkForTheHungry.org

To learn more about giving to the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, we invite you to visit www.TheCapuchins.org and click on Ways to Help. Our friars...young and old...thank you!