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Province celebrates jubilees, first vows, and Cap Corps

Friars, Cap Corps alumni, family and friends all gathered at St. Lawrence Seminary last Friday for the annual celebration of religious jubilees and the profession of first vows. On Saturday, the province celebrated the more than 23 years of ministry by 252 Cap Corps volunteers, a ministry which officially ended on 30 June.

Professing first vows...



Joseph Babcock



Michael Dorn



Nathan Linton



Faris Najor



Truyen Nguyen

Celebrating jubilees...



L-R: Reynold Rynda, Vernon Wagner, Albert Sandor, Walter Balduck, Edward Foley, Biju Parakkalayil and Raymond Stadmeyer. Fabian Fehring and Daniel Crosby were unable to attend.



Celebrating the ministry of Cap Corps...



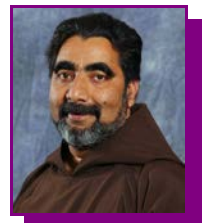
A total of 252 men and women participated in the Cap Corps ministry over the past 24 years. Pictured above are the alumni who were able to attend last weekend's celebration, along with family members and friars. The Capuchin-Franciscan charism thrives in many places because of the ministries of those who chose to serve in this program. 77% of the volunteers served in the U.S., 23% in Latin America, and 1% served both domestically and internationally.

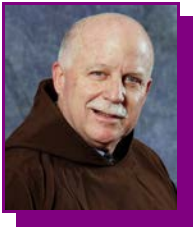
Jubilarians reflect on religious life...



Edward Foley (50 years): "There are three 'memories' that epitomize the gift that Capuchin life has bestowed upon me. The first is a memory of the mentors that the province ushered my way over the decades, including Werner Wolf and Lloyd Thiel, Mark Pesch, Campion Baer, Ken Smits, Ken Reinhart, Keith Clark, Randolph Graczyk. The second was the 1972 chapter of Mats which provided an electrifying experience of what it meant to be a province — and not just an amalgam of vowed individuals — on a shared trajectory toward justice and peace. The third was our General Council refusing to allow the Order to be pigeonholed as a 'clerical community.' The persistence of the 'gang of eight,' as they were branded, courageously embracing our baptismal-fraternal roots prodded the 1996 papal recognition of our 'mixed' nature: an ecclesial model defining what it means not only to be Capuchin, but more importantly, to be church. For these and innumerable other parabolic and undeserved benefactions along the way, *Deo gratias.*"

Biju Parakkalayil (25 years): "I am thankful to God and all who were and are around me; for everything that has happened in my life during the last 25 years. Because I am a Capuchin, I have received enormous opportunities with different ministries, to live with different communities, to minister to different people of different cultures and values, and to work with different brothers."





Raymond Stadmeyer (25 years): “These last 25 years of life as a Capuchin have sped by. I am very grateful to the brothers who have inspired me and to all the people who have been part of ministry over these years. I have had the privilege of being with the friars in their last days, celebrating baptisms, hearing the struggle of those who are poor, and sharing the tears and joys of so many. These 25 years have shown me the face of God in more ways than I could have imagined. Wow...what a grand life!”



Human Trafficking is slavery!

It’s the illegal trade of human beings. It’s the recruitment, control, and use of people for their bodies and for their labor. Through force, fraud, and coercion, people everywhere are being bought and sold against their will—right now in the 21st century.

But phrases like ‘slavery’ and ‘human trafficking’ can still feel ambiguous. This is the reality: slavery is violence. It’s physical, verbal, and sexual abuse. It’s forced prostitution. It’s barbaric working conditions.

Days of regret: August 6th and 9th



Two-year-old Sadako Sasaki and her mother fled the “black rain” when the atomic bomb detonated over Hiroshima on 6 August 1945. In 1954, Sadako developed leukemia. A hospital roommate told her the Japanese legend that anyone who folds 1,000 origami cranes will receive the grant of a wish. Determined to reach 1,000, Sadako made cranes from whatever paper she could find and became a symbol of the innocent victims of war. The Japanese unveiled a statue of her holding a golden crane in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in 1958. The plaque reads, “This our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world.” The Japanese have dedicated the annual peace day of August 6th to Sadako.

August 6th is the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima; On August 9th we commemorate the bombing of Nagasaki. Now, more than ever, we need to continue to pray for an end to such horrors.

Quebec province elects new council

Photo at right is the newly-elected Provincial Council of the Sacred Heart Province (Eastern Canada) (L-R): Sylvain Richer (2nd councilor), Jean-Guy Lanthier (4th councilor), Louis Cinq-Mars (provincial minister), Pierre Viau (provincial vicar) and Antony Louiz Arukullaseri (3rd councilor).



Richart Hart is reviewing books again!

In *Made to Crave*, Lysa Terkeurst states how craving isn’t a bad thing, as long as we crave for God rather than food. Terkeurst understands the battle many of us face with weight problems, as she did, and offers solid advice how to break the cycle of I’ll start on Monday: “stop agonizing on the numbers game when stepping on the scale and reach healthy goals drawing closer to God.” Despite all the books on foods to eat, foods to avoid and how to exercise, her book, even though it is directed to women, offers helpful suggestions how we need to rely more on God to help us with weight problems.



Former friar Ron Hunter was hospitalized recently for surgery to remove masses from his kidneys.

Oliver Bambenek was released from hospital following angioplasty to clear blockage in a vein.

Bob Preuss (brother of David Preuss) is experiencing complications of bi-polar disease and advanced Parkinson's Disease.

Baudry Metangmo's grandfather died recently in Cameroon.

Dave Schmitz (spouse of SLS employee Virginia Schmitz) is undergoing chemotherapy for recurring leukemia.

George Hewlett, brother of former friar Don Bosco Hewlett, is suffering with pancreatic cancer.

July

- 26 Joachim Strupp (N)
- 28 James Hast (B)
- 3 Jerry Cornish (B)
Lucy Lefeber (B)

August

- 1-4 CMSM Nat'l Assembly, Scottsdale AZ
- 4 Reynold Rynda (B)
Lawrence Ablor (B)
- 5 Perpetual Vows, Detroit
- 6 Diaconate/Presbyteral Ordinations, Detroit
- 7 Truyen Nguyen (B)
- 8 Kenan Siegel (B)
RoseAnn Miller (B)
Investment Commission Meeting

"Clare of Assisi: Stories of Sanctity for the 21st Century"



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The recipient of multiple research awards, she has served on the boards of the Society for Medieval

Feminist Studies and Monastic Matrix. She is editor of *Philippine Duchesne: A Woman with the Poor* (2007) and her recently published *Clare of Assisi and the Thirteenth-Century Church: Religious Women, Rules and Resistance* (2016). She published essays on Francis of Assisi, Clare of Assisi, and Angela of Foligno, and is currently writing a book about hagiographic depictions of Clare.

Catherine Mooney will be the featured speaker at the Fall Duns Scotus Lecture at Catholic Theological Union on 2 October 2017. For more information, contact Ed Foley: Foley@ctu.edu

We'll have more photos from our summer celebrations in our next issue!


Welcome

Gebreyesus Amanuel Boyine
Home Province: Custody of Ethiopia

Arrival in USA: Summer 2017

Community: St Katharine Friary, Crow Agency
Ministry: Northern Cheyenne Reservation

Investiture: September 16, 1987
First Profession: September 17, 1988
Perpetual Profession: June 9, 1993
Presbyteral Ordination: July 10, 1994



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