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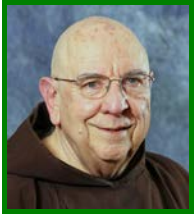
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Four of Our Brothers Celebrate 65 Years of Religious Life

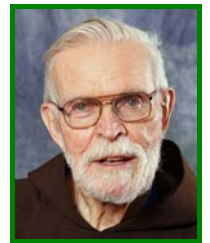


Andrei Weller, a native of Chilton, Wisconsin, took his first vows in 1955, was perpetually professed in 1958 and ordained a priest in 1963. André ministered at St. Anthony Hospital in Milwaukee before ministering in the missions overseas, including time with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

“I arrived in Detroit July 14, 1954 to begin my 45-day postulancy. Since I did not attend Mt. Calvary seminary, the province wanted to take a good look at this candidate applying for novitiate to begin that August. Sixty-five years later, again I thank God for ‘measuring up’ to that test and many more along the way.

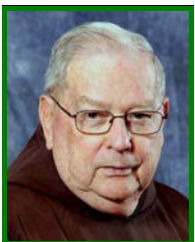
“Most of my Capuchin life (45 of the 65 years) I lived overseas in Nicaragua, Middle East and Panama. In each country, many blessings as a missionary living fraternal life. The biggest challenge has been coming back to the states: I found in Feb 2014, on my return, our country was not the one I left in 1966. Much had changed - values seem so different. However, I did find fraternal Capuchin life as lived in Tucson (my first community back in USA) and now in my fraternity here in Chicago to be gospel-spirited. So grateful! Help-out ministries have kept me active. COVID-19 abruptly put an end to that. Following province indications, I am in ‘the 80 plus shelter-in-place group!’”

Joachim Strupp, a native of Kenosha, Wisconsin, took his first vows in 1955, was perpetually professed in 1958 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1963. Joachim ministered in a variety of settings, including at St. Labre in Ashland, Montana, in campus ministry, hospital chaplaincy and as the provincial archivist.



“When I went to St. Lawrence Seminary as a sophomore in the fall of 1951, I knew almost nothing about the Capuchins. But in my senior year I was drawn to joining them through the self-giving spirit of the friars teaching and caring for us students.”

“There were some rough years for me in the province after Vatican II, but I persevered and my horizons expanded. I thank God for being part of the Capuchin brotherhood, and rejoice as we as an order strive to live in the spirit of the Capuchin charism.”



James Zelinski, born in Menasha, Wisconsin, joined the order in 1955 and took final vows in 1958. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1961. Jim ministered for many years in Nicaragua and served as provincial vicar from 1993-1996. He also ministered as a hospital chaplain, in campus ministry and on the faculty at St. Lawrence Seminary High School. More recently, Jim directed the office of Justice, Peace & Ecology before retiring to St. Fidelis Community in Appleton WI. His brother Tom ministers at Capuchin Retreat.

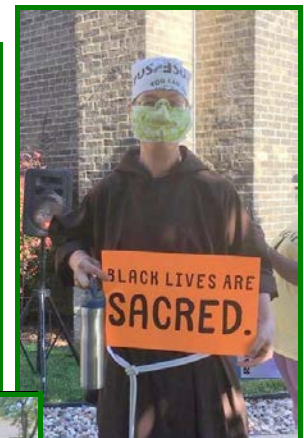
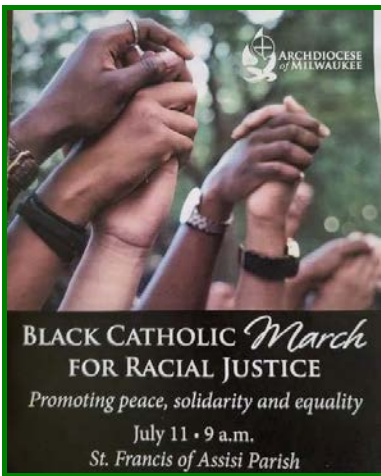
“There is so much to be thankful for after 65 years. All the people who were significant along the way from family, to Capuchin brothers, and so many marvelous others met at the various crossroads of life and ministry. All added blessings to the journey. Underlying this blessed journey was/is the marvelous spirit and vision of St Francis, expressed best for me in his seeing all—everyone and everything—in the loving relational metaphor of “sister and brother.” It served so well as inspiration and motivation in work with the vulnerable and for systemic change over these years. God be praised.”

Elroy Pesch was born in Auburn WI. He joined the order in 1954 and was perpetually professed in 1958, and ordained a priest in 1963. Elroy taught at the Capuchin seminary in Crown Point IN before spending time in New York for further studies. In 1966 he ministered at St. Anthony Hospital in Milwaukee for a short time before joining the St. Lawrence Seminary High School faculty where he taught for 20 years. After a year’s sabbatical he returned to the faculty in 1988. In addition to teaching, Elroy did regular helpouts at local parishes in the Mt. Calvary area. Elroy retired a few years ago and still resides at St. Lawrence Friary in Mt. Calvary.



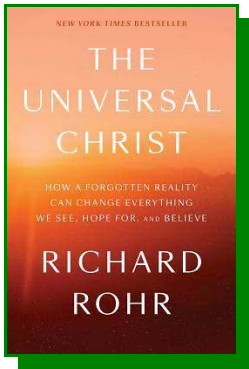
We Saw You at the Archdiocesan March

Last Saturday morning, hundreds of people promoted peace, solidarity and equality by marching together in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s Black Catholic March for Racial Justice. As the shirts given out at the march say, “Racism is a sin. (US Bishops, 1979)” and “If you want peace, work for justice. (Paul VI, 1972).”



Quick Review

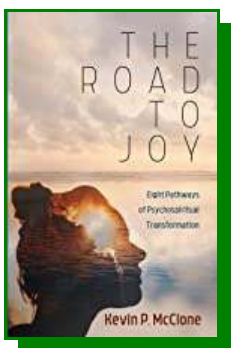
by Richard Hart



The Universal Christ has drawn much praise as well as criticism, but Richard Rohr is undaunted by his critics because he believes in the reformation of faith by defending his thesis through Scripture, quoting it extensively, theology and history. Rohr distinguishes Jesus from Christ by stating that Jesus is limited and earthbound while Christ is unlimited, universal and cosmic, and encourages us beyond the binary of win-lose to an infinite win-win gospel. He maintains that the cosmic or universal Christ became incarnate in time and “is still being revealed,” and insists that love is the universal language that continues showing itself despite our efforts to resist it. The book is a culmination of all that Richard has written, taught and preached; it debuted as number 12 in the *New York Times* best seller list.

Teaching Iconography

Thomas Skowron spent some time this summer at St. Conrad's in Milwaukee teaching the postulants regarding iconography, his expertise.



The Road to Joy

In *The Road to Joy*, Kevin McClone (former Capuchin friar) invites us to join him in a personal and professional journey exploring eight core psycho-spiritual pathways that lay the foundation for more joyful living. Inspired by the death of his beloved wife, Grace Chen-McClone, this book seeks to integrate core pathways of psycho-spiritual transformation. Each chapter explores one pathway in depth, utilizing psychological and spiritual sources, and ends with concrete practical action plans. McClone draws heavily from psychology research and spirituality embedded in various spiritual and mystical traditions including the wisdom rooted in the twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Kevin is currently serves as a consultant to the province.



Our brother, Alexis Luzi, died on 22 June 2020 at the age of 95. Alex was born on 11 March 1925, the son of Pasquale and Eufemia (nee Lucchesi) Luzi in Manitowoc WI. Alex was invested in the Capuchin habit in 1948 and perpetually professed in 1947. He was ordained a priest in 1951.

Alex was on the faculty at St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary WI from 1952-1954, and a teaching professor at St. Anthony Seminary in Marathon WI from 1956-1969. From 1970-1978, he was local minister at St. Benedict Friary in Milwaukee and the director of the Community Meal Program there. Alex retired from active ministry in 1979, but continued to help out at parishes in Milwaukee for the next several years. In 2008 he was transferred to the Capuchin retirement home in Appleton WI.

Alex is survived by his many Capuchin brothers with whom he lived, prayed and ministered for more than 75 years.

! Richard Kronzer (brother of former friar Lance Kronzer) died recently.

! Jettie Ampe, mother of former friar Larry Ampe, died recently.

! Amy Teutenberg (former Cap Corps volunteer) recently underwent brain surgery.

! James Hast has begun chemotherapy.

July

15	.....	Michael Sullivan (B)
19	.....	Rob Roemer (B)
24	.....	Raymond Stadmeier (B)
25	.....	James Zelinski (N)
26	.....	Joachim Strupp (N)
28	.....	James Hast (B)

Prayer for Vocations

God, in Baptism you called me by name
and made me a member of your people, the Church.
Help all your people to know their vocation in life,
and to respond by living a life of holiness.
For your greater glory and for the service of your
people,
raise up dedicated and generous leaders
who will serve as lay ministers, sisters, brothers,
priests, and deacons.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me
that I may serve your people
following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name I offer this prayer.
Amen.

On Breathing

I'm OK during the day, but at night I get scared,
Which makes it hard to breathe,
which is a symptom
Of the pandemic, which is what scares me.
Well played, anxiety, my old friend.
You've always Warned me something
like this might happen.
You're a gift from my ancestors
who survived plagues,
And worse. They wove you into my
DNA to warn me,
So that I too might survive.
Now that it's happening,



Anxiety, I don't need you any more. I need
The ones who gave you to me.
So hear me, ancestors
Who lived though danger times:
I'm ready for you now.
All these years I've carried your worries
in my bones.
Now I need your love, your thousand-year view.
Tell me it's going to be OK, remind me you made it
Though and we will too. Teach me to breathe.

By Alicia Jo Rabins