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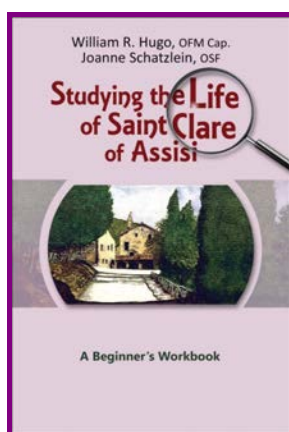
World Environment Day

The United Nations, aware that the protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue which affects the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world, designated 5 June as World Environment Day. The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in more than 100 countries.



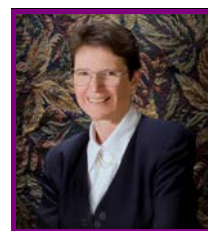
World Environment Day 2019 will be hosted by China, with a theme of "Air Pollution." We can't stop breathing, but we can do something about the quality of air that we breathe. Approximately 7 million people worldwide die prematurely each year from air pollution, with about 4 million of these deaths occurring in Asia-Pacific. World Environment Day 2019 will urge governments, industry, communities, and individuals to come together to explore renewable energy and green technologies, and improve air quality in cities and regions across the world.

Studying the Life of St. Clare of Assisi

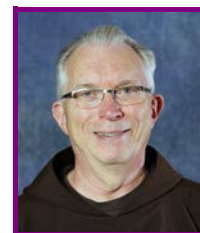


This one-of-a-kind resource helps readers discover St. Clare through a series of crisp chapters that first teach them about the sources for Clare's life and writings and then apply that knowledge to manageable topics from her life. This workbook has been successful with high school graduates and PhD's. It works for anyone who wants to do a guided study of the life of Clare using primary sources. Those benefitting from this unique approach include Franciscans of all kinds, especially those in formation programs, students of medieval or female spirituality, historians of religious life, women and men in Franciscan ministries, former pilgrims who have visited Assisi, and anyone wanting to learn how different people in the history of the church responded to its changing

circumstances. This resource helps readers understand the Franciscan intuition in ways that move beyond Francis of Assisi.



Joanne Schatzlein



William Hugo

The workbook is available from New City Press and Amazon. Available also in e-book on Kindle, Nook, GooglePlay.

William Hugo has ministered in initial formation and vocation promotion for thirty-eight years. He currently directs his province's Office of International Collaboration, and ministers in the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. He is a member of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, and has served as councilor on his province's leadership team .

Joanne Schatzlein, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in Milwaukee, is liaison to congregationally sponsored ministries, and leads pilgrimages to Rome and Assisi. She has served in congregational leadership.

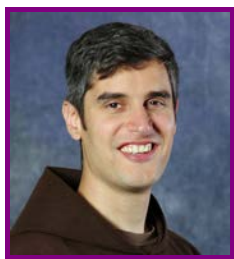


*Marge Elkins and Michael Sullivan
(Pro. Minister)*

Marge Elkins Affiliated

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 retired last year. "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," she said. "Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Capuchin family!"

The province honored Marge recently by affiliating her to the province. The ceremony was held at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit.



Brenton Ertel

Discovering the Franciscan Charism

Brenton Ertel grew-up in Racine WI and lived there most of his life with the exception of few brief periods living in California. He was baptized and confirmed Catholic, but for a time attended the Lutheran Church. During that time, he enrolled in Concordia University in Mequon WI and graduated from there in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in theological languages and philosophy. This was part of his initial discernment of a call to some form of ministry, "but I was uncertain. I knew I had a passion to study theology, and maybe even teach, but I remained open to God's call in my life."

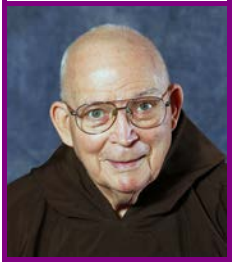
Eventually, Brenton found his way back to the Catholic Church. "It was then that I looked into religious life. I knew that I desired a community of prayer, ministry, and fraternity. I considered the Jesuits, Benedictines, but realized that the Franciscan tradition integrated contemplation, communal prayer, fraternity, and ministry together to shape its charism. During this initial discernment period, Pope Francis was elected. His emphasis upon ministry among those who are poor — and that the Gospel proclamation demands justice for them, led me closer to the Franciscan tradition.

Brenton discovered the Capuchins at St. Ben's Parish (Milwaukee) for liturgy in 2012 where he met Jerome Schroeder and Michael Crosby. He was impressed with St. Ben's outreach to those who experience homelessness and poverty. "The message that Jesus' calls for justice for the marginalized resonated with me. I wanted to participate in this kind of mission. I shortly contacted Bill Hugo, vocation director, after my experience at St. Ben's."

"The emphasis in the Capuchin charism to minister among the poor and nurture fraternal life seemed to me like a perfect fit and what I was looking for in a religious order. I entered postulancy in August 2013, and made first vows in July 2015. I currently reside in St. Clare Community in Chicago. I am in my final year of temporary vows and the final year of the M. Div. program at Catholic Theological Union." Brenton will graduate this month, and will profess his perpetual vows in July.

“My time in Capuchin initial formation has offered many opportunities to minister among those who are poor and are marginalized. Over the past three summers, I have served in Detroit, Milwaukee, and Montana, and have had a chance to minister in cross-cultural contexts which has challenged my own stereotypes and prejudices. I have been enriched by the many people whom I have encountered. I look forward to continued growth as Capuchin life will challenge and enrich me.”

Wally Balduck Returns to Detroit



Wally Balduck

After 18 years of ministering in the Diocese of Tucson AZ, Wally Balduck is returning to Michigan to take up residence at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit.

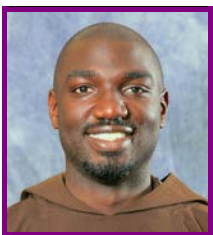
Wally arrived at Casa San José, in Tucson in 2001, and ministered in the Tucson Diocese since he could also minister to those who preferred — or could only speak — Spanish. One of his first assignments was serving for two years as a substitute teacher in various Catholic schools in the area (he taught in the Detroit school system before becoming a Capuchin).

During the following eight years, Wally served as temporary administrator of various parishes throughout the diocese. This began at St. Christopher Parish in Marana on weekends and special occasions. When not attending the parish, he resided with the friars at Casa San José in Tucson.

His eight years of temporary administrator took him from one end of the diocese to the other. In 2009, Wally accepted a four-month assignment as *temporary administrator* of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Mammoth, which lasted for the next nine years.

Last summer Wally decided it was time to retire from this ministry and return to be near family and friends in Detroit. The friars of Casa San José especially appreciated Wally’s culinary art, which kept them well-nourished and united for family meals and gatherings.

Cameroon to Montana to Chicago



Baudry Metangmo is a friar in his first year of temporary vows. He’s currently studying philosophy and theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Baudry met the friars in 2015 while studying mathematics at Montana State University in Billings. He had felt a desire to work in Native American reservations earlier in his studies, and later a call to religious life.

“It wasn't a foreign thought to me then. In my native Cameroon, I had discerned a possible vocation to the priesthood, but had decided to pursue my studies after high school. I came to the U.S. in 2012. After graduation I was convinced not only by the work of the Capuchins, but also by the communal life. I entered postulancy in August 2016 and I haven't regretted it.”

Register Now!



The Capuchin Walk for the Hungry will raise funds for Capuchin Community Services and its mission of caring for those struggling with poverty, homelessness and hunger. The walk, now in its 14th year, takes place at Polish Fest on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 6 pm at the Henry Maier Festival Park at 200 N. Harbor Drive. Online registration is now open at www.CapuchinWalk.org.



- Timon Costello was hospitalized recently for tests after suffering a seizure.
- Franklin Eichhorst recently had eye surgery. He is grateful for the prayers received on his behalf.
- Tom Clark (brother of Keith Clark) was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer.
- Carolyn Bartel (mother of SLS employee Dave Bartel) died recently.

re:Cap is grateful for a recent donation from former friar Tom Hayes.

It's Spring...



Whether or not it feels like it!



- 22 Jozef Timmers (B)
- 23 Kenneth Smits (B)
John Hascall (B)
- 24 Werner Wolf (B)
- 25 David Reichling (B)
Bede Louzon (N)
- 26 Robert Kose (B)
- 2 Brian Joseph (B)
- 27-31 Provincial Retreat, Racine WI
- 28 Gebreyesus Boyine (B)
- 29 Gerald Pehler (B)
Joseph Wolf (B)
- 31 David Hirt (B)



- 1 Anish Palliyil (B)
- 4 Joseph Babcock (B)
- 5 Truong Dinh (B)

**“And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten...”**

— James Russell Lowell