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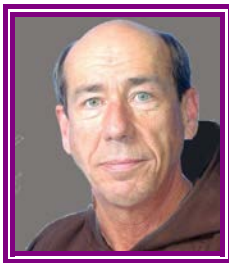
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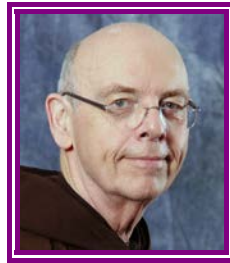
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1,155 years of religious life!

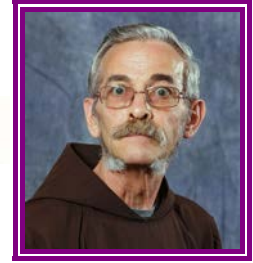
During 2018, the province will be celebrating religious jubilees of 20 friars — representing 1,155 years of the vowed life of these brothers. In this issue, we offer prayerful best wishes to those celebrating 40 years (ruby) and 50 years (gold).



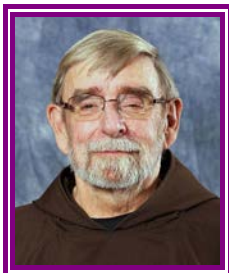
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40 years



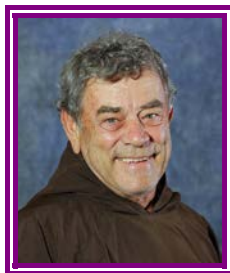
Michael Sullivan
40 years



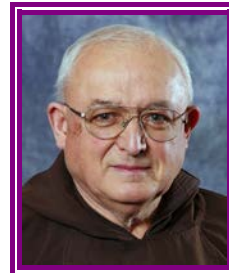
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40 years



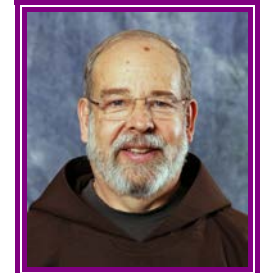
Carl Schaefer
50 years



Walter Kasuboski
50 years



John Willger
50 years



David Preuss
50 years

We joyfully celebrate the years of dedicated religious life of our brothers. We also remember in gratitude those who have supported them by their leadership, collaboration, and prayer. We pray for the courage to invite others to follow them in the vowed life.





This observance was started in 2011 by Presidential Proclamation of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

In 2011 President Obama issued presidential proclamation, designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The anniversary of this proclamation became known as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Slavery was officially abolished in the US by the Thirteenth Amendment in December 1865; however, its forms still exist to date. And the present-day USA is the source, transit and destination country for modern slaves: children, women and men. These people can be of foreign nationalities or the citizens of the USA, but they are all subjected to injustices of human trafficking, including sex trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, forced marriage and debt bondage. This helps raise public awareness of modern slavery. Creation of a number of religious and secular organizations supporting and preventing human trafficking helps protect some vulnerable members of our community.



Next Monday is Martin Luther King Day

King exposed the brutality of discriminatory laws and institutionalized racism. He served a greater good. His purpose was to remove the burden of oppression. He reminded us about the importance of "content of character."

As we head toward another day of remembering King, his own words are most suited for the moment: "We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead."

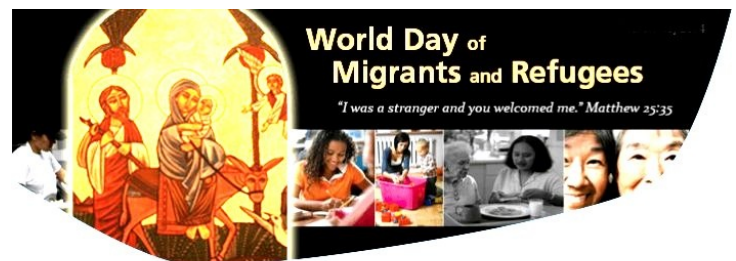
What can *we* do to honor King? Support a clean Dream Act – one that gives "dreamers" a path to citizenship without other stipulations attached, such as border-wall funding. It's a moral imperative. Young immigrants brought to the United States as children are some of America's brightest individuals. They are teachers, doctors, lawyers. They serve in our military. Deporting them would result in a loss of more than \$102 million annually in growth. *A fight for dreamers is a fight for us.* We fight for our state's future. Call your Congress member and ask for their support in passing this fair and humanitarian legislation.

14 January is "World Day of Migrants and Refugees"

Pope Francis addresses this observance:

"Throughout the years of my pontificate, I have repeatedly expressed my particular concern for the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty.

This situation is undoubtedly a 'sign of the times' which I have tried to interpret, with the help of the Holy Spirit...Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age. The Lord entrusts to the church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future. This solidarity must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return. This is a great responsibility, which the church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good



will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities...In line with her pastoral tradition, the church is ready to commit herself to realizing all the initiatives proposed. Yet in order to achieve the desired outcome, the contribution of political communities and civil societies is indispensable, each according to their own responsibilities."

Changing a culture of clericalism



Vincent Long Van Nguyen

In his address to the National Council of Priests in Australia last month, Vincent Long Van Nguyen (bishop of Parramatta, Australia) urged an end to clericalism in the church and expressed his hope that the clergy would emerge from the sex abuse crisis. The bishop is a Conventual Franciscan, and has publicly acknowledged that he himself had been abused by church members. He told the priests council that "we bear the brunt of public anger and distrust in the wake of the sexual abuse crisis. It is one of the hardest times to be a priest."

"My personal story of being a refugee, my struggle for a new life in Australia, *coupled with my Franciscan heritage*, have all contributed to the sense of hope which was the legacy of the exile of old and which should inform and enlighten our present exile experience...Like the prophets who accompanied their people into exile...we must do the same for our people in the context of this new millennium."

"The ground under our feet has shifted," said the bishop. "There needs to be an attitudinal change at every level, a conversion of mind and heart that conforms us to the spirit of the Gospel, a new wine in new wineskins; not a merely cosmetic change or worse, a retreat into restorationism...When privilege, power and dominance are more evident than love, humility and servant-hood in the church, then the very Gospel of the servant Jesus is at risk."

"The priesthood no longer enjoys the prestige and the power it once had. For a lot of young people, it is no longer surrounded with the aura of mystique and fascination." In response, he urged priests to embrace what he called a model of servant-leadership.

The Franciscan bishop told his priests that there needs to be a rethinking of clerical titles, privileges and customs, and that the church needs to dismantle the pyramid model of church which "promotes the superiority of the ordained and the excessive emphasis on the role of clergy at the expense of the non-ordained," and is the root cause of clericalism: "It is to acknowledge and to have the courage to die to the old ways of being church that no longer convey effectively the message of the Gospel to the culture in which we live."



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began as an eight day period of prayer called the Church Unity Octave at Graymoor established by founders of the Society of the Atonement. Tom Orians, SA, associate director of Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute emphasizes its importance explaining, "As Christians pray and work together in seeking to bring about Christian unity, one discovers just how important this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is for our world today."



Our brother, Leo Petrimoulx, died on 1 January 2018 at the age of 82. Leo was born on 21 September 1935, the son of Norbert and Rosanne Petrimoulx in Cadillac MI. He was invested in the Capuchin habit in

1959, perpetually professed his vows in 1964, and was ordained a priest in 1966. He ministered at St. Francis Parish in Milwaukee, and in 1968 he was assigned as missionary to Nicaragua, where he served until 1989. From 1989 to 1996, he served as associate pastor in Chicago. Leo also lived and ministered later in Madison WI and Saginaw MI. He retired to St. Bonaventure Monastery in 2015. Leo is survived by his sisters Pat Tahy, Marilyn Hamilton, and Kay Berry, and his brothers Larry, Ray and James, as well as his many Capuchin brothers with whom he lived, prayed and ministered for over 58 years.

Glenn Gessner was recently hospitalized for severe pain. Tests have been done to determine the cause.

Prayer changes things!

Untitled
by David Hirt

And here there is an empty lot
With room to pitch
A baseball, tent
Or roof to live beneath
There's broken glass that sharpens light
To glittering bits
Of fallen stars
On broken asphalt sheets



JANUARY

- 10 **Betty L'Esteve (B)**
- 11 **Carl Schaefer (B)**
Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 12: Liturgical Commission Zoom Conf
- 14 World Day of Migrants & Refugees
- 16 **Otto Bucher (N)**
- 16-18 Pro Council, Santa Ynez CA
- 17 Public Relations Video/Zoom Conf
Ministry and Mission Zoom Conf
Paul Hanisko (B)
- 20 **Fabian Fehring (N)**
- 21 **William Frigo (B)**
James Magnan (B)
- 22 OPCC Zoom Conf
- 23 Development Video Conf
Ben Markwell (B)
- 24 Public Relations Video/Zoom Conf

Pray for Vocations

The chain link fence is grown with weeds
And trees trimmed back
To artless forms
That armless reach for sky
Here; mysteries of covenant
Of twin turtle doves
Who fly away
And leave just me
And You.

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