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"While my time here has now come to an end, I want you to know that in the last days and hours of my life you inspired me. You filled me with hope about the next chapter of the great American story when you used your power to make a difference in our society. Millions of people motivated simply by human compassion laid down the burdens of division. Around the country and the world you set aside race, class, age, language and nationality to demand respect for human dignity...When historians pick up their pens to write the story of the 21st century, let them say that it was your generation who laid down the heavy burdens of hate at last and that peace finally triumphed over violence, aggression and war. So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide." — *Excerpts from an Op Ed piece by John Lewis, civil rights leader who died on July 17. His essay was published on the day of his funeral.*

Three Brothers Profess Final Vows

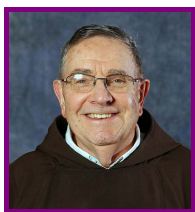
On the Feast of the Assumption (Aug 15th), three of our brothers professed perpetual vows at St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel in Detroit. Pictured at right are (L-R) Michael Sullivan (provincial minister), Truong Tien Dinh, Truyen Nguyen and Michael Dorn.

Because of the current reality, the celebration was "scaled down" to allow for social distancing. Our public relations department life-streamed the liturgy so that friars, relatives and friends could participate "virtually."

re:Cap offers prayerful best wishes to our newly-professed!



Jubilarians Celebrate 480 Years of Religious Life



Born in St. Cloud, Wisconsin, John Gau joined the Capuchin order in 1960 and was perpetually professed in 1963. John has ministered at friaries in Indiana and Wisconsin and at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon, Wisconsin. John currently resides at St. Fidelis in Appleton.

"I am grateful to be in the Capuchin order and grateful for Flavian Bong, who was the Capuchins' vocational director at the time. For when I was in eighth grade on one Saturday, he came in the field where I was picking up stones, to talk about a school that the Capuchins were starting up

for lay friars at Calvary Station. So in the fall of 1954, I started high school as a freshman at St. Francis School in Calvary Station. I'm the only person to graduate in 1958 from that school's first class that's in the order."

James Antoine, born in Belgium, WI, joined the order in 1960, took final vows in 1963 and became a priest in 1967. Jim has served in pastoral ministry on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in Montana for much of his time in the order.

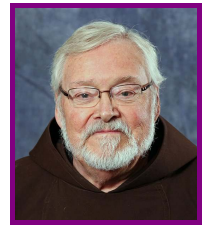


"One of the happiest days of my life was when I came to experience the spirit of Capuchin brothers on what was called "the Hill of Happiness" (St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, WI). Their spirit of joy, warmth, service to others, and devotion to God brought me the grace to want to live among them and become like them. I can never thank God enough for the grace of my Capuchin vocation. Through it and with the brothers with whom I have shared life, God has brought me closer to Himself. For me Capuchin life is a God-given journey with brothers into everlasting Life. Psalm 133 puts it so well: 'How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!'"

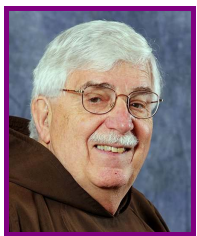


John Hascall was born in Sault Ste Marie MI, and was invested in 1959. He professed his perpetual vows in 1963, and was ordained a priest in 1967. John has ministered to Native Americans consistently servicing in Assinins and Baraga MI, as well as in Ashland MT. John currently ministers in his home town of Sault Ste. Marie.

Alan Veik, born in Humphrey NE, took first vows in 1960, was perpetually professed in 1963 and ordained a priest in 1967. He has served nearly the entirety of his time in ministry in Milwaukee, including as a formator, in jail ministry, and provincial vicar.



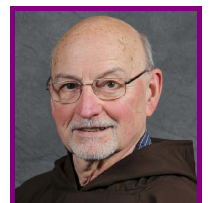
"I am incredibly thankful for the gift that God has given in the call to our Capuchin brotherhood. It has been such an enriching family introducing me to the charism of Francis and Clare as the way of living out the Gospel. In turn, brotherhood and sisterhood relationships have cradled my life-long formation by surrounding me with Capuchin brothers, and placing me at the feet of great teachers and formators among the poor and the local churches served by our brotherhood."



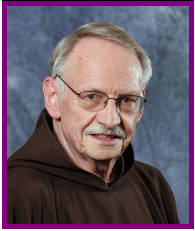
Perry McDonald, born in Dodgeville WI, joined the Capuchins in 1960 and took perpetual vows in 1963. Perry was ordained to the priesthood in 1967. Perry has served in a number of ministries including formation work. He has written historical works, his most recent being a history of St. Conrad Friary, published in 2019.

"As I reflect on these 60 years as a Capuchin I am particularly grateful that, among these brothers of mine, I have found my true self, my abilities, and many ways to express them. Among them I have found a prayerful place to wonder at the wisdom of God and the challenging, but accepting, Word that has been given to us out of love. Among and with them I have found precious people who have allowed me to be of service to them and they to me. Among them I have peacefully wondered about what type of life is next for me after this one. In short, I have found a home among them."

David Reichling, a native of Fond du Lac WI, joined the Capuchins in 1960 and took perpetual vows in 1963. David was ordained a priest in 1967. He currently serves as pastor at St. Bernard Parish in Billings, Montana and at SS. Cyril and Methodius in Ballantine, Montana.



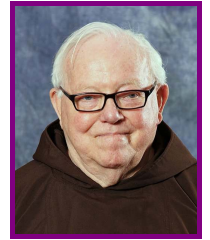
“I think of many people who have helped me become and serve as a Capuchin – family, friars and parishioners. Praise the Lord for their Christian witness and support both now and through the years in sharing the joy of Jesus. Our journey with the Lord continues.”



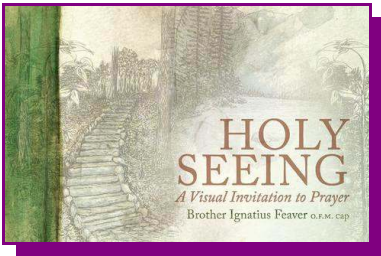
Adrian Staehler, born in Kewaskum WI, joined the order in 1960, was perpetually professed in 1963 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1967. A longtime teacher and preacher, Adrian’s ministry work included serving at Monte Alverno Retreat and Spirituality Center in Appleton.

“I was inspired to become a Capuchin because of the example of friars I experienced as a student at St. Lawrence Seminary. Their witness reflected the spirit of Francis of Assisi who in turn focused me on Jesus Christ. My family and Capuchin brothers have supported me in my 60-year journey of following Christ and of serving the People of God in ministry.”

Alfredo Gundrum, born in Allenton WI, was invested in 1959 and professed his perpetual vows in 1963. He was ordained a priest in 1967. Alfredo ministered in Nicaragua for many years, after which he returned to the U.S. and served at parishes in Chicago. He currently resides at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit.



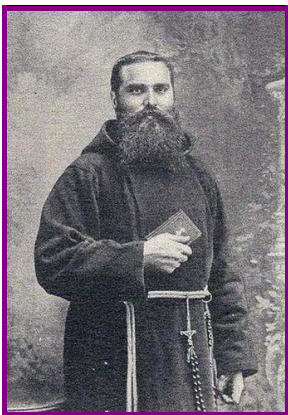
Holy Seeing



Since the early church, Christians have used visual images, whether art or architecture, as an invitation to enter into a sacred place of prayer. This visual invitation has come to be known as, 'Visio Divina', which literally means 'Holy looking'. In Holy Seeing, artist and spiritual director Ignatius Feaver invites us to enter into to beautiful black and white artwork with the inner eye of our soul. As a Capuchin Franciscan, Ignatius believes in the gift of praying with our five senses. Gently, he teaches us how to do the same. Accompanying each of the 30 illustrations is a passage from scripture, our Catholic tradition or a

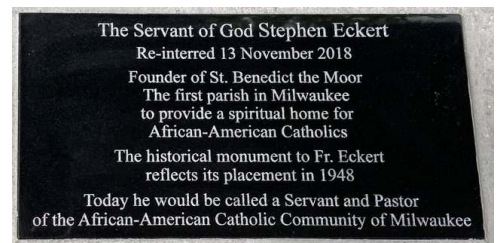
poem, a brief reflection by Ignatius on the particular illustration, and questions for reflection.

Stephen Eckert Re-Remembered

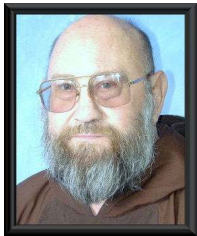


Servant of God Stephen Eckert (d. 1923) was an indefatigable apostle, going door to door in the district and asking people to send their children to the mission for instruction. Capuchin friar Eckert began a boarding school by taking in orphan children. The school became a private school for black children. Soon, the boarding school drew numbers from around the country and outnumbered the day school in enrollment. Stephen Eckert was often on the road preaching missions and begging local food merchants for donations. He sent letters asking for money for mission buildings. Some Milwaukee priests, like James Groppi (d. 1985) decided that working with African-Americans would be a focus of their priesthood. All of them learned about

Stephen Eckert and likely prayed to him.



A plaque (pictured above), donated by Jim Sippel of Sippel Funeral Home, was recently placed next to the 1948 marker of Stephen Eckert in the Capuchin Cemetery in Mt. Calvary WI.



Our brother, Robert Wheelock, died on August 1st at the age of 83. Bob was born in 1936, the son of Leslie and Cecilia (née Meyers) in Cherokee, Iowa. He was invested in the Capuchin habit in 1957, perpetually professed in 1961, and ordained a priest in 1964. Bob served as a hospital chaplain in Detroit and

Milwaukee. He also ministered as a faculty member of St. Lawrence Seminary and as a retreat center preacher. In 1995, he co-founded Franciscan Peacemakers (with Michael Sullivan), an outreach street ministry in Milwaukee. Bob retired in 2012. He is survived by two nephews: Bill Gano (Vancouver WA) and Steve Beals (Huron SD), along with his many Capuchin brothers with whom he lived, prayed and ministered for more than 60 years.

- ! Charles Robinson has tested positive for COVID-19.
 - ! Rita Petrie, an affiliate, has entered hospice care.
 - ! Robert Dymale, brother-in-law of Bernie Wagner, died recently.
 - ! John Holly recently underwent surgery for a cracked left hip and possible damage to his left ribs due to a fall.
 - ! Habib Najor (uncle of Faris Najor) died recently.
 - ! Keryakoz Najor (father of Faris Najor), has been hospitalized for Covid-19 complications.
 - ! Marty Pable has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure, and has entered hospice care.
 - ! John Willger has been hospitalized with pneumonia.
- ! I wish to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your moving messages of faith and concern, your promises of prayers on each of two occasions: first, when MariKay and I were in that terrible car accident and hospitalized, and again a few days later, when MariKay died. Your prayerful presence in those moments are and will be treasured. Blessings on each of you! ~Gary Mathes and family

August

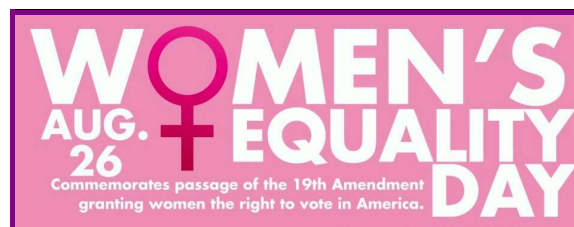
- 21 Walter Balduck (B)
- 26 Staneley Augustine (B)
John Holly (B)
- 28 John Celichowski (B)
- 29 José Vera (B)
- 30 David Schwab (B)
- 31 Peter Chinnappin (B)

September

- 1 Alphonse Pushparaj (B)
- 3 James Leary (B)
- 6 Julius Milton (B)
- 7 David Heffron (B)
- 8 Adrian Staehler (N)
- 9 Robert Malloy (B)
- 12 Richard Hart (B)

Loving God, we come to you full of anxiety about what may happen in the coming days and weeks. Shower us with the peace Jesus promised to his disciples, and make us into steady pillars for those around us. In this time of uncertainty and epidemic, wake us up to the fact that we are not alone.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope. Amen.



Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex.