

# 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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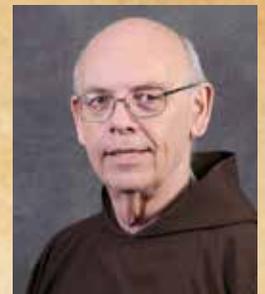
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Greetings brothers and sisters,

May God's peace be with you! I recently returned from the 85th Capuchin General Chapter in Rome, where I joined my brother provincial ministers and other friars from more than 100 nations around the globe to elect new leadership and discuss issues affecting our Franciscan way of religious life. The theme of the General Chapter was based on scripture: "Take my yoke and learn from me." Br. Roberto Genuin was elected General Minister for a six-year term, along with a General Council made up of a diverse group of ten friars



Representatives from the Capuchin provinces in African and Asia working in collaboration with the Province of St. Joseph. From Left: Bro. Thomas Karingadayil, Pavanatma Province, Kerala India; Br. Bill Hugo, Director of Collaboration for the Province of St. Joseph; Br. Gebrewold Gebretsadik Dage, Ethiopia; Br. Joseph Mathew Arulmarianathan, Amala Annai Province, Tamil Nadu India; Br. Kalist Tesha, Tanzania; Br. Michael Sullivan, Provincial Minister, Province of St. Joseph; Br. Benoy Joseph Karimaruthumkunnel, Krist Jyoti Province, North India.



Br. Michael Sullivan,  
OFM Cap.  
Provincial Minister

representing Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

Our Provincial leadership structures closely resemble that of the General Curia, with an elected Provincial Minister and Provincial Council overseeing the direction of the Province of St. Joseph. Of note is the growth of the order in Asia and Africa, where there are 500 more friars than there were six years ago. However, in Europe and the Americas, the number of friars is decreasing.

Given these trends, the Province of St. Joseph has entered into collaboration agreements with provinces in Asia and Africa to bring Capuchin friars from outside the United States to serve with us in our ministries. We are very

blessed by the presence of these friars and are grateful for their ministry. During the General Council, myself and Br. Bill Hugo, director of collaboration for the Province of St. Joseph, had an opportunity to meet with our counterparts from India, Ethiopia and Tanzania. We are very blessed by the opportunity to work together with our brothers from overseas and are grateful for their ministry.

As the General Chapter approached its conclusion, the friars made a pilgrimage to Assisi, where we

prayed that the light of St. Francis may continue to inspire and guide us. And we had an audience with Pope Francis, who reminded us that true greatness is in smallness. "This is how the Lord acts:" said the Holy Father. "He does things simply. Humility and simplicity are God's way of life."

As always, all of the friars of the Province are grateful for your support of Capuchin ministries. May God bless you abundantly!

Br. Michael Sullivan, OFM Cap

## Two joy-filled disciples enter Capuchin order as postulants

With thanksgiving, the Province is pleased to announce the postulancy of Ashwin Kumar, 18, and Jacob Schultz, 25. Postulancy is the entry point into Capuchin Franciscan religious life. Postulants spend a year living in community at St. Conrad Friary in Milwaukee further discerning the call to life as a professed friar. During this time, they divide their time between ministering to men and women living in poverty, studying, praying and reflecting on their experiences. Upon completion, friars begin a year in novitiate in Santa Inez, California.

Br. Ashwin comes to Capuchins from Dubai, where he was born and raised. Born into the Hindu faith, Br. Ashwin converted to Christianity in 2012. He credits the support of his family for his growth as a disciple, as well as a devotion to St. Francis of Assisi. Br. Ashwin's aunt, a Carmelite sister, gifted a copy of the 2007 film *Francis and Clare*, which further cemented his adoption of Franciscan spirituality. "I watched that and got really inspired by that movie," said Br. Ashwin.

Br. Jacob grew up in Linden, Michigan and is a graduate of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo with a degree in history. Several years ago, Br. Jacob walked the Camino de Santiago in Spain, which planted a seed. "I felt during that experience being drawn closer to God," said Br. Jacob. Later, while continuing to discern a vocation to religious life, Br. Jacob attended a Capuchin Ministry Weekend in Detroit as well as a Discovering Postulancy event.

Both men attended the November 2017 Beatification Mass for Blessed Solanus Casey, and both point to it as a key moment in their journey toward Capuchin religious life.



Since joining the Capuchins, for the first time the men are living with fellow friars and serving in direct ministry with the poor. "Community life is very different from what I've been used to," said Br. Jacob citing the daily cadence of prayer, meditation, ministry and meals. "Overall it's great to spend time in fraternity with my fellow friars." On ministry, Br. Ashwin remarked on the connection between service to the poor and evangelization. "Find the Christ in them, and they'll find the Christ in you," said Br. Ashwin.

As Br. Ashwin and Br. Jacob go forward in formation, they are thankful for the many benefactors who make Capuchin ministries possible. "Supporting Capuchin ministries is very key," said Br. Jacob.

The postulants ask for your prayers, and moreover, they challenge us all to seek ways to foster vocations in our parishes.

## Around the Province of St. Joseph

**St. Francis of Assisi Annual “Angels at Morningstar” Golf Outing supports parish ministries, scholarships**



*More than 100 golfers enjoyed a round of Golf at Morningstar Golf Club in Waukesha, Wisconsin in support of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Golfers at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish “Angels at Morningstar” golf outing take a break on the 13th hole with Fr. Mike Bertram, OFM Cap. Funds raised through the annual golf outing support the needs of the parish, as well as funding need-based scholarships for parishioners and their families.*

## Registration Day at St. Lawrence Seminary



St. Lawrence Seminary students returned to campus for the start of the 2018-2019 academic year. St. Lawrence Seminary is an all-boys Catholic boarding school located in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin and is a ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph. Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the example of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Lawrence Seminary provides a residential college preparatory education within a Catholic community nurturing mature, well-rounded men of faith. Learn more at [stlawrence.edu](http://stlawrence.edu).

*Do you know someone interested in a Capuchin Vocation?*

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## Capuchin Community Services working to address Milwaukee housing shortage... and you can help

\$13.8 million renovation of former St. Anthony Hospital brings supportive housing to downtown Milwaukee

The former St. Anthony Hospital in downtown Milwaukee is getting new life as supportive housing for individuals and families with extremely low incomes or those experiencing chronic homelessness. You can help by making a contribution to the St. Anthony Apartments Housewarming Drive. Visit [capuchincommunityservices.org/stanthony](http://capuchincommunityservices.org/stanthony) to purchase gift registry items that will furnish tenant apartments, or make a cash donation to help fund ongoing furnishing needs for the building.



The hospital, located adjacent to St. Benedict the Moor Parish, is in the final stages of conversion into 59 housing units with on-site services for the homeless including showers, social workers and computers to assist with job searches.

### PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY

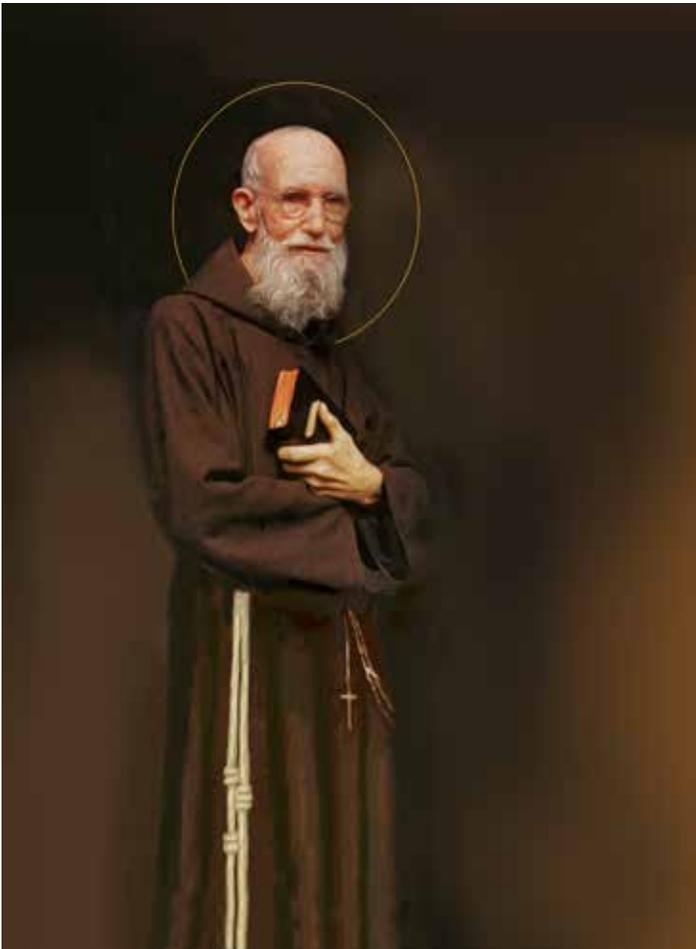
O God, I adore You. I give myself to You.  
May I be the person You want me to be,  
and may Your will be done in my life today.

I thank You for the gifts You gave Father Solanus. If it is Your Will, bless us with the Canonization of Father Solanus so that others may imitate and carry on his love for all the poor and suffering of our world.

As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans,  
I ask You, according to Your will,  
to hear my prayer for... (your intention)  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*“Blessed be God in all His Designs.”*

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## Capuchin Retreat: 50 Years Celebration

Capuchin Retreat in Washington Township, Michigan marked its 50th anniversary this summer with a festive, informal, picnic-style celebration.



Two bishops of the Archdiocese of Detroit were present: Auxiliary Bishop Robert Fisher and retired Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, who led us in two prayer services. Bishop Gumbleton was present 50 years ago at the original dedication of Capuchin Retreat, and offered a blessing and rededication of the cornerstone to mark the occasion.

Visitors enjoyed each other's company as well as some simple and good food. Michigan Representative Peter

Lucido presented Capuchin Retreat with a declaration from the Michigan Legislature, honoring Capuchin Retreat for serving as a source of peace, reflection and renewal for a half century.

Capuchin Retreat is grateful to all those whose contributions over the past 50 years have made this ministry a thriving part of the Province of St. Joseph and a beautiful expression of Capuchin Franciscan spirituality.

One purpose of religion is to help us hold together the ups and downs of life, the happy seasons and times of struggle. The word, "religion," has Latin roots that mean to "bind together." A mature religion and spirituality help us to keep a balance, no matter the seasons through which we travel.

Capuchin Retreat has tried to play a role in that balance for 50 years. Come and walk with us into our future.

## Hunger Free in the D partnership supports Capuchin Soup Kitchen

For the fifth consecutive year, the Celani Family Foundation is teaming up with Detroit's WJR News/Talk 760 to launch



the Hunger Free in the D campaign. Beneficiaries include the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Gleaners Community Food Bank. The foundation is matching donations of up to \$200,000 now through November 19.

This year's drive kicked on September 10 with a live broadcast at Eastern Market on the Guy Gordon Show in the lead-up to the Detroit Lions home opener.

Hunger Free in the D concludes on Monday, November 19 with WJR's popular radio personality, Paul W. Smith, hosting a live broadcast.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is grateful for support from the Celani Family Foundation, WJR News/Talk 760 and our many Hunger Free in the D donors who are helping fight hunger!

Visit [www.cskdetroit.org/hunger-free-in-the-d](http://www.cskdetroit.org/hunger-free-in-the-d) for more information.



*Photo caption: (L to R) Dario Bergamo of the Celani Family Foundation, WJR News/Talk 760's Guy Gordon and Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Br. Jerry Johnson kick off Hunger Free in the D at Eastern Market in Detroit on September 10.*

## Writing a check? There might be another way.

Please be assured that every gift you make to support the Capuchin friars is truly appreciated.



Without the sacrifices you make, we could not feed the poor, care for our elderly friars, educate

our seminarians, or inspire those who visit the Solanus Casey Center.

Most of our friends take out their check book when they feel it's time to send a gift. It's an easy and secure way to help us. But there might be another way to lend your support, one that offers advantages to you beyond writing a check.

With the dramatic upturn in the stock market as of late, making a gift of shares of stock or a mutual fund to the Capuchins could make a good deal of sense. It takes just a touch more time than writing a check, but the benefits are well worth it.

When you make a gift of securities, the gift is valued on the day we receive it, and generally is not based on what you paid for it. In addition, the tax on the gain from the date of purchase is completely avoided. This allows you to make a significant gift at a fraction of the original cost.

You need to make sure that the shares have been held longer than a year and have appreciated in value. You also need to transfer the shares directly to the Capuchins investment account rather than sell them on your own first. We can supply you with all the details; your broker or adviser simply needs a letter of instruction from you to put the wheels in motion.

By the way, using appreciated securities is also a great way to fund a gift annuity, providing you with a steady income for the rest of your life.

Questions? Call Kristi Hassouna in our Development Office at 313-939-2002.