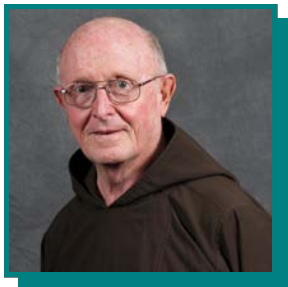




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## Friar receives legacy award



Michael Crosby

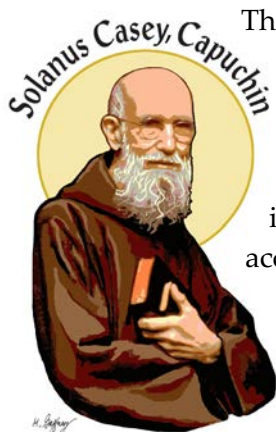
The governing board of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) recently announced that one of the winners of the 2017 ICCR Legacy Award is Michael Crosby.

Michael was one of the earliest members of ICCR and has been active in socially responsible investing and corporate engagement since 1973. Until recently, Mike was the executive director of Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition in Milwaukee, an important ICCR member in the Midwest. Mike is credited with working to bring Catholic institutions into ICCR membership, and for four decades has been involved in engagements on many social and environmental concerns, most notably human rights in global supply chains, GHG emissions reductions and climate change and the health risks of tobacco.

Mike has been an active speaker, giving year-round workshops and retreats, and is an award-winning author. At ICCR, Mike is known for his passionate calls to action on the critical issues facing our planet and its people.

Weekly re:Cap offers prayerful congratulations to our brother, Michael!

## Beatification news



The province has announced that the date for the Solanus Casey beatification ceremony will be Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Ford Field in Detroit. This follows the announcement by Pope Francis on May 4<sup>th</sup> that Solanus will be elevated to blessed. Details on the Solanus Casey beatification ceremony, including ceremony time, will be released in the coming weeks and available at [solanuscasy.org/beatification](http://solanuscasy.org/beatification). Ticket information will be made available by August 15. Ford Field will be configured to accommodate approximately 60,000 guests for the ceremony.

A member of the province, Solanus was born November 25, 1870 and died July 31, 1957. He will be the second American-born male to be beatified. The first is Stanley Rother, a North American priest who died in 1981 and will also be beatified later this year.

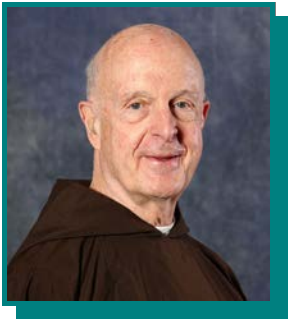
"We are filled with joy at receiving the final date of the beatification of Solanus," stated Michael Sullivan, provincial minister. "It is a beautiful way to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death."

"The beatification of Solanus will be a tremendous blessing for the whole community of southeast Michigan, an opportunity for all of us to experience the love of Jesus Christ," said Allen Vigneron, archbishop of Detroit.

Throughout his ministry, beginning in New York for 20 years, serving at three different parishes, Solanus was a beloved friar, valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He served at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, where he worked for 21 years as a porter and spent his life in the service of people, endearing himself to thousands who would seek his counsel. He earned the recognition as ‘the doorkeeper’ – a brother who would provide soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill.

Solanus co-founded the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in 1929 and today it serves Metro Detroit by providing food, clothing and human development programs to the people of the community. In addition to preparing and serving up to 2,000 meals a day, they have an emergency food pantry, service center and a tutoring program for children. Its Earthworks Urban Farm harvests six tons of produce from a two and a half acre organic farm. The Soup Kitchen’s On the Rise Bakery assists individuals re-entering society after bouts of incarceration or substance abuse. In addition, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen’s Jefferson House – a twelve-bed residential treatment facility – assists indigent males seeking to reclaim their lives from addiction.

## Two friars celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> religious jubilee



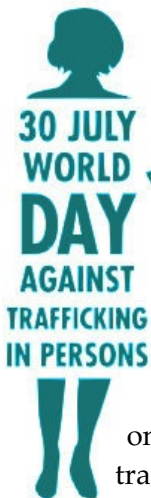
Daniel Crosby

Daniel Crosby, one of our diamond jubilarians this year, told us that his “three high school years with the Caps at Calvary helped me fall in love with St. Francis and his radical, but joyful way of following Jesus. I wanted that – and found that in the Capuchins. I will forever thank God, not just for the inspiration I constantly find in our spirituality and tradition, but especially in the way it has become flesh and blood in brothers like Solanus Casey, Anscar Parsons, Clement Neubauer, Richard Breuning, Peter Hesse – too many to mention! We praise you, O Lord, for all your works are wonderful!”

Another brother celebrating his diamond jubilee is Albert Sandor, who told us that when he applied for admission to the order, he wrote: “I want to follow the simple, humble, and crucified Lord in the footsteps of St. Francis.” Albert also said that through his Capuchin teachers at Mt. Calvary, “I was strongly and deeply inspired and attracted to the Capuchin Franciscan way of life. To me, the friars were prayerful, dedicated, and understanding. They went out of their way to counsel this ‘little shy Albert’ during my years at SLS. Their counsel helped my journey of 60 years. I am grateful to them.”



Albert Sandor



Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labor and sex. The International Labor Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labor globally. This estimate also includes victims of human trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation. While it is not known how many of these victims were trafficked, the estimate implies that currently, there are millions of trafficking in persons victims in the world.

Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit, or destination for victims. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims, the report states.

In 2010, the General Assembly adopted a global plan of action to combat trafficking in persons, urging governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The plan calls for integrating the fight against human trafficking into the UN's broader programs in order to boost development and strengthen security worldwide. One of the crucial provisions in the plan is the establishment of a UN voluntary trust fund for victims of trafficking, especially women and children.

In 2013, the General Assembly held a high-level meeting to appraise the plan of action. Member states also designated July 30<sup>th</sup> as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. This resolution declared that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights."

## *We saw you at chapter...*



*More chapter photos in upcoming issues!*







Katie Araj, former housekeeper at Capuchin Retreat, died on 5 July.

Bernard Gremoli, bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Arabia for many years, died on 6 July.

My sister, Betty Sprengeler, along with my whole family, want to thank all the friars and other friends who have written, encouraged and remembered her in prayer during this time of uncertainty in the face of cancer. Her recent operation was considered a success by the doctors. Thank you again for the prayers, and keep them coming.

~ Larry Webber

## Friar re-elected



Paul Koenig (center) was recently re-elected custos of the Custody of Arabia



*Poems to make you  
one with the sun*

## In the Mushroom Summer

Colorado turns Kyoto in a shower,  
mist in the pines so thick the crows delight  
(or seem to), winging in obscurity.  
The ineffectual panic of a squirrel

July

- 12 ..... Public Relations Zoom Conf  
Mission & Ministry Zoom Conf
- 13 ..... **Randolph Graczyk (B)**
- 14 ..... **Francis Solanus Fary (N)**
- 15 ..... **David Zywiec (B)**  
**Michael Sullivan (B)**
- 19 ..... Public Relations Zoom Conf  
**Robert Roemer (B)**
- 19-20 ..... Pro Council, Mt. Calvary WI
- 20 ..... **Charles Robinson (N)**
- 21 ..... Jubilees & First Vows, Mt. Calvary WI
- 22 ..... Cap Corps Day, Mt. Calvary WI
- 24 ..... **Raymond Stadmeier (B)**
- 25 ..... **James Zelinski (N)**  
**James Wolf (N)**
- 26 ..... Public Relations Zoom Conf  
Joachim Strupp (N)
- 28 ..... **James Hast (B)**

who chattered at my passing gave me pause  
to watch his Ponderosa come and go—  
long needles scratching cloud. I'd summited  
but knew it only by the wildflower meadow,  
the muted harebells, paintbrush, gentian,  
scattered among the locoweed and sage.

Today my grief abated like water soaking  
underground, its scar a little path  
of twigs and needles winding ahead of me  
downhill to the next bend. Today I let the  
rain soak through my shirt, and was unharmed.

~ David Mason