

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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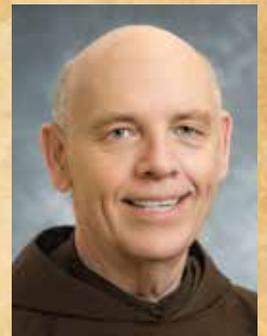
The Capuchin Franciscan Friars of St. Joseph have received abundant blessings. Our cup runneth over as we experience blessing after blessing. As this reaches you, the details of Fr. Solanus Beatification Mass at Ford Field are now finalized. News of his Beatification will be worldwide. What a blessing that many will now discover the holiness and spirituality of our humble Capuchin Brother. We continue to be blessed by our men in formation, some of whom recently made First Vows, Solemn Vows and were ordained. Please continue to pray for our Vocations. Our partner in ministry, the Eucharistic Mission Band, is marking 100 years of serving our Friars in the Mission field by sewing vestments. We are so thankful for their faithful work. And our St. Lawrence High School Seminary and St. Fidelis Retirement Friary mark new milestones. Our hearts are full as we celebrate so much goodness. And please know we celebrate you, our faithful partner in ministry, for none of this would be possible without



your prayers and support. Through your assistance we are able to continue to live and work with those who are in need of help... the poor, the disenfranchised, the hungry.

Gratefully,
Fr. Michael Sullivan, OFM Cap.

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Provincial Minister

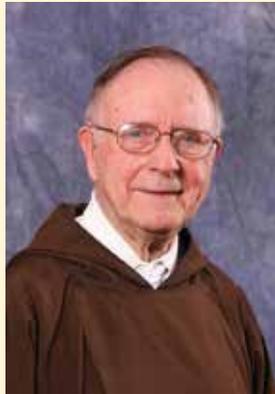


My Life With Blessed Solanus Casey

Fr. Martin Pable, OFM Cap.

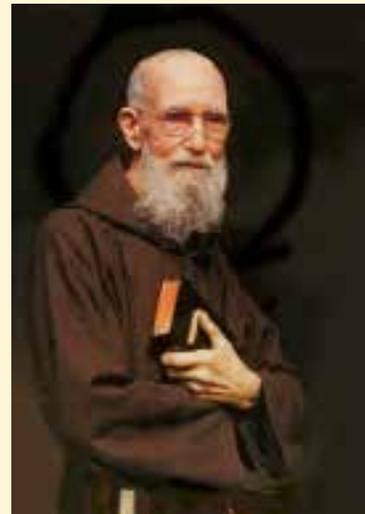
In 1953, after professing my first vows as a Capuchin friar, I continued my college studies at St. Felix Seminary in Huntington, Ind. Among the fifty-plus friars living there was Fr. Solanus, an 83-year-old in frail health and living in retirement. To us who were young seminarians, he seemed like just a nice old friar who simply blended in with everyone else.

But it didn't take long for us to recognize how special Fr. Solanus was. Every day he would receive a stack of mail from people who found out where he had been transferred. A friar had been assigned to help him answer the mail. Also, most of the phone



calls were for him. Often on Sundays there were chartered buses from Detroit coming down to see him. They would eat their picnic lunch on the front lawn, and then he would go out and visit with them. He would take them into our chapel and lead them in praying the rosary and the Litany of Our Lady; then close with Benediction.

I am thrilled that the Church will soon declare Fr. Solanus "Blessed." I have put together many other stories about his personal holiness and his healing ministry, and I would be happy to share them with parishes and other interested groups.



Capuchin Franciscans in Montana's Native American Reservations

Fr. Tien Dinh, OFM Cap.

St. Francis of Assisi, a true disciple of Christ and an outstanding example of Christian life, commanded to his brothers "to live according to the pattern of the holy Gospel." We, the Capuchin Franciscans in the Province of St. Joseph, commit ourselves to the command of our brother Francis in living our life according to the holy Gospel.



Flowing from the holy Gospel, we are called to follow in the footsteps of the poor and humble Christ as we joyfully proclaim the Good News to people of all cultures and nations including the Montana Native Americans from the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Reservations. We have faithfully served the Northern Cheyenne people for over 90

years and the Crow people for over 50 years. Our Capuchin presence in these two reservations was initially sought out in response to the needs of the people and to our call to spread the Good News.

Our presence and ministry with the Northern Cheyenne and the Crow People have focused on parishes where we nurture the people through the Sacraments while also building community. In the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, we serve people at St. Labre Parish in Ashland, Blessed Sacrament Parish in Lame Deer, and Christ the King in Busby. While in the Crow Reservation, we serve the people at St. Charles Parish in Pryor, St. Xavier Parish in St. Xavier, St. Dennis Parish in Crow Agency, Our Lady of Loretto Parish in Lodge Grass and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Wyola. We also serve at the various schools of the St. Labre System by teaching and celebrating Mass for the students.

As we continue to follow the command of our brother Francis "to live according to the pattern of the holy Gospel," we, the Capuchin Franciscans, dedicate ourselves in serving the Northern Cheyenne and Crow People. We ask God to continue to use us as God's instrument to transform the world through reverence by proclaiming the Good News to people of all cultures and nations.

We have received Abundant Blessings!



Brother Michael Gaffney

St. Fidelis Friary, the Capuchins' retirement community located in Appleton, WI, celebrated its "25th year" jubilee on September 15. The celebration included a blessing of the St. Fidelis relief statue that was designed and created by Capuchin Friar Michael Gaffney.



Father Werner Wolf and his visitors with the statue of St. Fidelis



Our Jubilarians

Capuchin Friars of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph commemorated their jubilee celebrations July 21. Pictured are (L-R) Capuchin Friars Reynold Rynda, Vernon Wagner (both 70 years), Albert Sandor (60 years), Walter Balduck, Edward Foley (both 50 years), Biju Parakkalayil and Raymond Stadmeier (both 25 years). Not pictured: Capuchin Friars Fabian Fehring (70 years) and Daniel Crosby (60 years)

Brothers Make Solemn Vows

Capuchin Friars Fred Cabras (L) and Jason Graves (R) made their solemn perpetual profession of vows as Capuchin Friars this past August. Pictured with Capuchin Province of St. Joseph provincial minister, Fr. Michael Sullivan.



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Meet Our Postulants

From L-R: Javier Rodriguez, Martin Ngo and Samuel Bazan have joined the Capuchin Postulancy program. The nine month program includes formation studies and ministry work. After the first year, the candidates continue their studies and vocational discernment process through training as a novice. The novitiate year is when they receive the Capuchin habit.

First Vows Professed

Capuchin Friars professed first vows on July 15. The friars next head to the Chicago formation house for continued ministry formation and formal undergraduate academic studies. This is in preparation for graduate studies at Catholic Theological Union. Typically, a friar will make final vows 3-5 years after first vows.

Pictured are (L-R) Capuchin Friars Nathan Linton, Truyen Nguyen, Faris Najor, Joseph Babcock and Michael Dorn.



Ordination

Front Row: Robert Wotypka, OFM Cap. (L) was ordained a priest and Jason Graves, OFM Cap (R) was ordained a deacon. They are joined by (back row) provincial minister, Fr. Michael Sullivan (L) and Auxiliary Bishop Paul Schmitz (R)



Our New Provincial Council

Meet our 2017-20 Provincial Council. First Row: L-R: Provincial Minister Michael Sullivan, Vicar Provincial Steven Kropp Back Row: Capuchin Friars David Preuss, Daniel Fox, Jerome Johnson,





Father Solanus Casey: A Future Capuchin Saint of the People?

Vice Postulators Larry Webber, OFM Cap. & Richard Merling, OFM Cap.

This coming November 18th in Detroit Michigan, Father Solanus Casey, a member of the Province of St Joseph of the Capuchin Order, will be raised to the altar of Blesseds in the Roman Catholic Church. How has Father Solanus reached the point of being recognized as a Blessed by the church?

The path to Sainthood for Father Solanus was not begun by the Capuchins. It was rather the people who knew him in Detroit, New York, Indiana and other places where he served. After his death, the people came to the church and said, "This man is Holy and should be recognized as such by the church." It was through these good people that the Cause of Father Solanus Casey has risen up.

It is known that Father Solanus related especially to the poor and to the sick. But he related as well to all classes of people: workers, professionals, as well as the heads of corporations in Detroit. He was ecumenical and he was visited by Protestant ministers, rabbis and even atheists.

Father Solanus popularity very much rose out of his humanity. He was present to people and we know that he deeply prayed for people. Father Solanus will be remembered because of his closeness to people as well as his closeness to God. He leads us to a faith that is real and human. It is a faith that people can relate to. For that reason Father Solanus will always be a saint of the people.

Would You Remember the Friars in Your Giving Plan?

GET CREATIVE!

2017 is drawing to a close, and we would be honored if you would remember the Capuchin friars in your giving plans. There are many creative ways to do so, many of which can also help you.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

When making a gift of stock or a mutual fund to us, not only are you allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value (assuming it has been owned longer than a year), you also avoid tax on the capital gain. Just be sure to transfer the stock directly to us (don't sell it on your own first).

GIFTS FROM RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Making a gift from your IRA is a tax wise way to support the Capuchins. Certain restrictions apply, though. For example, you must be at least 70 ½ years of age and the gift must come directly to us from the IRA custodian. Please call us for all the details.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Creating a charitable gift annuity is an excellent way to provide not only for the future of the Capuchin friars, but also for you and your own future. Gift annuities pay you income for life at a very attractive rate that will never change. A portion of your payments is tax-free, and a charitable tax deduction is also available. In the future, what remains in the contract will support our friars and our many ministries.

GIFTS FROM DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor advised funds allow people to place cash or stock into a fund and immediately receive a charitable deduction. Owners can then direct a portion of that fund to support their favorite charities. If you presently have a donor advised fund, we invite you to consider a gift to the Capuchin friars.

For more details about these creative approaches to giving, please call Kristi Hassouna in our development office at 313-939-2002.

St. Lawrence Seminary High School Enters a New Era



St. Lawrence Seminary High School, Mount Calvary, WI, the 1857 founding site of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, entered a new era with the installation of Capuchin Friar Zoilo “Zoy” Garibay as the new president and rector of the Capuchin ministry.



“I am honored to lead St. Lawrence Seminary High School. Our school provides students from across the US and around the world a nurturing environment in which they can grow and mature into well-rounded men of faith, heralds of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, leaders in the Church and society, and perhaps even saints.”

Do you know a high school aged young man who would benefit from St. Lawrence? To learn more, StLawrence.edu

We Cannot Do Our Work Without You!



We invite others to “Help Us Serve.” That phrase is interpreted differently depending on the individual. To one, it may mean helping garden the extensive grounds of our Capuchin Retreat center. To another, it may mean hosting a special event with proceeds going to our ministry. To another, it is supporting the ministry financially. And to another, it is rolling up one’s shirt sleeves and helping serve food to our guests.

Our two social services ministries, Capuchin Soup Kitchen (Detroit) and Capuchin Community Services (Milwaukee) depend on volunteers to help serve those who are hungry. In Milwaukee, nearly 2,000 meals are served each week. In Detroit, it is typical to serve 2,000 meals each day. We cannot do our work alone. To learn more how to volunteer, go to CapuchinCommunityServices.org or CSKDetroit.org and click on Ways to Help.

Eucharistic Mission Band Commemorates 100 Years of Serving Capuchin Missionaries & Priests

Since May 13, 1917, members of the Third Order of the St. Bonaventure Fraternity, Detroit, have met to sew for the Capuchin missionaries in the field. Now 100 years later, Eucharistic Mission Band members continue to faithfully gather twice a week to sew for the Capuchin missionaries.



Besides sewing vestments for the friars in the mission field, the Band also offers families and friends an opportunity to order a memorial vestment for their loved one, in lieu of flowers. An order includes the right to display a sample vestment at the funeral home. The Eucharistic Mission Band also makes vestments honoring special intentions such as anniversaries and birthdays. The group has sent vestments to missionaries on five continents.

Any proceeds of the Band’s work, beyond overhead, goes to the Capuchin Missions. To learn more about the Eucharistic Mission Band, go to TheCapuchins.org/EMB