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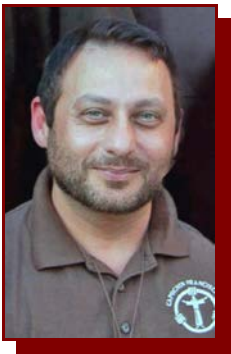
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## Volunteering Is Important!

By Anthony Yousef



Volunteering is important for numerous reasons that benefit both the community and the volunteers themselves. When someone donates a handful of time, the difference made is tremendous and it shapes a community for the better while the experience improves the person who donated the time.

Volunteering is what makes a community because it brings people together to work on a goal. Whether it is a fund-raiser for the research to cure a disease that affects the whole world, or to help a local family that has fallen in a time of calamity, volunteers make it happen. Community life is improved by aiding others and lending a helping hand to get a job done more effectively.

Donating time now will also aid in the future. Volunteering strengthens present skills and also shows an employer that an effort has been made to make an improvement. Such skills include communication skills, the ability to work with others, the ability to take direction and lead others, dedication and time management.

These are just a few reasons why volunteering is important. Not only does volunteering bring hope and happiness to people, but it also leads to spiritual and personal growth. It is an experience that cannot be bought with any amount of money.

[Ed. note: Anthony volunteered at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit during his candidacy. He was recently accepted as a postulant and resides in Milwaukee WI.]

## Friar Honored for Decades of Service



On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, the “Holyland Catholic Parishes” (Mt. Calvary WI) celebrated Oliver Bambenek’s 60<sup>th</sup> jubilee as a Capuchin. The day started with Mass at St. Joseph Church in St. Joe, where Oliver serves as pastor for nine years. This was followed by an open house where everyone shared food and fellowship. Oliver is well loved in the Holyland where he continues to help out in the parishes along with ministering at Villa Loretto and St. Lawrence Seminary. *re:Cap* offers Oliver prayerful best wishes and many more wonderful years!

## *Another Successful Fund-Raiser*



L-R: Chris Nicole (parishioner) and friars Shebin Philip and Anthony Yousef, at the golf outing.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> St. Francis Parish in Milwaukee held its 7<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing. The proceeds from the outing support property repairs and add money to the parish's scholarship fund. From last year's outing, the parish distributed over \$33,000 to post-high school students. Awards are made on the basis of service [to school community, church], not grade point average, as so many B- and C-students have little access to scholarship money and financial help.

The 2019 golf outing turned a profit of over \$76,000 which was only increased with a \$30,000 donation to the scholarship fund by one of the golfers. Mike Bertram is especially grateful to Jim Leary and St. Joseph Parish in Appleton, just one of many supporters of the event. Mike is grateful to them all for their support of our ministries and our mission.

## *The Iconic Milwaukee Dome*

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, a community-wide celebration was held featuring a dome lighting ceremony to publicly unveil a new lighting system to illuminate the iconic dome of St. Josaphat Basilica in Milwaukee. The basilica is under the supervision of the Conventual Franciscan Friars.

The Basilica was built in 1901 to serve as the spiritual home to Milwaukee's large population of Polish immigrants and continues to serve as a welcoming house of worship to the neighborhood's increasingly diverse population.

The dome lighting ceremony is the culmination of years of work to restore and preserve the historic building's unique structure. The most publicly visible part of the project is the installation of 26 points of light in the surrounding Lincoln Village neighborhood that will all shine on the basilica dome at night, illuminating the massive structure for all of the city to see and creating a new, permanent beacon of light on Milwaukee's night-time skyline.

Our five postulants represented the St. Joseph Capuchin Province at the dome lighting ceremony.

## *"Benefit on the Bay"*



"The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's mission is to feed bodies, nourish spirits and strengthen communities," said Mike Schodowski, a longtime organizer for the "Benefit on the Bay" fund-raiser. "And they do all this without government funding. The soup kitchen feeds 2,000 people a day, tutors children, provides groceries and clothing. The soup kitchen's organic urban farm produces over 6 tons of healthy food. They help men getting out of prison learn a trade. They help people with their sobriety and to overcome addictions. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen does so much for the community. We're really proud to be part of this wonderful work."



L-R: Chris Woods, Norman Velenzuela, C.J. Webb, Anthony Yousef and Shebin Philip.

## We Saw You at the Benefit on the Bay



## Don't Call Me a Saint?



“An oft-quoted quip of Dorothy Day's was, ‘Don't call me a saint. I don't want to be dismissed so easily.’ Well, should I ever join the communion of saints, I would tell Dorothy: We didn't make you a saint. You did that to yourself! The first and only time a pope has addressed the U.S. Congress, you were one of the four pivotal persons in his speech. No one easily dismisses you, or your legacy. A legacy that lives on with vibrancy in your newspaper, in Catholic Worker houses, and in every person who knows there is too much work to do to feel hopeless, and no human being who can be labeled as the undeserving poor.”

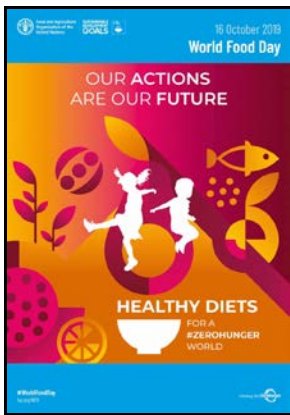
“Who makes a saint? After partaking in a very small role in the cause for canonization for Dorothy Day, the best answer I have is this: Through responding to the grace of God, we can make *ourselves* into saints. As such, neither my daughter, nor I, nor anyone formally working on Dorothy Day's canonization is making her a saint. Dorothy Day is a saint because she lived a life of heroic sanctity, just like most of us strive to do each day — or at least strive to do every couple of days.” — *Mark Piper, transcriber of Dorothy Day's diaries.*



- John Ahnen (father of SLS alumnus Ron Ahnen), died recently.
  - Frank Reimer (brother-in-law of SLS employee Francisco Saucedo) died recently.
  - Cindy Overton (SLS employee) was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Thanks to all who sent messages and prayers for my sister on the occasion of her death. The whole family is thankful for the care you have shown. God bless you all.
 

— Franklin Eichhorst

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15	.....	<b>Lester Bach (B)</b>
16	.....	<b>Edward Foley (B)</b> <b>Jacob Schultz (B)</b> <b>World Food Day</b>
17	.....	<b>Finance Commission</b>
22	.....	<b>NAPCC, Scottsdale AZ</b> <b>Bettejean Ahee (B)</b>
23	.....	<b>Joseph Monachino (B)</b>



### World Food Day: Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

*Many think that hunger is about too many people and too little food. But that's not true. Our planet produces enough food to feed every woman, man, and child. Instead, hunger is about power. Its roots lie in inequalities in access to resources. Right now, many farmers in poor countries—the people who grow the food the world relies on—don't have the power to access the resources they need to thrive.*

It's time to take a closer look at the amount of food we throw away. By planning our meals, buying only what we need from the store, and saving our leftovers, we can reduce food waste and conserve resources so that everyone has enough to eat today and tomorrow. When you buy fresh food that's in season today, you reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which helps protect everyone's food supply for tomorrow. A lot of energy is wasted growing food in the wrong place or at the wrong time of year. Find out what grows seasonally near you and then make the smartest choices for your location and budget.

Only a small percentage of what we spend on food actually reaches the people who farm and produce it. To help, look for products, brands and restaurants that ensure small-scale farmers and workers get a fair deal.

## Jesus Prayed for His Enemies

### This Morning I Pray for My Enemies

And whom do I call my enemy?  
 An enemy must be worthy of engagement.  
 I turn in the direction of the sun and keep walking.  
 It's the heart that asks the question, not my furious mind.  
 The heart is the smaller cousin of the sun.  
 It sees and knows everything.  
 It hears the gnashing even as it hears the blessing.  
 The door to the mind should only open from the heart.  
 An enemy who gets in, risks the danger of becoming a friend.



Joy Harjo  
 United States Poet Laureate