

# Capuchins celebrate jubilee on July 19

For The Reporter Media

Capuchin friars will celebrate their jubilees on July 19 at St. Lawrence Seminary, the founding site of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph in Mount Calvary.

» Jubilarian and Fond du Lac native Capuchin Friar Bishop Paul Schmitz (50 years) studied at St. Lawrence Seminary High School for four years. Schmitz has served in Nicaragua since 1972 with his episcopal ordination in 1984.

» Capuchin Friar Ronald Jansch is marking his 70th year in the order. After ordination to priesthood in 1950 and a couple of brief ministries, Jansch began a lifelong teaching ministry in 1953 at St. Lawrence Seminary (both high school and college levels). He was the athletic director and dorm prefect at St. Francis Hall while preaching and teaching. He also taught at Marian College (now university) in Fond du Lac for close to 40 years, serving as chaplain at the college from 1968 to 1984. Jansch resides at St. Lawrence Friary and is working on various historical Ca-



Glenn Gessner



Richard Hart



Jerry Higgins



John Celichowski



Ronald Jansch



Daniel Kabat



James Leary



Jim Magnan



Bob Malloy



Paul Schmitz



Martin Pable



Charles Robinson



Jerry Schroeder



Ambrose Simon



Tom Zelinski

puchin projects.

» Many of the jubilarians were either students or faculty at St. Lawrence Seminary High School. Students include Capuchin Friar Ambrose Simon (70 years) who served 32 years as a missionary in Nicaragua and Panama. Richard Hart (65 years) was influenced by the Capuchin friars while studying at St. Lawrence Seminary. He continues

to preach throughout the U.S. and the world. Jerry Higgins' (65 years) time at St. Lawrence also encouraged his path to the priesthood. He taught at Sacred Heart School of Theology for many years. Martin Pable (60 years) was inspired by the Capuchins while a student at Mount Calvary and taught pastoral counseling and other courses at St. Francis Seminary

(Milwaukee) and Sacred Heart School of Theology (Hales Corners).

» Capuchin Friar Daniel Kabat (60 years) studied at St. Lawrence Seminary and served in the mission field in Nicaragua for 20 years. Fellow missionary Glenn Gessner (60 years) graduated from St. Lawrence and continues to serve as a parish pastor in Nicaragua. Jerry Schroeder (50 years)

says when he met the Capuchins at St. Lawrence, he "found home." Today he is the pastor of St. Benedict the Moor, Milwaukee.

» St. Lawrence Seminary alum Capuchin Friar John Celichowski is marking his 25th anniversary. A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, he is serving his second term as provincial minister of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph. He is also on the board of directors of Franciscans International, a non-governmental organization that promotes peace and human rights at the United Nations.

» Capuchin Friar Bob Malloy (50 years) credits the friars of St. Lawrence in guiding him to a life of a Capuchin. He was recently named as one of 50 Every Day Heroes in the U.S. for his work as a chaplain of a Detroit soup kitchen, run by the Capuchins.

» Jubilarian James Leary (50 years) said his brother paved the way for him going to St. Lawrence as a junior and entering the Capuchins.

» Capuchin Friar Jim Magnan (50 years) served as seminary infirmarian for St. Lawrence

where he served 300 students and the 45 Capuchins on faculty. During his 12-year tenure, he also worked at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac and volunteered on the Mount Calvary ambulance crew.

» Jubilarian Tom Zelinski (50 years) taught at St. Lawrence for two years.

» Fellow faculty member Charles Robinson (50 years) taught at St. Lawrence for 10 years. Since returning to his native Montana in 1980, he has served as pastor to numerous parishes on the Northern Cheyenne and Crow reservations.

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in numerous ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincy, retreat houses and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Arizona, California, Nicaragua and Panama. Established at Mount Calvary in 1857, there are currently 169 members in the St. Joseph province.