

# Weekly re:Cap



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## *Two brothers perpetually professed; two brothers ordained*



*Frederick Cabras (left) and Jason Graves*



*L-R: Michael Sullivan (pro minister), Robert Wotypka, David Zywiec (Capuchin bishop) and Jason Graves*

On 5 August, Fred Cabras and Jason Graves professed their perpetual vows in ceremonies held at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit. The next day, Robert Wotypka was ordained to the presbyterate, and Jason Graves to the diaconate. This coming Sunday, our brothers in post-novitiate will renew their temporary vows, while candidates will be received into the postulancy program.

*Weekly re:Cap* offers prayerful congratulations to all of our brothers as they continue their lives as Capuchins!

## *Civil rights events dominate the last weeks of summer*

1967 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the civil rights demonstrations in Milwaukee. The very first event occurred on the grounds of St. Francis Parish on July 29, 1967. In commemoration of the anniversary, St. Francis hosted two events: a liturgy at Gesu (Marquette University) where over 500 turned out to pray in remembrance of that time, and to re-dedicate themselves to the continuing struggle for equal rights for all; and a panel discussion on the state of civil rights today.

Jeffrey Haines (aux bishop of Milwaukee) celebrated the Mass, and Bryan Massingale (theologian, Marquette University) preached, accompanied by a 60-voice Gospel choir. Bryan joined James Causey, Lois Quinn, and [moderator] Joanne Williams the following night in the St. Francis gym [from which the July 29th, 1967 event originated] to speak to the need for continued efforts to achieve full and equal rights for all. Some 300 people jammed into the gym to attend the panel discussion.

The observances were funded by the Province of St. Joseph, the Erica John Foundation, and the St. Benedict the Moor Parish Fund.



*Gesu celebration*



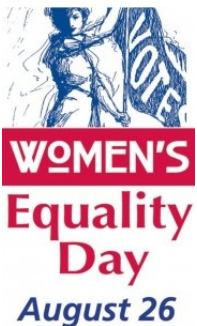
*L-R: Bryan Massingale, Joanne Williams, James Causey and Lois Quinn*

The Milwaukee events preceded a difficult week for civil rights activists nationally, as we witnessed violence in Charlottesville VA during a standoff with Neo-Nazis and white supremacists and troubling comments from the president. Reacting to the controversy, Sean O’Malley (Capuchin archbishop of Boston) said that “The angry and violent mob which gathered in Virginia this past weekend, by word and deed, contradicted our national creed and code of civil conduct. As a nation in the past century we led the struggle against the pagan ideas of Nazism. Those who seek to resurrect a new form of Nazism and extreme nationalism — those who denigrate African Americans, who preach and practice anti-Semitism, who disparage Muslims, those who threaten and seek to banish immigrants in our land — all these voices dishonor the basic convictions of the American political and constitutional traditions. They must be opposed in word and deed!”

Meanwhile, Confederate monuments are being removed around the country under pressure from those who say they honor a regime that enslaved African-Americans. The pace increased in the wake of last weekend's deadly confrontation in Charlottesville.

On 28 August, we remember Martin Luther King, Jr’s “I have a dream” speech. King was a man whose commitment to ridding the world of social sin resulted in discrimination, defamation of character, and ultimately his death. King remains one of the most influential persons of our times. His life and ministry continue to remind our nation and the world that the acts of injustice we confront daily require the faith-filled and faith-guided engagement of our heads, hearts and minds.

***Lord Jesus, who reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman, and Jew, help us see those barriers and the realities of racism and bigotry in our own communities, so that we can challenge and uproot them from ourselves, our society, and our world. Amen.***



### ***Women’s Equality Day***

*“And what shall we say of the obstacles which in so many parts of the world still keep women from being fully integrated into social, political and economic life? ...As far as personal rights are concerned, there is an urgent need to achieve real equality in every area: equal pay for equal work; protection for working mothers, fairness in career advancements, equality of spouses with regard to family rights, and the recognition of everything that is part of the rights and duties of citizens in a democratic state.”*

*~John Paul II, “Letter to Women, 1995”*

On 26 August 1920, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was certified granting women the right to vote. National Women’s Equality Day commemorates that day, both celebrating the achievements of women, and standing as a symbol of the ongoing struggle for equal rights.

Women continue to earn less than men across all professions. This wage gap negatively affects the economic security of women and their families. In *Economic Justice for All*, the U.S. bishops note that wage discrimination is a major factor underlying high poverty rates for women and their families. They conclude that this discrimination is immoral.



“The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is observed on 1 September, and will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as

his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of this Day, on the same date as the Orthodox Church, will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. We live at a time when all Christians are faced with the same decisive challenges, to which we must respond together, in order to be more credible and effective. It is my hope that this Day will in some way also involve other Churches and ecclesial Communities, and be celebrated in union with similar initiatives of the World Council of Churches...In expressing my hope that, as a result of wide cooperation, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be inaugurated and develop in the best way possible, I invoke upon this initiative the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, and of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose Canticle of the Creatures inspires so many men and women of goodwill to live in praise of the Creator and with respect for creation.”



(Pope Francis, 6 August 2015)

## Getting to know our brothers in fraternal collaboration

# 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

**Chapter 2017**  
Province of St Joseph

# Welcome

**George Kuriyep Kooran**  
Home Province: Pavanatma Kerala, India

Arrival in USA: Summer 2017

Community: St Bonaventure Monastery, Detroit Ministry: Solanus Casey Center, Detroit

Investiture: May 14, 1983  
First Profession: May 13, 1984  
Perpetual Profession: June 14, 1987  
Presbyteral Ordination: January 1, 1991

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Province of St Joseph

# Welcome

**Joseph (Jose) Panakkalody Savior**  
Home Province: Pavanatma Kerala, India

Arrival in USA: June 1, 2017

Community: St Bonaventure Monastery, Detroit Ministry: Solanus Casey Center, Detroit

Investiture: May 14, 1990  
First Profession: May 15, 1991  
Perpetual Profession: May 10, 1997

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Tom Wolf (brother of Joe Wolf), Dave Schmitz (spouse of SLS employee Ginny Schmitz), the mother of Loran Miller, the father of John Celichowski, and the uncle of Nicholas Blattner died recently.

John Hascall was hospitalized recently for internal bleeding. He is in stable condition.

John Holly was recently hospitalized for excessive accumulation of fluid in his brain.

Monica Rolling, 102-year-old mother of former friar Ken Rolling, in now is hospice care.

Former friar Ron Hunter was scheduled for kidney removal on 18 August.

Don Mueller's surgery went well; now for the healing. Thanks for the prayers. ~ Cheryl Mueller

On behalf of my family, I thank all of the friars, friends and our partners in ministry who prayed for our dad, John J. Celichowski, during his hospitalization and following his death on August 10. We especially want to thank all of those who were able to participate in the visitation, funeral mass and/or burial on August 14. My brothers and sisters were very moved by the prayerful presence of all of the "men in brown." It reminded them of the pledge that is made at our perpetual vows that our birth families become part of the extended family of our Capuchin community.  
~ John Celichowski

August

23-24 ..... Provincial Council, Detroit

23 ..... Pro Council Video Conference  
PR Zoom Conference

26 ..... **John Holly (B)**

27 Reception of Postulants and Renewal of Vows, Milw

28 ..... **Augustin Cops (N)**  
**John Celichowski (B)**

29 ..... JPIC Zoom/Video Conference  
**José Vera (B)**

30 ..... PR Zoom Conference  
**David Schwab (B)**

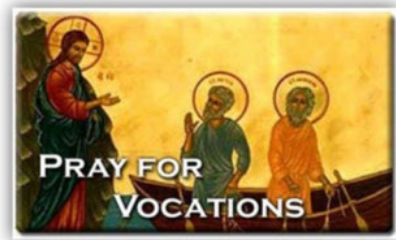
30 ..... Cap College Program Zoom/Video Conference

31 ..... **Raymond Meier (N)**

September

3 ..... **James Leary (B)**

5 ..... **Bertin Samsa (N)**



***Coming Home at Twilight in Late Summer***

~Jane Kenyon

We turned into the drive,  
and gravel flew up from the tires  
like sparks from a fire. So much  
to be done — the unpacking, the mail  
and papers; the grass needed mowing ...  
We climbed stiffly out of the car.  
The shut-off engine ticked as it cooled.



And then we noticed the pear tree,  
the limbs so heavy with fruit  
they nearly touched the ground.  
We went out to the meadow; our steps  
made black holes in the grass:  
and we each took a pear  
and ate, and were grateful.