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National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities



Capuchins from Chicago joined the Milwaukee brothers last Saturday evening to observe the first annual National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. The liturgy was held at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, where a capacity crowd prayed and sang with the All Saints Gospel Choir. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops invited all dioceses across the country to unite in prayer on September 9th, the feast of Peter Claver. The observance is in response to recent incidents of violence and racial tension across the country. Wilton Gregory, archbishop of Atlanta, chaired the planning committee for the event. "I am honored to lead this task force which will assist my brother bishops to accompany suffering communities on the path toward peace and reconciliation," said Gregory. "We are one body in Christ, so we must walk with our brothers and sisters and renew our commitment to promote healing. The suffering is not somewhere else, or someone else's; it is our own, in our very dioceses."



Related to this observance was a statement published by the Franciscan provinces of the U.S. in the aftermath of the violent events in Charlottesville VA in August:

As Franciscans, we strive to be bridge-builders. To avoid future instances of the tragic violence that tore not only the community of Charlottesville but also the fabric of our nation, we call for a renewed commitment to respectful dialogue by all, whereby our opinions and differences can be shared in constructive and

illuminating ways that lead to the possibility of growth and conversion for all. Such dialogue might lead us beyond the overt displays of violence and intolerance into an understanding of the subtle and even unconscious forms of discrimination and intolerance that may still inhabit our hearts as well as our society.

We commit ourselves to the responsibility of respect for and dialogue with all who seem 'other' than ourselves. And we pray that all the citizens of our nation will join in striving to attain respect and peace in our communities.

Reflecting on a legacy



In our last issue, we shared reflections from two of the Cap Corps alumni who gathered this summer with friars and our partners-in-ministry at an event held in Mt. Calvary WI. Here are excerpts from other participants.

Werner Wolf said "It was marvelous to hear the personal and public sharing of the participants, and was a marvelous example of how our Capuchin influences touched Cap Corps over the years. It revealed how the Cap Corps program was an instrument of evangelization, and how it fulfilled the goal of our Franciscan values and influenced the youth of the past 24 years."

Susan Lenn Johnson (Bluefields, Nicaragua, 2003-2006) said that the weekend was as "unexpected as it was needed...The Capuchin brothers were so supportive us us as volunteers and — for many of us — that support has lasted long after our years of service ended. It was with these brothers that many of us first experienced Franciscan spirituality and a deepening of our prayer life."

"The reverberations of my time as a Cap Corps volunteer are numerous," said Tim Hellman (Bluefields, Nicaragua, 2001-2003). "They consist both in the tangible and the intangible. My children understand Spanish because of how I picked it up while abroad. I learned the Nicaraguan way of seeing what a post-Sept 11th world looks like. It solidified my desire to return back to education to have a better grasp on the depth of the Franciscan tradition. It was only natural for me to go to the Franciscan School of Theology for graduate work. It was this degree that paved my way as a High School theology teacher."

U.S. men's religious orders commit to working for encyclical on nonviolence

The Conference of Major Superiors of Men has committed to working to persuade Pope Francis to write a new encyclical letter focused on shifting church teaching away from just war theory towards Gospel nonviolence. In a resolution adopted Aug. 3 at its annual assembly, CMSM declared it would "use both our individual charisms and experience as religious leaders to ... invite Pope Francis to offer an encyclical on nonviolence, which would include a shift to a just peace approach for transforming conflict...We recognize that violence is too often pervasive in our societies, including in the form of structural and cultural violence," states a rationale under the resolution. "For example, we must change economic structures and investments that perpetuate preparations for war and the proliferation of weapons in our society."

Hispanic
Heritage Month
September 15-October 15



In a September 13, 2013 press release, President Obama proclaimed: "From the earliest days of our Republic, Hispanic Americans have written crucial chapters in our national story. Hispanics have honorably defended our country in war and built prosperity during times of peace. They run successful businesses, teach our next generation of leaders, and pioneer scientific and technological breakthroughs. This month, America acknowledges these vital contributions and celebrates our Hispanic heritage."

The Hispanic/Latino(a) presence in the United States is a hope for the future, but is also a challenge for today. Hispanic Heritage Month is a reminder to us that many have sacrificed dearly to get to 2017. The way has been paved to take our place in the history and future of this nation. We cannot fail. Hispanic Heritage Month matters.

Prayer for Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month

Creator God, we thank You for our wondrous diversity, for our cultures, traditions and languages, for all the ways we celebrate our humanity and praise Your divinity. We value all peoples, and in this time, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. May we remember in our churches the leaders, teachers, and theologians that have been part of our Christian faith tradition. May we continue to hear from diverse voices that speak the truth of God's love, peace and justice for all peoples. Guide us in ways of new understandings to build a more inclusive church. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray.

Amen.

Dios Creador, Te agradecemos por nuestra maravillosa diversidad, por nuestras culturas, nuestras tradiciones, nuestras lenguas, por todas las formas en que celebramos nuestra humanidad y adoramos tu divinidad. Valoramos a todas las gentes y es por esto que hoy celebramos el Mes de la Herencia Hispana. Que siempre recordemos en nuestras congregaciones el liderato, los maestros, las maestras, los teólogos y las teólogas que han sido parte de nuestra fe cristiana. Que siempre podamos escuchar las diversas voces que hablan de Tu amor, de Tu paz y de Tu justicia para todas las personas. Guíanos en nuevos caminos de entendimiento para que podamos construir una iglesia más inclusiva. En el Nombre de Cristo Jesús, nuestro Salvador, Redentor y Amigo. Amén.





Jim Arnestad (brother-in-law of former friar Dick Boyak, died after struggling with ALS.

Leo Petrimoulx was hospitalized recently for pressure on his brain.

**Prayer
changes
everything.**

September

- 12-13 Provincial Council, Milwaukee
- 15 Silver anniversary celebration, St. Fidelis Friary
- 19 **Mary Hague (B)**
- 21 **Leo Petrimoulx (B)**
Rita Petrie (B)

Vocation...
everyone has one.
What's yours?

SINGLE LIFE + PRIESTHOOD + RELIGIOUS LIFE + MARRIAGE + SACRED

Poetry to read as the leaves change and the weather gets colder

End of Summer

~ Stanley Kunitz

An agitation of the air,
A perturbation of the light
Admonished me the unloved year
Would turn on its hinge that night.

I stood in the disenchanting field
Amid the stubble and the stones,
Amazed, while a small worm lisped to me
The song of my marrow-bones.

Blue poured into summer blue,
A hawk broke from his cloudless tower,
The roof of the silo blazed, and I knew
That part of my life was over.

Already the iron door of the north
Clangs open: birds, leaves, snows
Order their populations forth,
And a cruel wind blows.

