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## El Día de los Muertos

The Day of the Dead focuses squarely on death (it's in the name after all). But rather than treating it as something dark and frightening, the Day of the Dead is largely about laughing in the face of death, as represented by the ubiquitous skulls and skeletons known as calaveras and Catrinas, which are often depicted dancing or playing music. And though it is about remembering lost loved ones, the holiday is more a time to celebrate their memories than to mourn their loss.

"The Day of the Dead is a day of connection, remembrance and love — for and with — those who have died ('the ancestors')," said Kristin Norget, author of *Days of Death, Days of Life: Ritual in the Popular Culture of Oaxaca*. "Halloween is completely lacking this important dimension." The Day of the Dead is believed to be a time when the spirits of dead ancestors and relatives return to the world of the living for a visit.



"Halloween has nothing to do with ancestors," said Stanley Brandes, a professor of anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. "Day of the Dead has everything to do with deceased relatives. That's the basis of it."



November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 marks the second annual World Day of the Poor. Last year, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor, and it will be celebrated on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time each year. In this year's World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 34:7, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him." He challenges us to use the World Day of the Poor as an opportunity to make an examination of conscience and consider whether we truly do hear the cry of the poor.

Throughout salvation history, God answers the cries of the poor and shares in their suffering. His response is always a saving and healing act. In the World Day of the Poor, we join God in responding to the poor and ensuring our brothers and sisters in need do not feel alone or abandoned. Pope Francis says that to hear and respond to their cries, we must be in relationship and get to know people who are poor. He encourages parishes around the world to join in solidarity with people who are poor in their communities through a communal action, like praying together or sharing a meal.

FEED THE HUNGRY.  
 FEED THE SOUL.





As socially responsible investing (SRI) gains attention from the main stream investment world, a Milwaukee faith-based coalition is celebrating 45 years of shareholder activism. Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment (SGI)

recently hosted an event at Marquette University's Alumni Memorial Union. The event started with a panel of corporate executives and SRI leaders discussing the *"Impact of faith-based investors on corporations."* Panel members include representatives from Philip Morris International, Walmart, Merck, Trinity Health (one of the nation's largest Catholic healthcare systems), Dana Investment Advisors and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. A reception followed featuring a tribute to SGI's founder by his brother and fellow Capuchin Dan Crosby.



*Dan Crosby, keynote speaker at the SGI forum*

SGI is continuing the life's work of +Mike Crosby, who was a pioneer in socially responsible investing. He had the practical conviction that business leaders who choose to serve the common good build more profitable businesses over the long-term....doing financially well while doing social good.

In one of his last initiatives before his death last summer, Mike persuaded ExxonMobil to nominate a climate change expert to a seat on its board.

SGI members include 28 faith-based institutional investors and socially responsible asset management companies located in the upper Midwest. This member-led coalition is proud of its history of activism and is actively seeking new members of all faith traditions, universities, foundations, and other investment institutions who share its commitment to human rights. SGI assists its members in active ownership and responsible stewardship of their financial assets to "get a seat at the table" of the companies they invest in, including guidance on voting proxies, direct dialogues with companies, and filing shareholder resolutions to be voted on at a company's annual general meeting.

## *NAPCC Capuchin Formators Conference*



The NAPCC formators conference was recently held at Capuchin Retreat in Washington MI. Kathy Galleher gave presentations on issues of community in formation. Galleher works with adults from many walks of life, and often incorporates mindfulness practices into therapy, and that emphasizes paying attention to what is happening in the present moment. Galleher has a great deal of experience working with individuals in ministry and religious life.



## Tanzanian Friars Visit Wisconsin



L-R: Zoy Garibay, Simon Joseph Massawe, Peter George Kafumu and Rob Roemer

Two friars from Tanzania toured ministries in Milwaukee recently with Zoy Garibay, rector of St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary WI. Simon Joseph Massawe is dean of students at St. Francis Minor Seminary in Maua, Tanzania. Peter George Kafumu is the vice rector and academic dean of the school. They visited St. Lawrence to observe the social skills program, and attend a workshop at Boystown in Nebraska. While in Milwaukee, Zoy took the visitors to The House of Peace, St. Ben's ministries and St. Francis Capuchin Center.

## Golf Outing Raises Funds for Local Parish



Several of the golfers pose with Mike Bertram, pastor of St. Francis Parish

St. Francis Parish in Milwaukee hosted its sixth annual golf outing on September 19<sup>th</sup>, the proceeds of which would address work on the church murals and add money to the parish's scholarship fund. Golfers enjoyed themselves as the rains held off until the final hole of the day.

Recipients of scholarship money addressed the golfers to express their thanks in person. The parish scholarship is unique in that it is based on a student's service to the community, not on grade point average. As he did last year, one participant in the golf outing made a donation of \$30,000 solely to the scholarship fund. Aside from that, the golf outing yielded a profit of \$106,000 for the parish. With this sixth outing, St. Francis Parish has raised over half a million dollars and made significant improvements to the St. Francis Capuchin Center property.

## Candidates Tour Detroit Ministries



Capuchin candidates recently visited the Capuchin Soup Kitchen ministries in Detroit, hosted by Jason Graves and Brenton Ertel.

At left, Jerry Johnson (far right), director of CSK, is pictured with the group at the Earthworks project, one of the many ministries of CSK.

"Candidates" are men interested in possibly joining the province's postulancy program.

## Celebrating Our Sisters' Jubilees

The people of the "Holyland Catholic parishes (near Mt. Calvary WI) recently celebrated Jenada Fanetti's 60<sup>th</sup> jubilee as a Sister of Divine Savior and Stephan Bloesl and Rose Ann Behrens on their 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee as Sister Servants of Christ the King.


*Ad multos annos, Sisters!*





- Geraldine Zaglaniczny (mother of Angela Morris) died recently.
- Rose Ann Behrens, SSK was hospitalized recently.
- Kevin McDonald (nephew of Perry McDonald) died recently after a long battle with brain cancer.
- Alice Cavaiani, wife of former friar Fred Cavaiani, recently underwent right shoulder replacement
- “My Mom’s heart catheterization went well. They took care of some problems and sent her home the next day. She was thrilled to get all the prayers and thanks everyone for them, knowing that they helped.” ~ David Hirt






25 ..... **Kathy Andrews (B)**

30 ..... **William Hugo (B)**

30-31 ..... **Prov Council, Washington MI**



1 ..... **All Saints Day (F)**  
**Perry McDonald (B)**

2 ..... **All Souls Day**

5-6 ..... **Local Ministers, Washington MI**  
**Prov Council, Washington MI**

6 ..... **Ralph Fellenz (B)**

7 ..... **Javier Rodriguez (B)**

## *For Those Dead, Our Dead*

When you get the nomination,  
the award, the promotion,  
think about the ones who died.

When you are at the reception,  
on the delegation, on the commission,  
think about the ones who died.

When you have won the vote,  
and the crowd congratulates you,  
think about the ones who died.

When you're cheered  
as you go up to the speaker's platform,  
with the leader,  
think about the ones who died.

When you're picked up at the airport,  
in the big city,  
think about the ones who died.

When its your turn,  
to talk into the microphone,  
when the TV cameras focus on you,  
think about the ones who died.



*by Ernesto Cardenal*

When you become the one  
who gives out the certificates,  
orders, permission,  
think about the ones who died.

When the little old lady  
comes to you with her problem,  
her little piece of land,  
think about the ones who died.

See them without shirts,  
being dragged, gushing blood,  
wearing hoods,  
blown to pieces, submerged in tubs,  
getting electric shocks,  
their eyes gouged out,  
their throats cut, riddled with bullets,  
dumped alongside the road,  
in holes they dug themselves,  
in mass graves,  
or just lying on the ground,  
enriching the soil of the wild plains:

You represent them.  
The ones who died delegated you.