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## St. Anthony Place Grand Opening



Michael Bertram

Heartland Housing, Capuchin Community Services, and Ascension Wisconsin joined city, county, and statewide partners at the grand opening of St. Anthony Place on 15 March. The former St. Anthony's Hospital has been renovated into 60 units of permanent supportive housing and a comprehensive resource center for Milwaukee's chronically homeless. The event was opened by Michael Bertram, pastor of St. Ben's Parish, who began by asking for a moment of silence for victims and survivors of the tragic mass shootings in New Zealand.

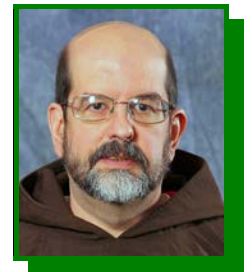
"We believe society is better for everyone when all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential. Affordable housing is the foundation to these achievements," said Michael Goldberg, executive director of Heartland Housing. "Heartland Housing provides nearly 160 units through four sites throughout the city, with St. Anthony Place being our largest development in Milwaukee. This grand opening is a celebration of those who have had to fight so hard to survive over the years."



Michael Goldberg

"Opening St. Anthony Place is a critical milestone in our effort to end chronic homelessness in Milwaukee County," said Milwaukee county executive Chris Abele. "From connecting formerly homeless tenants to housing in these new units, to providing housing vouchers help keep them there, our team has worked hard to make this vision a reality. Overall homelessness in Milwaukee County has dropped by 40 percent since we began our Housing First Initiative in 2015, and it's partnerships like St. Anthony Place that will help us reduce this rate even further."

"The Capuchins opened St. Anthony Hospital in 1931, and we are excited to partner in the building's rebirth as supportive housing," said Rob Roemer, ministry director of Capuchin Community Services. "A lack of affordable housing is a significant root cause of poverty that we see every day affecting the people served by Capuchin Community Services."



Rob Roemer



St. Anthony Place

## "Transforming the World through Reverence"



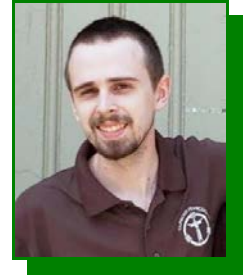
*We Saw You at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Event!*



*re:Cap* Salutes Capuchin Community Services, Heartland Alliance, Ascension/St. Ben's Clinic, and the City and County of Milwaukee for Partnering Together to Address Homelessness!

## Life in Postulancy

Jacob Schultz, one of two of our current postulants, is from Michigan and is 25 years old. He told us that this year has “been blessed, to say the least.” He especially values the communal meditation and prayers, and daily Eucharist. Jacob has expanded his knowledge of Capuchin Franciscan life through the various presentations by friars who participate in the postulancy classes. Sharing daily meals and recreation with the brothers at St. Conrad has helped him build a “sense of community.”



Jacob Schultz

Jacob is involved in two ministries this year, one of which is with the Benedict Center where he is working on a project setting up an archive of key events in the center’s history (Jacob has a degree in history). He’s also working on a presentation that he will give sometime in April to the friends of the Benedict Center.

He’s also been doing jail ministry with Francis Dombrowski. “This has been a wonderful experience, and has given me exposure to the criminal justice system. Hearing the stories of the inmates has helped to affirm that I made the right decision by entering postulancy. Both of my ministries have helped to make postulancy a fruitful year.”

## “Calling One Another by Name”



Antony Julius Milton

Antony Julius Milton — a Capuchin brother from Amala Annai Province of Tamil Nadu, India — came to the St. Joseph Province in 2017 as part of the fraternal collaboration program. Antony professed his perpetual vows in August 2018 in Detroit. Currently, he is working on his M.Div. degree at Catholic Theological Institute in Chicago, preparing to serve as an ordained minister. Antony is 26 years old.

“My ministry experience here is limited since I am a full-time student. However, this academic year gave me ample opportunities to minister at St. Ignatius College Prep, a Jesuit school in Chicago. It was great for me to get to know the American adolescents’ culture and spirituality, with its strengths and weaknesses. I believe I’ve helped the students grow in their love of God and neighbor by leading retreats, chapel reflections on gospel passages, sacramental preparation, and encouraging them to see God in the needy and poor of our society and to serve them and care for them. I had occasions to share my faith experience, and to listen to their faith journeys. I’m amazed when I realize how God is present in their life situations, and the way that these high schoolers recognize it and long to grow in that wonderful spiritual experience.”

Antony perceives his vocation as “a call to live a life of brotherhood/fraternity in simplicity, and in love of the poor.” He said that “it is difficult to be an authentic Capuchin; but I when think of the thousands of brothers who journey along with me in this vocation, there comes a great sense of brotherly support in following this way of life with all my imperfections and limitations.”

Antony finds the friars’ service to the poor “brings me great joy, and I look forward to the day when I can get more involved in these ministries.” Some of the older brothers, he said, are edifying role models, and are helping him “become a brother of simplicity, hard work, fraternal sense and loving care.”

Finally, he told us that “calling one another by name enhances our sense of equality, simplicity and humility. When I am addressed just by my name (*not as brother, father, etc.*), I am reminded that ‘Antony Julius Milton’ is what I am — nothing more, nothing less.”



- Nadine Fraley (sister of Joe Monachino) was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Madalai Muthu is grateful to all for your valuable prayers, concerns and care after his fall. He's doing well and is back to work.




- Our brother, Roger Veik, died on 22 March. He was 75 years old. Roger was born in 1943, the son of Anton and Rynilda Veik, in Humphrey NE. He was invested with the Capuchin habit in 1961, perpetually professed in 1965, and ordained in 1969. Roger was a staff

member of the novitiate formation team in Huntington IN, and later on the post-novitiate formation team. He also served as formation director. He ministered at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Colstrip MT and was appointed vicar for priests in Great Falls MT, his last assignment. In addition to his brother Al (also a Capuchin friar), Roger is survived by his brother Norman (Mequon WI) and three sisters: Mary Chmielewski (New Berlin WI), Rose Plevak (Alpharetta GA) and Charlene Duley (Muskego WI), as well as his many Capuchin brothers with whom he lived, prayed and ministered for the past 58 years.



**MARCH**




24 ..... **Assassination of Oscar Romero (1980)**

29 ..... **Vito Martinez (B)**  
**Michael Dorn (B)**

31 ..... **Cesar Chavez (B)**

**APRIL**



1 ..... **Joseph Panakkalody Savior (B)**

4 ..... **Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr (1968)**

5 ..... **Nicholas Blattner (B)**

7 ..... **World Health Day**

*re:Cap is grateful for a recent donation from former friar Ed Goeden.*

## Earth Day – 22 April

*This year's theme is "Protect Our Species"*

Nature's gifts to our planet are the millions of species that we know and love, and many more that remain to be discovered. Unfortunately, human beings have irrevocably upset the balance of nature and, as a result, the world is facing the greatest rate of extinction since we lost the dinosaurs more than 60 million years ago. But unlike the fate of the dinosaurs, the rapid extinction of species in our world today is the result of human activity.

The unprecedented global destruction and rapid reduction of plant and wildlife populations are directly linked to causes driven by human activity: climate change, deforestation, habitat loss, trafficking and poaching, unsustainable agriculture, pollution and pesticides to name a few. The impacts are far reaching.

If we do not act now, extinction may be humanity's most enduring legacy.

All living things have an intrinsic value, and each plays a unique role in the complex web of life. We must work together to protect endangered and threatened species. The good news is that the rate of extinctions can still be slowed, and many of our declining, threatened and endangered species can still recover if we work together now to build a united global movement of consumers, voters, educators, *faith leaders*, and scientists to demand immediate action.

### *Justice for All Creation*

**"Building peace by treating all creation fairly, and promoting structural change for a more just order."**

— *Provincial Mission Statement*