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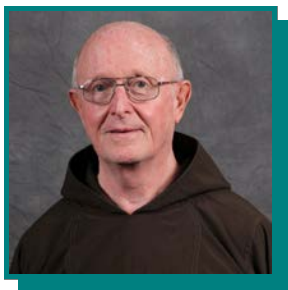
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## Most inspiring people of 2016

A recent edition of Milwaukee's *Catholic Herald* listed several individuals of the archdiocese as the "most inspiring people of 2016." The following is what the *Catholic Herald* had to say about our brother, Michael Crosby:



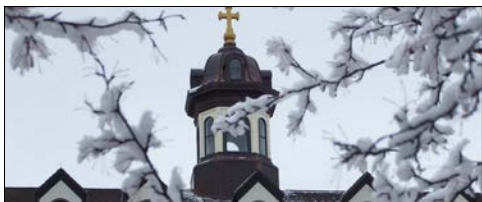
Michael Crosby

Michael Crosby is active in the stock market and considers himself a capitalist. Yet, he also believes there are moral implications to the ways companies do business and as an investor, he wants to help change businesses from within. In 1973, he was one of the first Catholics to join the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), an organization created by Protestants to create a social ministry focused on investments.

Since 1997, he's dialogued with ExxonMobil Corp on climate change and along with ICCR, interacts with Wisconsin-based Kohl's Corp. on environmental issues (something Kohl's does well, noted Crosby) and closing the wage gap (an issue about which he wishes Kohl's would be more open.)

"We're not a bunch of Marxists trying to take the company down," said Crosby. "We're just faith-based people saying we've got to balance our fiscal responsibility with our social responsibility. We just can't be in the market on its terms. We're not in the market on the terms of Wall Street; we're on the terms of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

## SLS open house clears up misconceptions



St. Lawrence Seminary recently held an open house, and several hundred visitors joined the friars, staff, and students in the celebration of Mass. The school choir led the congregation in the hymns, accompanied by African drums, congas, marimba, trumpets, violins, piano, guitars, string bass, and other assorted musical instruments. The petitions were read by students in 11 different languages, while the congregation responded with a response made up of four languages.

In his homily, John Holly, rector and president, connected this open house to the Gospel, a reading from Luke in which nine lepers do not return to thank Jesus for their healing. Like the one grateful leper in the story, he thanked all who have put up with the years of construction and mess and who have been so supportive of the rebuilding and modernization efforts.



John Holly

After the Mass, the 700 people attending the open house enjoyed the perfect weather to explore the buildings, all of which were open with student guides standing ready to explain the areas. The newly remodeled St. Thomas Hall, with its music department, wood shop, and art studio was the destination of many.



*St. Thomas Hall*

Another popular spot to visit was the new St. Joseph Hall which replaced the oldest building on campus, destroyed by fire on March 8, 2014. Students explained the salvaged bricks from the old building, the two statues that survived the fire, and the modern amenities of the new building.

One student was explaining that one of the black and white pictures in a display depicted an era “...a very long time ago...” when St. Joseph Hall contained dormitories. The student kept emphasizing about how long ago that was, when the visitor informed the student that he himself had lived in that dormitory. The student modified his description by adding, “Well, it wasn’t all that long ago.”

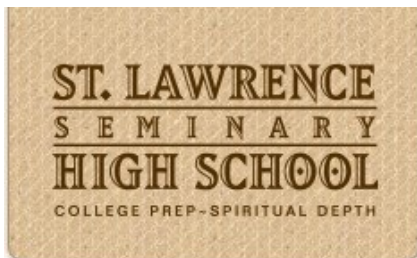
Some misconceptions were corrected. A visitor was surprised that her tour guide was a 16-year-old boy. She asked, “This is a college, isn’t it?” When informed that St. Lawrence does offer classes for college credit, but it is definitely a high school, she was quite surprised.

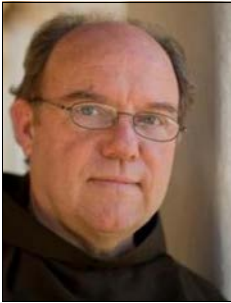
A man visited the Heritage Room (museum) and found an account of the time during World War II that the tower of St. Lawrence Seminary was used by volunteer spotters searching for enemy aircraft. This man knew about this part of St. Lawrence history well, for he had actually been one of those volunteer spotters.



*The new St. Joseph Hall, with original entrance and statue of St. Joseph salvaged from the original building.*

Many of the visitors stopped by the dorms, the gymnasium, the classrooms, and eventually enjoyed a light lunch in the student dining room. Visitors who returned to “The Hill” after a few years’ absence were amazed at the dramatic changes they encountered.





William Short, OFM

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. But it also marks 500 years from the first formal division of the Franciscan Order. The Medici Pope Leo X presided over both events, and was criticized by some for paying more attention to the training of Hanno, his pet elephant, than to resolving issues of reform and division in the church. This study day, featuring Franciscan William Short (professor of spirituality, Franciscan School of Theology), will focus on the 1517 division of the Friars Minor into Conventuals, Observants and, shortly afterward, Capuchins. What were the consequences of these divisions beyond the friars, for the Poor Clares, for communities of the Third Order Regular tradition and the Secular Franciscan Order? Current steps toward reconciliation and collaboration among the friars will also be explored.

Free admission for all Franciscans in initial formation and Formation Directors. \$20.00 for all others, includes box lunch, and coffee breaks. Registration for all participants is required. Sponsored by the Duns Scotus Chair in Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union. For more information, or to register, contact Ed Foley: [foley@ctu.edu](mailto:foley@ctu.edu)

## The joy & responsibility of leadership



The presidents of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) have issued an open letter to Donald Trump. In the letter, Mary Pellegrino, CSJ, president of LCWR, and Brian Terry, SA, president of CMSM, share their concerns for the country and their hope for the future. In the joint letter, they write:

“We are deeply concerned by the fractures and divisions — seen so clearly during this past election season — which continue to threaten the well-being and freedom of all Americans and those who have fled in fear to our shores and borders.... We strongly believe that we all need to be dedicated to respectful and dignified civil discourse with those whose positions differ from our own... Together, we have the opportunity to advocate for and build a just, merciful and humane society worthy of the dignity of all.”

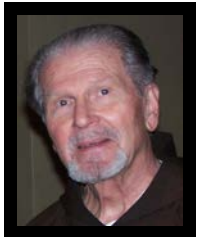
“To the extent that the new administration seeks to promote the common good through its policies, practices and people, we stand ready to collaborate. We will actively work for the preservation of the dignity of all whose home is here in America and to welcome those who come to our shores in search of safety, freedom and a life worthy of their dignity. We will also actively advocate against promoting the privilege of some over the needs of others and turning away from our shores those who are in need. Together, we have the opportunity to advocate for and build a just, merciful and humane society worthy of the dignity of all.”

A download version of the letter is available on the CMSM website.





Michael Tahy, brother-in-law of Leo Petrimoulx, and former friars Ralph Behrens and Richard Mauthe died recently.



Our brother, Carmel Flora, died on 19 January at the age of 91. Carmel was born on 19 September 1926, the son of Francesco Flora and Carmela Verderose, in New York. He was invested with the Capuchin habit in 1945, perpetually professed in 1949, and ordained a priest in 1953.

From 1954-1958, Carmel was assigned as a professor at St. Felix Friary in Huntington, Indiana. He was transferred to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1958 where he ministered with the Secular Franciscans and served as local minister at St. Francis Community. He was assigned to Detroit, Michigan in 1964 and ministered with the Secular Franciscans until 1969 when he accepted an invitation to minister in Australia. During his 47 years in the Australian province, Carmel served as novice director, provincial vicar and provincial minister. He retired in the U.S. in 2012 at St. Fidelis Community in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Stephen Kronzer, brother of former friar, Lance Kronzer, died recently after battling Crohnes' disease for many years and, more recently, lung cancer.

## HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR 2017

*Year of the Rooster*



*May your life be filled with wealth, good health and success through the year ahead!*

*Hoping that you always be guided by the wisdom and faith in everything you pursue!*

*When you set out on a new route this Lunar New Year also spare a thought for those who are less fortunate than you.*

*Make some time for those who need you beside them; tend to the needs of the unheeded and unheard voices; and you may find a new meaning, a new joy of living life!*

### JANUARYE



28 ..... **Walter Kasuboski (B)**  
**Thomas Zelinski (N)**  
**Neal Plale (B)**  
Tet (Lunar New Year)

29 ..... **Joseph Maloney (B)**  
**Joseph Smetana (B)**

30 ..... Formation Zoom Conference

31 ..... **Ana Martinez (B)**

### FEBRUARIE



**February is Black History Month**

2 ..... Formation Video Conference

3 ..... JPIC Zoom Conference

