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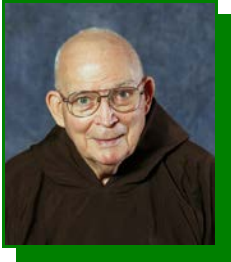


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Golden jubilarian is grateful



Wally Balduck celebrated 50 years as a Capuchin recently. When asked to reflect on his religious life, he said: "My life as a Capuchin has been life-saving. The Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph has given me opportunities to participate in many cultural experiences and has always been supportive. I'm grateful for the province's trust that I try to grow in deeper relationship to God. Ministry in parish work has been a challenge, but God has given me a wonderful life. I thank the Capuchins for welcoming me into their community."

Welcoming more friars to our province



Antony Milton

Antony Julius Milton, from the Amala Annai Province in Tamil Nadu, India. Julius is in post-novitiate formation and will be studying for his Master in Divinity at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He will live with the Saint Clare Community and will arrive in the USA on August 17th.

George Kooran, from the Pavanatma Province in Kerala, India. George will live at St Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit and will join the ministerial team at the Solanus Casey Center. He will arrive in early September.



George Kooran

Solanus is exhumed...again!



Solanus Casey's body was exhumed once again, this time for verification of identity and the collection of relics.

Solanus will be beatified on 18 November at Ford Field in Detroit. The venue will be configured to accommodate approximately 60,000 friars and pilgrims for the event.

"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 60th anniversary of his death."

St. Anthony Spirituality Center prepares for centennial



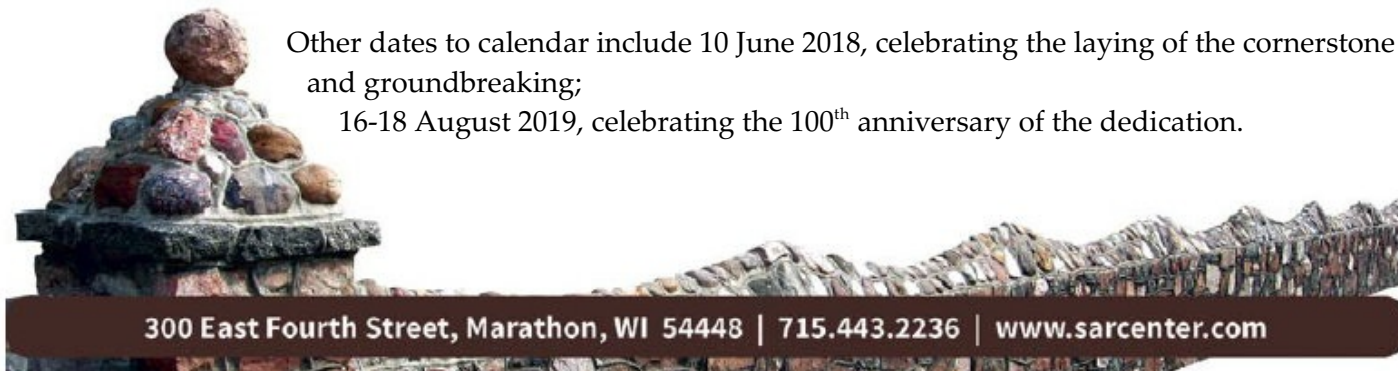
1919-1970: House of Studies for Capuchin Friars
1971-2013: Spirituality Center sponsored by Capuchins
2014: Initial year of Spirituality Center managed by "St. Anthony's of Marathon, Inc."
2018-2019: Centennial Year

The former St. Anthony Retreat Center, now known as the St. Anthony Spirituality Center, is busy making preparations for its 100th anniversary. Friars and friends are invited for the commemoration of the land purchase on October 1st.

From 1-4 pm, visitors will be able to take a walking tour of the property, and enjoy refreshments. Rooms for friars will be available at no cost, but must be reserved no later than September 22nd.

Other dates to calendar include 10 June 2018, celebrating the laying of the cornerstone and groundbreaking;

16-18 August 2019, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the dedication.



Preaching conference at Notre Dame

Richard Hart recently attended a preacher's conference at Notre Dame University and sent this report (edited for space considerations):



Richard Hart

The keynote address was given by Ronald Rolheiser entitled "Preaching in the Mother Tongue, Calming the Deep Fires inside our Listeners." Our creed is an icon, so we need to stare at it, but the preaching has to go beyond that. We speak of a mother tongue and not of a father tongue. After the mother smiles at the child a number of times, the child smiles back, and begins to recognize the mother's voice, much like the image that Jesus uses of the sheep knowing the shepherd's voice. A mother can dispel chaos, comforts and challenges while evoking ideals. A preacher has to do the same. A father blesses and the hunger for the father's blessing is one of the deepest longings.

Preaching has to be in a mother tongue to dispel the chaos in the world and bring comfort to our listeners because there are many wounded people. Only then comes the challenge to justice, peace and living our Christian ideals. We need to enjoy our lives more. Jesus shocked people to enjoy life when the Scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Why don't your disciples fast?" Or when the woman broke the ointment at his feet and he enjoyed what she did. People need to be told how good they are and not how terrible they are.

Michael Connors, CSC, gave the second keynote address, "To What Effect? Qualities of Effective Catholic Preaching." At times we put our best effort into a homily but what effect does it have? So the tendency is to cut corners in our preparation. We need to ask ourselves, "Why do we preach, or have to? What do our listeners need? We have to help our listeners encounter Christ the person, and to realize the gift we have in preaching

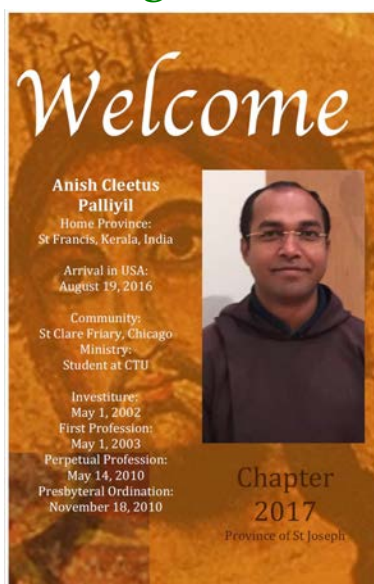
the Good News and not to look upon our preaching as a demand. So how can we help our listeners to change their lives or to live them differently.

John Shea gave one of the workshops "Telling Stories, Making Points." He encouraged us to collect stories which could be useful. We tell the story and use the passage to make the point. He called it a window which becomes a mirror so we can see deeper into the reality. We need to ask the listeners for their experiences which consists in a situation, description and then the dialogue. There are three different kinds of stories: 1) your own personal experience but not where you are the hero; 2) someone else that might interest the listeners; 3) read people who write vignettes or stories. Shea believes that once you hear the story it is yours. He gave the example of a small girl who came home all excited to tell her mother that she got a role in a play. The mother asked, "What is the role." She responded, "An angel." The mother asked, "What do you do?" She replied, "Shine." We need to get people on board by using stories, appealing to their inner radar. Did you ever notice that the passages in scripture don't tell you how to do it, like being compassionate. He also told the story of the man who was working in a hospital mopping floors and was asked what he did there. He responded, "We save lives here." A story has to move along and not drag on but be alive tingling our spine and touching their inner lives.

Peter McCormick CSC, gave a talk on "Preaching to Youth Today. If You're Not Real, I'm Not Coming." There are a variety of different perspectives for them. They strive for perfection which is rooted in comparison. Peter gave the example of Joseph and his brothers. They assess what others are doing and look for a high light reel because they consider themselves bloopers who fall short. They are overly committed seeking for approval, status, and are often passionate because of their many talents. Others, however, have a constant desire to catch up to others. They consider religion as the boarding school for being good, to be civil, respectful, but once they feel good they move on. Multiple opportunities are there for community, but spiritual community is needed. They can align themselves in other ways, and that often explains the less attendance at Mass. They are very cautious about institutions and feel that being spiritual is enough which explains why they are not involved in religion.

Ed note: Other presenters included Ann Garrido ("Does it resound? Creating Homilies that Both Echo Forth and are Received at the Other End.") and Joe Juknialis ("Preaching Hope in a Postmodern Age").

Getting to know our brothers in fraternal collaboration...




Welcome

Anish Cleetus Palliyil
Home Province: St Francis, Kerala, India

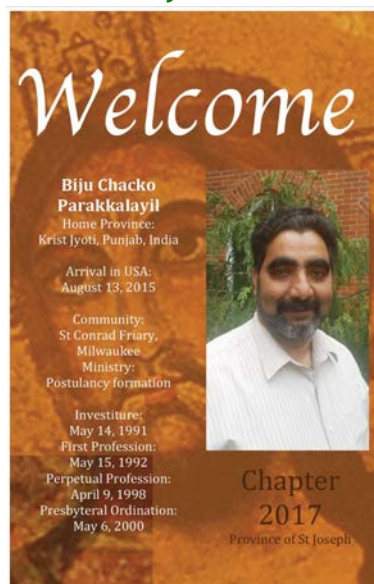
Arrival in USA: August 19, 2016

Community: St Clare Friary, Chicago
Ministry: Student at CTU

Investiture: May 1, 2002
First Profession: May 1, 2003
Perpetual Profession: May 14, 2010
Presbyteral Ordination: November 18, 2010



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Biju Chacko Parakkalayil
Home Province: Krist Jyoti, Punjab, India

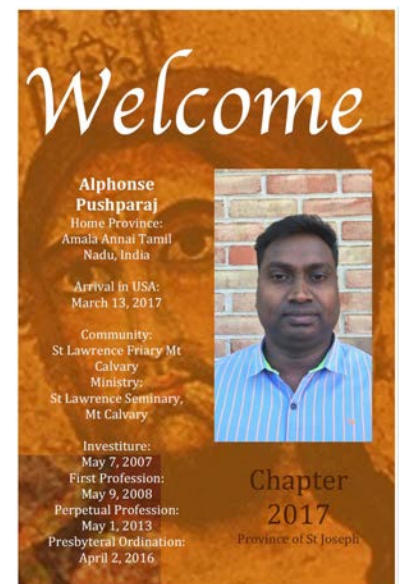
Arrival in USA: August 13, 2015

Community: St Conrad Friary, Milwaukee
Ministry: Postulancy formation

Investiture: May 14, 1991
First Profession: May 15, 1992
Perpetual Profession: April 9, 1998
Presbyteral Ordination: May 6, 2000



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Alphonse Pushparaj
Home Province: Amala Annal Tamil Nadu, India

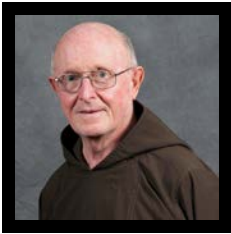
Arrival in USA: March 13, 2017

Community: St Lawrence Friary Mt Calvary
Ministry: St Lawrence Seminary, Mt Calvary

Investiture: May 7, 2007
First Profession: May 9, 2008
Perpetual Profession: May 1, 2013
Presbyteral Ordination: April 2, 2016



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Our brother, Michael Crosby, died on 5 August 2017 at the age of 77, after suffering with cancer.

Michael was born on 16 February 1940, the son of Hugh and Blanche Crosby of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

He was invested in the Capuchin Order on 31 August 1959, perpetually professed his vows on 1 September 1963, and was ordained on 6 October 1966.

A writer and speaker, Michael was also the executive director of the Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment, which focuses on social ministry and activism through investment.

Michael did pastoral ministry at St. Elizabeth Parish (now St. Martin de Porres Parish) in Milwaukee from 1968-1973. From 1973 until his death, Michael ministered in the area of corporate responsibility.

Additionally, he was a collaborator for the canonization cause of Solanus Casey.

Michael is survived by his brother Daniel, as well as his many Capuchin brothers with whom he lived, prayed and ministered during the past 58 years.

Zack Schmitz (close friend of the Weller/Mathes family) was injured in a swimming accident, resulting in being greatly paralyzed.

Gloria Romanowski, mother of Mark Romanowski, died recently.

Bob Schleis, younger brother of former friar Justin Schleis, is suffering from 3rd recurrence of leukemia, and Bob's son, suffers with colon cancer.

The mother of Gerri Sheets Howard (House of Peace, Milwaukee) died recently.

August

- 9 PR Zoom Conference
- 10 **Jerome Johnson (B)**
- 11 **Roger Veik (B)**
Clare of Assisi (F)
- 13 **Biju Parakkalayil (B)**
- 16 **Robert Bichler (B)**
- 17 **Paschal Siler (B)**
- 18 **David Funk (B)**
- 19 **Jerome Schroeder (B)**
- 20 **Ronald Rieder (N)**
- 21 **Pius Cotter (N)**
Walter Balduck (B)
- 22-23 Provincial Council, Detroit
- 27 ... Reception of Postulants/Renewal of Vows, Milw

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St. Ben's Meal
- St. Francis of Assisi Parish
- St. Benedict the Moor Parish

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"For the Lord Himself has placed us as a model, as an example and mirror not only for others but for our sisters whom the Lord has called to our way of life as well, that they in turn may be a mirror and example to those living in the world." ~ Clare of Assisi
Feastday: 11 August