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## Three Brothers Ordained

On 27 April, three of our brothers were ordained: Anthony Kote-Witah (presbyteral), and Michael (MJ) Groark and Frederick Cabras (diaconate). Paul Schmitz was the ordaining prelate. The liturgy was celebrated in Chicago at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish.

*re:Cap* offers prayerful best wishes to our brothers as they begin their new ministries.

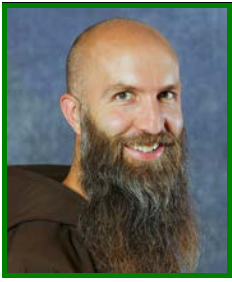
## We Saw You at the Ordinations...



L-R: Michael Sullivan (prov minister), M.J. Groark, Anthony Kote-Witah, Paul Schmitz and Fred Cabras.



## *“A Band of Lesser Brothers”*



*Mike Dorn*

Mike Dorn grew up on a family farm near Adrian MN. Before starting Capuchin life in December 2014, he worked in employment-readiness for individuals in recovery from addiction, re-entry from prison, or who were formerly homeless. Mike’s ministry experience as a friar has involved maintenance projects within the province, religious education at St. Clare of Montefalco parish in Chicago, Benedict Center in Milwaukee, Catholic Charities (food pantry) in Lompoc CA, The Port Ministries in Chicago, and Franciscan Health (hospital chaplaincy) in Hammond IN. After professing his final vows in a year or two, he expects to graduate with a master of divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Mike says he is truly grateful to have found this band of ‘lesser brothers’ to try to ground the unconditional love he’s experienced from God. “The witness of so many brothers, both deceased and living, inspire and strengthen me for the challenging yet joyful path ahead. Although aware that our province and the U.S. church are in major transitions, I am hopeful that as a province (and as a global order) we can learn to accept the many deaths this life brings to us so that we can continually be free to embrace and help give birth to new adaptations and visions of our Capuchin charism.”

## *Elections in Pavanatma Province in Kerala*



At their recent provincial chapter, friars of the Pavanatma Province elected a new leadership team, pictured at left with the general councilor. Three of the brothers from that province are currently serving in the St. Joseph Province as part of fraternal collaboration. We offer prayerful best wishes to our brothers in Kerala!

## *We Saw You at the Triduum Retreat*



*Friars and candidates gathered at St. Lawrence Friary for the annual Triduum Retreat.*

## *Ad Multos Annos!*



Congratulations to the many Capuchins and volunteers who have served in the ministry of the Soup Kitchen, a desperately needed service, especially at the height of the depression overtaking the vast majority of the United States in the late 1920s.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen (CSK), founded in 1929 by Solanus Casey and Herman Buss, celebrates 90 years of outstanding service to the neediest of Detroiters.

The friars at St. Bonaventure Monastery initially established the kitchen informally by providing food from their own stores, as was the practice of their order. As the porter or doorkeeper of the monastery, Solanus Casey would provide each person who came seeking assistance with a cup of coffee and a sandwich.

The line outside of the Capuchin Monastery eventually grew up to 2,000 people each day, making it impossible for the friars to serve everyone from the monastery kitchen. Herman Buss, who served as the spiritual director for the Secular Franciscans, requested their assistance in creating a formal soup kitchen. With the Franciscans' help, the friars were able to move their services into the Third Order Hall facility located next to the monastery chapel. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen first officially opened its doors on November 2, 1929. Buss was appointed the first director of the soup kitchen while Casey continued to serve the monastery as porter. Mathias Nack, the local minister of St. Bonaventure Monastery, took over the position of director in 1933. In order to sustain the work being done at CSK the Capuchin Charity Guild was created in 1942 to raise funds for the soup kitchen.

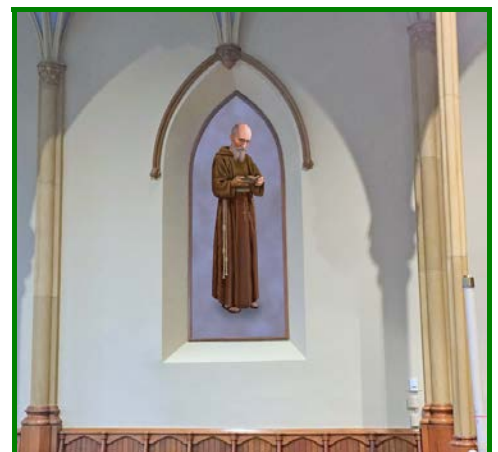
The Capuchin Soup Kitchen has moved from the Third Order Hall and currently has two facilities for its meal program. In the 1970s, the soup kitchen expanded its services to include Jefferson House, a drug rehabilitation program for indigent men; R.O.P.E (Reaching Our Potential Everyday) Program associated with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's On the Rise Bakery. On November 18, 2017 the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's co-founder Solanus Casey was beatified at Ford Field with almost 70,000 people in attendance.

Special thanks to Jerry Johnson, current director, and all friars, volunteers, donors, and staff who contribute to the success of this vital charity in the heart of Detroit.

*[The above appeared in the on-line publication "Archdiocese Of Detroit Consecrated Life Newsletter," 5/1/19]*

## *Choir Renovation Includes New Image of Solanus*

Recent renovations at St. Bonaventure Monastery include a new image of Solanus Casey in the friar's chapel (choir). Michael Gaffney, the artist, said "I could not go up and paint it...my body won't allow it!" So, the image was "painted" on his computer graphics program, then sent it to a company to actually produce the piece.

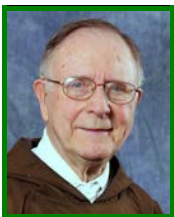




- Ray Meier was hospitalized recently for an infection.
  - Former friar Joe Pepin died recently.
- Eddie Meier (brother of Ray Meier) died recently.
  - Our affiliate, Lucy Lefeber, died recently.
- Sincere thanks to all those whose prayers and concern helped make my heart catheterization a successful procedure.
 

~ Joachim Strupp

**Noteworthy...**



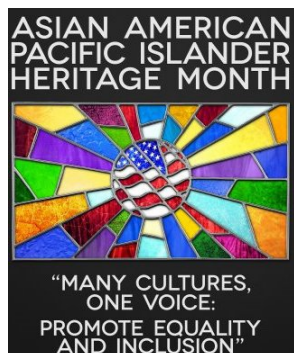
Marty Pable's article "The Flip Side of the Joyful Mysteries" was published in the April edition of *St. Anthony Messenger*. Additionally, St. Patrick Church in Racine WI installed five new windows in the church, and dedicated one of them in memory of Marty for serving as minister there for three years.

**Prov Minister Visits Northern Cheyenne Reservation**

Ethiopian provincial minister Gebrewold Gebretsadik recently visited the province and our three guest brothers from his province.



L-R: Gebreyesus Boyine, Bill Hugo, Jim Antoine, Nick Blattner, Larry Weber and Gebrewold Gebretsadik. It was Nick's birthday!



May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and celebrates the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

Asian Pacific and Asian Americans of all ethnicities and languages come together to celebrate their heritage through many activities such as dancing, sharing traditional meals, observing and appreciating their rich history. Many more diverse beliefs and practices come with the already diversified Asian American community, with many different religions, traditions, and practices.



- 7 ..... Lawrence Webber (B)
- 9 ..... Frederick Cabras (B)
- 12 ..... Alfredo Gundrum (B)  
Leopold Gleissner (N)
- 13 ..... Michael Gaffney (B)
- 15 ..... Isidore Herriges (N)  
Anthony Kote-Witah (B)
- 16 ..... Myron Kowalsky (B)
- 16-17 ..... Postulancy Admissions Board, Detroit
- 19 ..... Mitchell Frantz (B)
- 20 ..... Robert Wotypka (B)
- 22 ..... Jozef Timmers (B)
- 27 ..... Provincial Retreat, Racine WI



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