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General Chapter Ends



Roberto Genuin

Roberto Genuin is the seventy-third general minister of the Capuchin Order, the third of this millennium (after John Corriveau and Mauro Jöhri) and is a Venetian like Flavio Carraro, general minister from 1982 to 1994. The term of the election is six years. *re:Cap* offers prayerful congratulations to our new general minister.

Capitulars at the 85th general chapter were received in audience by Pope Francis in the Clementine Hall of Vatican City.



His short prepared message noted that Capuchins are renown for being with the common person; he encouraged them to stay with common people. Then the pope acknowledged Capuchin ministry for reconciliation. While the confessional is a major example of this Capuchin charism, he noted Capuchin work for reconciliation goes *beyond* the confessional door. Finally, he acknowledged that Capuchins pray simply. He told the capitulars to pray often and keep praying simply.



L-R: Thomas Karingadayil, Pavanatma Province, Kerala India; Bill Hugo, director of collaboration in Calvary Province; Gebrewold Gebretsadik Dage, Ethiopia; Joseph Mathew Arulmarianathan, Amala Annai Province, Tamil Nadu India; Kalist Tesha, Tanzania; Michael Sullivan, provincial minister SJP; Benoy Joseph Karimaruthunkunnel, Krist Jyoti Province, North India.

Bill Hugo and Michael Sullivan posed with the five provincial ministers from provinces that have — or are headed toward — official collaborating with the St. Joseph Province. We currently have students and ministers in our collaborating program.



Newly elected General Council of the order

In a blog post, Bill Hugo said that “Each successive chapter has reflected the changing demographics of our order. The Capuchins have lost their center in Europe. It will not be replaced by a single center elsewhere but by a variety of strong centers and a multicultural reality that will change everything. Someday in the not-too-distant-future, the Capuchins will have a general minister from the geographic south. Will he be the next general minister?”



During National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

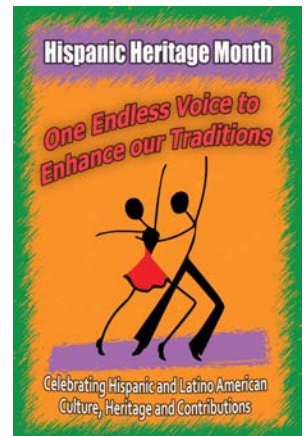
Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multi-cultural customs of their community.

Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period and Columbus Day (*Día de la Raza*) is October 12.

The term Hispanic or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. On the 2010 Census form, people of Spanish, Hispanic and/or Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin."

Today, 57.5 million people or 18% of the American population are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35.3 million or 13% of the total U.S. population.

Share in this special annual tribute by learning and celebrating the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.



Marge retires



Whenever you called the provincialate over the past 20 years, you heard a cheerful voice from Marge Elkins, happy to assist you in whatever request you were making. Marge officially retires at the end of this month. *reCap* offers prayerful best wishes to her as she begins a well deserved respite from the provincialate.

"I want to thank the Province of St. Joseph for giving me the opportunity to work, learn and grow with the Capuchins. I will be forever grateful for the friendships I have made throughout the last 20 years. As I look forward to retirement, spending more time traveling, and spending time with my family, I will miss the day-to-day interaction with some extraordinary people who are on a mission to making a difference in so many lives. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Capuchin family! You will all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers."

And you will be in ours. Thanks, Marge!

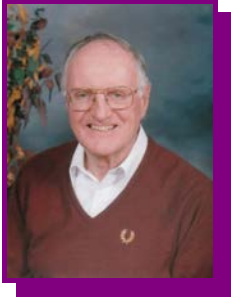
Welcoming another brother

Begashaw Tadesse arrived recently from Ethiopia. He will reside at St. Bonaventure's in Detroit, and minister at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. *Welcome, Bro!*



Begashaw Tadesse

On the State of the Church



Joe Nangle OFM

“The Franciscan tradition has, from the beginning, challenged the Catholic Church. Now after more than 800 years, we are called to follow the example of Saints Francis and Clare whose life-style contrasted directly with the prevailing church culture of their day. They were prophets in the biblical sense of the word, speaking mainly through their way of life, Gospel truth to a powerful institution, which to a great extent had abandoned its Christ-given vocation.”

“Should not we modern Franciscans imitate our founder’s courageous example and ask Pope Francis to call an ecumenical council of the whole Church just as John XXIII did a little more than 50 years ago? And in light of our tradition of inclusivity, should we not further specify that this council would consist of lay, vowed religious, clerical and episcopal members of the Church and be held someplace other than the Vatican? This “First Council of the People of God” would take as much time as needed (Vatican II lasted four years) for a comprehensive study of the current reality of the Catholic priesthood and episcopacy, then make the complete reforms – beginning with our current seminary system – needed to assure the selection of pastors, women and men, who will live out their vocations in the image of Jesus.” – Joe Nangle, OFM.

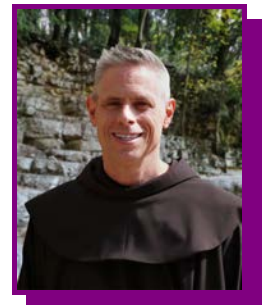
Joe Nangle, OFM is a founding member of the Franciscan Action Network. The above is an excerpt from a reflection posted on the blog of the Franciscan Action Network. You can read the entire essay here: <https://franciscanaction.wordpress.com/2018/08/22/a-franciscan-word/>

A SYMPOSIUM ON

Franciscan Formation

The Dun Scotus Chair at Catholic Theological Union has announced a three-day symposium, which includes two public events.

On Thursday, 25 October, Michael Perry, OFM will present on the promises and demands of life-long formation within the Franciscan community. Michael Perry is the current general minister of the Order of Friars Minor. A graduate of CTU, he was a missionary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and resource person for Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops before his election to leadership.



Michael Perry



John Corriveau

On Friday, 26 October, John Corriveau, OFM Cap. will lead a town-hall style meeting on the issue of formational demands from the perspective of the needs and expectations of the larger church.

John Corriveau is a member of the Capuchin Province of Central Canada. Previously presenting the first Duns Scotus lecture at CTU, he has served as general minister of the Capuchins, as well as bishop of the Diocese of Nelson, British Columbia, Canada.

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Celebrating Fifty Years | 1968 - 2018



Our brother, Thomas Schmied, died on 11 September at the age of 75. Tom was born in Columbus WI in 1943, the son of Francis and Lorraine Schmied. He was invested with the Capuchin habit in 1961, perpetually professed in 1967, and ordained in 1969.

Tom ministered most of his religious life as an itinerant preacher in Michigan and Wisconsin, and a short time in Winnipeg, Canada. From 2010-2018, Tom was a pastor in Saginaw MI. Tom is survived by his siblings: Sandra Wedel of Great Falls MT, and Daniel Wedel of Palatine IL, along with his many Capuchin brothers with whom he lived, prayed and ministered for over 57 years.

- Joe, brother-in-law of our brother Johnson Jayaraj died in a car accident in Trichy, Tamil Nadu India.
- Teresita Ines Arguello, CSA died recently. She was one of the first two Nicaraguan women who entered the Sisters of St. Agnes at Waspam, Nicaragua in 1948.

September

27 **Robert Wheelock (B)**

29 **TL Michael Auman (N)**
Michael Zuelke (N)
Michael, Archangel (F)



2 **John Scherer (B)**

3 **Transitus of Francis (F)**
Ronald Smith (B)

4 **Francis of Assisi (F)**
Franklin Eichhorst (N)
Francis Dombrowski (N)

7 **August Seubert (N)**

9 **Brenda Boatman (B)**
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10-14..... **Detroit Ministry Weekend**

Healing Through Our Connectedness

by Chelsea Rustrum

The earth lives and breathes with the lungs of the oceans
 Humans burn, scar, and maim the planet
 when they hurt each other
 We are significant in our insignificance
 So many languages and stories we tell ourselves
 Fear consumes ownership and enclosure
 Rights, structures, fences, patents, laws, guns, weaponry
 Setup to protect borders, house, ideas, people, life
 And the need to be separate to beautiful,
 to be worthy, to be safe
 An accepted truth that individualism is prosperous
 That wealth is what will save us
 Our thoughts create sound waves that transfer beliefs
 Beneath the shroud of what we've socially accepted as truth
 Lives love, creativity, desire, passion,
 and the energy of togetherness

The opening to seek, find,
 and be with oneness in everything that we do
 So many mirrors, yet such resistance to the reflections
 An ancient truth is being reborn
 We are waking up from this strange dream
 Confused as to how we got here and what this means
 Understanding that things are not what they seem
 Bursts of love, collaboration, sharing,
 openness, and gifts show us a new way
 To act, transact, and interact
 Generosity overflows into business models
 And the story shifts
 Our economy, our reflection becomes more conscious
 We see the world and each other with new eyes
 And through our connectedness,
 we begin to heal

