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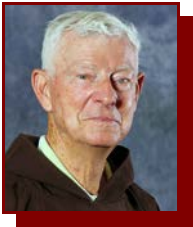
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Three Brothers Celebrate 70 Years of Religious Life

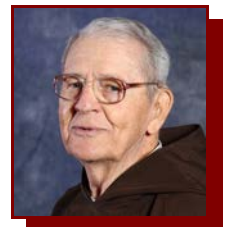
Nota Bene: Our provincial celebration of religious jubilees, originally scheduled for July, has been indefinitely postponed. In this, and subsequent issues, we will feature those friars who are celebrating the anniversary of their first vows. This issue features three of our brothers who have lived a combined 210 years of faithful religious life.



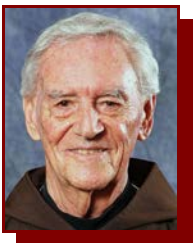
Franklin Eichhorst, a Milwaukee native, joined the Capuchins in 1950. He was perpetually professed in 1953, and ordained a priest in 1957. Franklin ministered in Nicaragua from 1959 to 1981. Upon returning to the United States, Franklin served in counseling and pastoral ministry. Franklin currently lives with the St. Felix Community in Mt. Calvary WI.

"I thank the Lord for my vocation to the Capuchin Order which has inspired me with the ideals and example of St. Francis of Assisi. Because of this and the support of my brother Capuchins I have been able to be God's instrument to serve his people in many ways. I thank the Lord and my Capuchin brothers for this great grace."

August Seubert, a Marathon, Wisconsin native, joined the Capuchins in 1950 and took perpetual vows in 1953. Gus was ordained to the priesthood in 1957. He ministered for many years in Nicaragua. Today, Gus resides at St. Fidelis Friary in Appleton WI.



"My 50 years of service in the foreign missions would not have been possible for me without our Capuchin teams where we pooled our gifts to form lay ministers who spread God's Word in those vast missions. The Capuchin brotherhood was our mutual support group. Then after Also many years in foreign cultures, it was again my Capuchin brothers who helped me readjust to U.S. urban ministries. My admiration for St. Francis, especially his love of the gospel, and his peaceful mission even to the Muslims, grew as I followed him. So yes, I'm grateful to the Lord for calling me to His service in this wonderful brotherhood."



Anthony Scannell, born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, was educated at St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary. Tony entered the Capuchin Order in 1949 and was ordained a priest in 1955.

Most of Tony's ministry has been in evangelization and communications, teaching the speaking and preaching courses at St. Anthony Seminary in Marathon, Wisconsin for 14 years, meanwhile producing 125 TV programs called "Know The Truth." Transferred to Los Angeles, California in 1970 to become director of production, and then president of Franciscan Communications, he also served as president of the Franciscan Institute for Radio and Television and the Association of Catholic Television and Radio Syndicators. After serving as provincial minister (1993-

1996), he returned to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as pastoral telecommunications specialist and executive publisher of its newspapers until he retired in 2007.

“Over 70 years ago I thought I heard a call, urging me to withdraw from a diocesan seminary and become a Capuchin. Confusing at first, that call has become clearer over these seventy years, and I am still trying to answer it with the same response I had then: “Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.” I am grateful that God has given me a band of brothers to strive together for the ideals of St. Francis. I always thought I would die young doing this. It’s just taking longer than expected.”

SBU’s Franciscan Institute partners with Dutch university to develop international Franciscan Blog



The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University will this summer initiate the first International Franciscan Blog in partnership with The Franciscan Study Center at Tilburg University in the Netherlands.

Developed by the Institute’s executive director, David B. Couturier, O.F.M. Cap., and Krijn Pansters, S.T.D., of the Franciscan Study Center at Tilburg University, the blog will provide a new platform for sharing current Franciscan scholarship across the world in a medium accessible to all generations of educated readers.

The International Franciscan Blog, to be named Franciscan Connections, “brings together the talents and scholarships of two great Franciscan research centers, in Europe and in America, to showcase the depth and range of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition.,” said David.

The purpose of the Franciscan Blog is to offer a website that connects the best of Franciscan learning with the wider world of scholars, educated professionals and communities of practice.

The blog will post contemporary and applied Franciscan scholarship, as well as contemporary issues in politics, society, ethics and church. Contributions will include: 1) articles; 2) scientific news; 3) opinion pieces and discussion; 4) literature reviews; 5) portraits of Franciscan scholars and professionals; 6) videos and podcasts; 7) news from the Franciscan Study Center and the Franciscan Institute, and other items, as appropriate.

“As a scholar working in the field of Franciscan Studies, I have often missed a website that connects the best of Franciscan learning with the wider world of scholars, educated professionals and communities of practice – and this in an intelligent, non-emotional way. Well, here it is!” said Pansters, chief editor and staff member of the Franciscan Study Center.

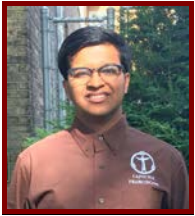
“This is the 80th anniversary of the Franciscan Institute and we are celebrating the fact that the Franciscan Institute has been providing the best education in the Franciscan intellectual tradition to generations of Franciscans. Now, with the Franciscan Study Center at Tilburg University as a partner, we can go global and expand the reach of the scholarship of both of our institutions,” said David.

An Advisory Council of European and American experts in Franciscan studies, both lay and religious, has been set up to oversee and participate in the development of the blog, with representation from institutions such as Marquette University, Boston College, University of Tübingen, and Durham University.

The Franciscan Blog is a service of the Franciscan Study Center and the Franciscan Institute and will not charge readers for its services. Visit the Franciscan Blog at www.franciscanconnections.com

Postulants Head for Novitiate

Our two postulants, Shebin Philip and Anthony Yousef, have completed the postulancy program and will be invested in the Capuchin Habit on July 19th.



Shebin Philip

This year has been very insightful for me. I've been able to tap into a lot of areas in my life which I would normally put away or not acknowledge. I'm so grateful to God for nudging me towards this vocation and giving me a year in formation in a new country, new setting, new people. And I'm surprised how well it has been considering all those elements. I've been very thankful for all the knowledge and experience I've received from this year, both positive and negative, which enables growth in all of us. There have been times where it has been hard for me to adjust to the culture, the new way of life, and new routines. But I believe that I've been able to grow more in understanding of our Capuchin charism and the life of our brother Francis. I ask our brothers to pray for us as we prepare to move on to the next step of our journey.

This year has been different and challenging, but I definitely grew a lot in my faith and in my ministry and fraternal life. I enjoyed volunteering as a Eucharistic minister at St. Francis Parish and visiting our people that cannot make it to church. I also enjoyed my time volunteering at St. Ben's meal services, also cooking at Saint Conrad's. I believe I grew a lot this year. My faith is definitely stronger and my life in the community has been fruitful. I will miss my brothers in Milwaukee as I move on to California.

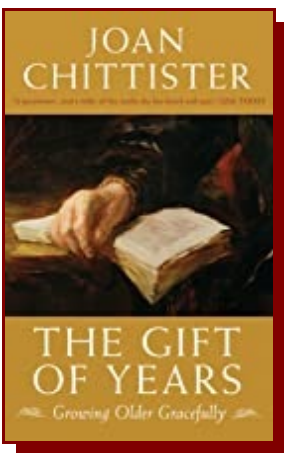


Anthony Yousef

I also got better at reading and writing in the English language by attending ESL classes. I must say this year has been a blessing. And the Corona virus and staying at home made me a stronger person and closer to my brothers in the community. I'm excited for the next stage of formation. May God continue to bless us all and keep us safe and healthy!

The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully

Short Review by Richard Hart



Joan Chittister's book is pregnant with insights on aging and offers practical suggestions on how to deal with growing old. The book has been described as an encyclopedia of knowledge providing meditations how to grow old gracefully which challenges most elderly. It is an inspiring portrait of the gift of years, and a brave look at how to put more energy into one's life.

Chittister's insights richly reward those who consider their lives useless and unfulfilled, but can become spiritually meaningful, fruitful and rewarding. These are the capstone years and a gift of becoming more alive, an adventure of growing in new ways. Joan shows how the elderly offer us wisdom, how to handle struggles, rejection, health issues, death and preparing for a new life.





- Alexis Luzi is unresponsive, and entering into hospice care.
- Richard Siegel, brother of +Kenan Siegel, died recently.
- James Daniel Costello, father of Mark Joseph Costello, died recently.
- TL Michael Auman resumed radiation treatments for cancer recently.

***What Do We Do with Prophets
Who Come to Upset Us?***

By Daniel Crosby, Capuchin

Elijah, Elisha, Jeremiah.
Old-fashioned names for Old Testament prophets.
Seems God sent them to unsettle
sons and daughters who chose to stay settled,
safe, secure and superior,
seldom seeing sisters, brothers sinking slowly,
saying, "I'm breathing OK; why can't they?"

Never invited, never wanted,
these prophets met mighty resistance
from those snug, satisfied with their status quo.

They pounced on, punished these prophets
as they passionately pleaded:

*"In God's name and for all God's poor ones,
set things right!"*

Provoked by such pleas these folks responded:
"God's presence, God's power reside with us here;
We'll prevail over all of your pleas."

Never were these prophets truly heard.
The status quo, though shaken, settled back strongly.
This: the plight of most prophets.
But other prophets came, taking their places;
God's truth, God's ways can never be silenced.

Now it's New Testament times.
More enlightened, no need for such prophets.
But they come, and God's Spirit speaks in their coming.
The world still has not been set right.
This year three of them came, swift in succession.
No old-fashioned names to obscure them;
they're called Covid, Economy, Color of Skin.
Each one shouts out the same old-fashioned message:

JUNE

LGBTQ Pride Month

26 Esther Boehnlein (B)

29 Paul Reichling (N)
Bernard Wagner (B)

July

1 Oliver Bambenek (N)

4 Steven Kropp (B)

6 Tien Dinh (B)

7 David Preuss (B)

9 Richard Merling (B)

10 MJ Groark (B)

13 Randolph Graczyk (B)

*"In God's name and for all God's poor ones,
set things right!*

*You're following gods of your own making.
You're feeding yourselves and don't look
at the legions you're leaving behind!"*

We're people of the Book, Old Testament and New.
We ponder the pleas of these prophets,
present and past.

In prayer we glimpse their promise as well as our fears.
There we feel the groans of the Spirit who
speaks in their coming:

*"Don't settle back into your old status quo!
It might be safe, but it's stale and it's stifling!
Don't you too long for all God's people to breathe?
If you say YES, God's Kingdom will come a little bit more
on earth, as it is in heaven."*

Do we hear, will we hear an "AMEN"
to these prophets?
God's name, God's poor ones are waiting.