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Justice for All Creation



The global crisis in the animal kingdom is directly connected to causes largely created by human pursuits. This includes activities like deforestation, poaching, trafficking, agriculture, pesticides and pollution — all of which are leading to massive habitat loss. If something is not done quickly, the extinction of species across the globe will be our biggest legacy.

Fortunately, there is a solution to prevent many species from going extinct in the near future. By working together, people around the world can get legislators, scientists, religious leaders, politicians and educators to act quickly to stop habitat loss and start protecting Earth's many creatures. To that end, Earth Day has several goals in mind for this year's worldwide campaign to protect the planet's most endangered species.

On a smaller scale, Earth Day hopes to get people around the world to start eating more plants and stop using herbicides and pesticides.

If these goals are met on Earth Day, which is officially on April 22, then we can make great strides in protecting endangered species and habitats across the planet. This includes species like bees, elephants, insects, whales, giraffes and coral reefs.

Franciscan Friar in Kenya Wins Global Teacher Prize



Peter Tabichi, OFM

Peter Tabichi, OFM, was chosen among 10,000 nominees as the global ambassador for the Varkey Foundation, which established the award. The organization looks to raise the standards of education for students across the developing world.

"This prize does not recognize me but recognizes this great continent's young people. I am only here because of what my students have achieved. This prize gives them a chance. It tells the world that they can do anything," Tabichi said. The friar is a science teacher at a school in rural Kenya.

Tabichi teaches science and math at Keriko Mixed Day Secondary School in Pwani Village, Kenya. The school is in need of resources and equipment, and has a student-teacher ratio of 58:1. Tabichi often walks four miles to a cyber-café, to download educational material for his lessons. He also donates 80 percent of his income to aid poor students, and intends to donate his million dollar prize money to support the school.

SLS students at Ciudad de los Niños in Lima

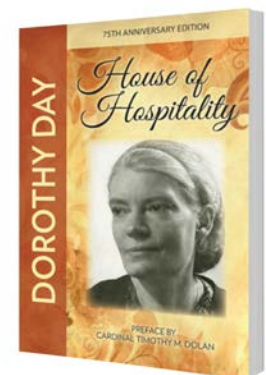
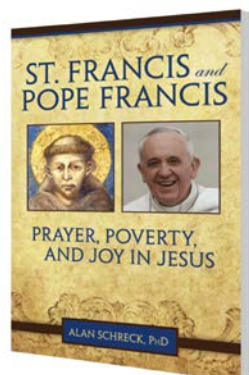
Recently, students from St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary WI were part of the Spanish Exchange Program in partnership with Colegio Sta. Ana. The students were accompanied on this trip by Jose and Miriam Liborio, both members of the faculty at SLS.



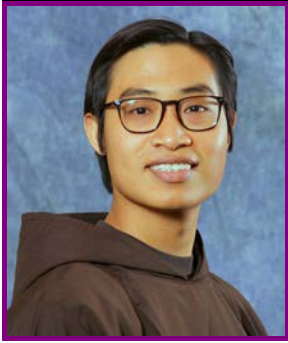
Lady Poverty Collection

The three books in this special collection shine a bright light on mercy, sacrifice, and kindness toward the unlovable, the outcast, and the marginalized. The connections between the works are surprising. In *Mr. Blue*, a 1928 novel, the main character exemplifies radical generosity by forgoing fortune for love of Lady Poverty. That same outpouring of self is found in Dorothy Day's *House of Hospitality*, real-life reflections on the beginning of the Catholic Worker Movement. Finally, at the heart of *St. Francis' and Pope Francis' Teaching* is that embracing poverty can lead to healing and restoration in a broken world. Three important works all Catholics should read. The collection is available from OSV Catholic Bookstore:

<https://www.osvcatholicbookstore.com>



From Saigon to Chicago, With Several “Stops”



Truyen Nguyen was born in Saigon, Vietnam and migrated with his family to Oklahoma City at the age of sixteen. After graduated from high school, he moved to Divine Word College in Epworth, a small town in northeastern Iowa, about 17 miles west of Dubuque. During his third academic year, the college sponsored Truyen to go to the Philippines for the cultural exposure program, and it was in his ministry with the marginalized population in peripheral area of Manila that he discovered my Franciscan calling. Shortly after returning to the States, he reached out to the Capuchins, and was accepted into the province in 2015. Truyen professed first vows in 2017 and now lives in Chicago to continue my discernment. He’s currently studying at Catholic Theological Union for the M.Div.

It has been a journey since joining the order. For the first time, Truyen lived in a context as the only Vietnamese, and had to use English as the only way of communication in postulancy. Yet being removed from his culture has offered Truyen an opportunity to understand himself and his culture more than ever before. “The brothers are very accepted of who I really am, and after four years in the province I am grateful to say that I finally found a home. The sense of provincial family comes to me in ordinary things such as working or having meals together. The province also shapes my theological and ecclesiological understanding; I, more than once, expressed that I’m happy joining the Province of St. Joseph.

Two ministerial experiences thus far that are significant in his discernment are St. Ben’s front office ministry in Milwaukee, and St. Clare of Montefalco Parish in Chicago. St. Ben’s is part of the Capuchin Communication Services which tends to the basic need of the poor and marginalized. Working at St. Ben’s not only helped Truyen learn to treasure each person’s human dignity regardless of their social statuses and circumstances, but also appreciate the stewardship that our benefactors entrust to us in our ministries. St. Clare of Montefalco Parish was a different setting: a Spanish speaking community. “Even though I don’t speak Spanish (I can only babble a few basic words!), I experienced love and care from the parishioners. St. Ben front office and St. Clare of Montefalco Parish have its own challenges, but my Capuchin brothers, Rob Roemer at St. Ben’s, and John Celichowski at the parish, kept me well-grounded and contented. I am very grateful for the Capuchin brotherhood.”

Capuchin Walk for the Hungry



Location: Henry Maier Festival Park Mid-Gate (Summerfest), 200 N Harbor Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (E. Chicago St. & N. Lincoln Memorial Dr.)

New this year! Due to time/space limitations on site we’ve canceled the 5K Run. Register for the 2 Mile walk through Lakeshore State Park which includes the island offshore from the Summerfest grounds!

Register for the Capuchin Walk for the Hungry and help feed, clothe and care for those in need. St. Ben’s Community Meal serves the hungry and homeless supper six nights per week. The House of Peace’s Emergency Food Pantry operates one of the largest food pantries in the city. Capuchin Community Services operates both sites. We offer other services including warm clothing, blankets, bus tickets, counseling and much more. You can register for the walk here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-capuchin-walk-for-the-hungry-registration-59337339580?ref=ebtn>



- Larry Maas, spouse of Sally Maas, was scheduled for surgery recently.

Action: Not Pretty Words

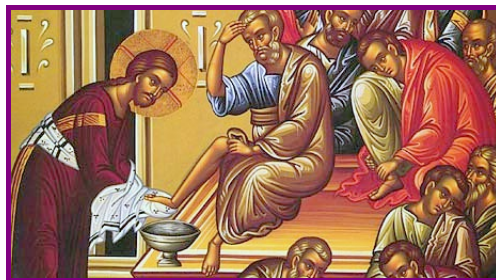
San Salvador Archbishop Óscar Romero already died just over 39 years ago, assassinated March 24, 1980, while saying Mass. After his Oct. 14, 2018, canonization was much celebrated in his native El Salvador and encouraged the institutional church to embrace him, it seems unlikely that he'll be forgotten anytime soon.

But Estefan Turcios Carpaño, a diocesan priest in Soyapango, El Salvador, who directs the human rights office for the Archdiocese of San Salvador, says Romero must be celebrated not only with "pretty words and slogans" but by continuing his legacy of engaging with lived reality and speaking out against injustice and violence.

Church priorities, rather than being specific plans, are more about attitudes that lead to the right kinds of action whenever necessary, Turcios said, such as "coherence between faith and life," "a more incarnated Gospel," or being a church that is involved with the people rather than being all talk and celebrations.

[The above is excerpted from an article in NCR, 3 April 2019]

And everything is upside down,
 like faces mirrored in a bowl:
 an earthen vessel, roughly formed,
 that's full of water while the one
 who once was robed, incomp'able,
 in light removes his outer robe
 to tie a tow'l, a servant's garb,
 around his waist and stoops to wash
 his foll'wer's feet of traces from
 the dusty Roman roads they've walked.
 Yes everything is upside down
 for whom in all this world would like



to think that him whose praise we sang,
 "Hosanna to King David's son,"
 should stoop to take a servant's part.
 Oh we would rather he should reign
 on high with us at his right hand.
 But Servant Lord, incomp'able,
 you call us to remove our pride,
 an outer robe, and stoop to wash
 all others' feet: humility,
 and thrust down deep our dusty feet —
 to take the love you offer us —
 into the bowl reflecting you.

*A Blessed Easter to Our Brothers, Our Partners in Ministry,
 and All of Our Readers!*



- 14 Baudry Metangmo (B)
Daniel Crosby (B)
- 16 Finance Comm Video Conference
- 18-20..... Triduum Retreat, Mt. Calvary WI
- 19 James Antoine (B)
- 20 Passover begins
- 23 Joseph Mattathil (B)
George Kooran (B)
- 24 Elroy Pesch (N)
- 24-25..... Provincial Council, Detroit
- 27 Presbyteral/Diaconate ordinations, Chicago

