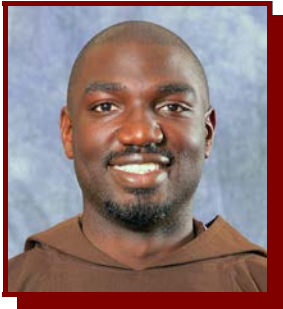




Two of our brothers profess first vows



Baudry Metangmo



José Vera

Baudry Metangmo and José Vera professed vows during the provincial celebration at Mt. Calvary WI recently. Both have been assigned to St. Clare Friary in Chicago with the post-novitiate friars, and will continue their educations as they discern their Capuchin vocations.

re:Cap offers prayerful congratulations to the newest members of our professed community!

The investiture of Capuchin novices was held recently in Santa Ynez CA, among whom was Francisco Javier Rodriguez of the St. Joseph Province.

Pictured at right are (L-R): M.J. Groark, Javier Rodriguez, and director of formation John Celichowski.

We offer prayerful congratulations to Javier as he continues his discernment as a novice!



“Solanus: Blessed in America”



Erik Lenhart (SMP), the chaplain at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries in Garrison NY, will take on a new role this summer: he wrote and will direct a musical. The production, based on the life of Solanus Casey, who last year took a step toward sainthood when he was beatified by the pope, will be performed on Friday, Aug. 3, by the 25 teenage campers at the order’s inaugural, week-long literature and arts program.

Solanus: Blessed in America is Lenhart’s second musical. The first was produced in his former parish in Middletown, Connecticut, with a cast of 100 parishioners, of all ages. “It changed the dynamics and energy in our parish, and deepened friendships,” he recalls.

Lenhart says CYFM hopes with its literature-and-arts camp to attract teens who enjoy performing but also are open to “an understanding of what it means to live a life for Christ. Most of all, it’s about realizing that at its core it’s all about gratitude. I want to create ‘saints’ — people who can appreciate the beautiful.”



Neil Davison, a former candidate for the order, recently gave a Capuchin "mantle" to Tom Schmied for the Solanus Center. The mantle has Indian beads that were braided in Montana.

At left, Neil poses with Tom wearing the mantle.

In other news, our brother Oliver Bambenek played the role of Solanus Casey in the annual firemen's parade in Mt. Calvary WI.

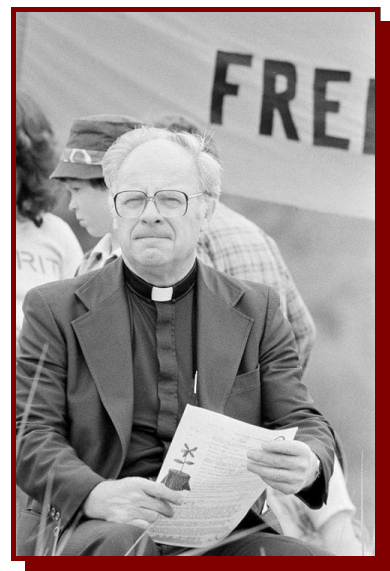


Raymond Hunthausen dies at 96

Raymond Hunthausen (retired Seattle archbishop), a disarming spirit who rejected war and embraced the pastoral reforms of the Second Vatican Council, died July 22 at the age of 96. He was surrounded by family at his home in Helena, Montana.

In the early 1980s, with the Cold War at a high point, Hunthausen denounced the Trident nuclear submarine fleet harbored in his archdiocese, famously calling it "the Auschwitz of Puget Sound." His opposition inspired Catholics worldwide, but gained him powerful opponents in Washington.

His military opposition was based in Christian pacifism and had a distinctive moral lens: "Our security as people of faith lies not in demonic weapons, which threaten all life on Earth," he declared in a June 1981 speech at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. "Our security is in a loving, caring God. We must dismantle our weapons of terror and place our reliance on God."



Raymond Hunthausen

Curran says Romero's canonization is justice served



Charles Curran

Charles E. Curran is a former Catholic priest and moral theologian. He currently serves at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, as the Elizabeth Scurlock University Professor of Human Values. He recently commented on the impending canonization of Oscar Romero, who was murdered while celebrating Eucharist in El Salvador in 1980.

"Oscar Romero was truly a martyr. In the past, martyrdom was often seen in terms of dying for the faith in a very restricted manner. But today we recognize that Christian faith must act and influence

all that we do. The international synod of bishops in 1971 maintained, 'Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation.'"



Former Cap Corps Volunteer is St. Anthony Retreat Director

A recent edition of re:Cap included photos from the Centennial Celebration on June 10th at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI. One of those photos featured four past directors of St. Anthony's – along with the current director, Lori Randall. If Lori looked familiar to some of you, it's because she's a former Cap Corps volunteer who spent her year of service (1998 -1999) at St. Anthony's. Lori, like so many Cap Corps volunteers, was profoundly changed by her year of service, learning lessons about simplicity, community, and love that have settled into her heart and continue spilling joyfully into every corner of her life. She is delighted to bring the joy of her Cap Corps experience back home to St. Anthony's exactly twenty years after it all began.

We Saw You at Our Summer Celebration in Mt. Calvary



Capuchin Bishop Addresses

Misconduct by Prelates

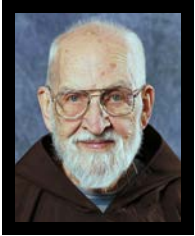
Sean O'Malley (Boston archbishop) said "a major gap still exists" when it comes to the Catholic Church's policies on sexual abuse and conduct as it pertains, not just to priests, but in cases of accusations against cardinals and bishops.



Sean O'Malley with Pope Francis

It was a clear reference to recent sex abuse allegations made against Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the retired archbishop of Washington.

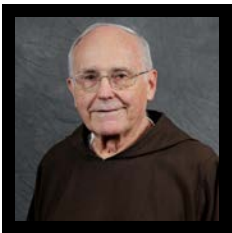
While the church in the United States has clear procedures when it comes to investigating such accusations against priests, "we must have clearer procedures for cases involving bishops," O'Malley wrote in a statement issued late July 24. The church needs a strong and comprehensive policy "to address bishops' violations of the vows of celibacy in the cases of criminal abuse of minors and in the cases involving adults," the statement said.



Our brother Robert Udulutsch died recently at the age of 89, following a battle with cancer. Bob was born in Norwalk, Wisconsin in 1920, the son of Michael and Sophia Udulutsch. He was invested in the Capuchin habit in 1948, perpetually professed in 1952, and ordained a priest in 1956.

Bob taught at St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary from 1957-1971. After that time, most of his ministry was in the area of preaching in Michigan and Wisconsin. In the late 80s, Bob founded a ministry known today as LEAVEN (Limited Emergency Assistance Valley Ecumenical Network) in Appleton. Bob ministered in the Middle East from 1988-1994. His last ministerial assignment was as a pastor in Kaukauna, Wisconsin (1994-2006). He retired at St. Fidelis Friary in Appleton, Wisconsin in 2006.

Bob is preceded in death by all of his immediate family, including his brother Irvin, who was also a Capuchin friar.



Our brother, John Kocian, died recently at the age of 86. John was born in 1931 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, the son of Louis and Dorothy Kocian. He was invested with the Capuchin habit in 1957, and professed his perpetual vows in 1961. John ministered at St. Felix Friary in Huntington, Indiana from 1963-1976. From 1976-1984, John was on staff at

the Capuchin House of Prayer in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1984, John began ministry at the Monte Alverno Retreat Center in Appleton, Wisconsin until his retirement at St. Fidelis Friary in 2014.

John is survived by his sister, Claire Schultz, of Sussex, Wisconsin.

August

1 Solanus Center Video/Zoom Conference

3 **Jerry Cornish (B)**
Lucy Lefebber (B)

4 **Reynold Rynda (B)**
Lawrence Abler (B)

7 **Investment Commission Mtg**
Truyen Nguyen (B)

8 **Kenan Siegel (B)**
RoseAnn Miller (B)

8-9 **Provincial Council, Chicago**

10 **Perpetual Vows, Detroit**
Mentoring Retreat, Detroit
Jerome Johnson (B)

11 . **Diaconate & Presbyteral Ordinations, Detroit**
Roger Veik (B)

13 **Biju Parakkalayiul (B)**

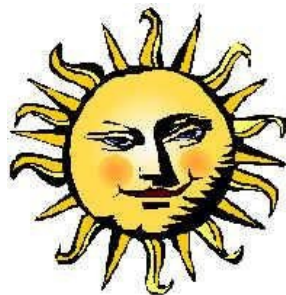
- Ron Thomas, brother-in-law of Richard Merling, underwent heart surgery, and is in serious condition.
- The mother of Rick Fernandez died recently. Rick is the maintenance person for the St. Francis Capuchin Center in Milwaukee.



Summer

by Emily Dickinson

As imperceptibly as Grief
The Summer lapsed away —
Too imperceptible at last
To seem like Perfidy —
A Quietness distilled
As Twilight long begun,
Or Nature spending with herself
Sequestered Afternoon —



The Dusk drew earlier in —
The Morning foreign shone —
A courteous, yet harrowing Grace,
As Guest, that would be gone —
And thus, without a Wing
Or service of a Keel
Our Summer made her light escape
Into the Beautiful.