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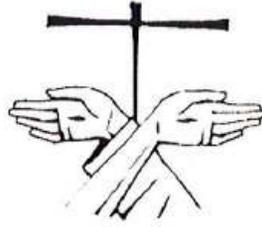
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Br. Roberto Genuin
GENERAL MINISTER
OF THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CAPUCHIN

In accordance with N. 133:1 of our Constitutions, having consulted the brothers in perpetual vows of the Province of Calvary, of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, and having obtained the consent of the General Council on November 17, 2020, thereupon proceeded to appoint the Provincial Minister and the Councilors.

Those appointed are:

Provincial Minister: Br. Mark Joseph Costello

Provincial Vicar: Br. Steven R Kropp

2nd Councilor: Br. William Hugo

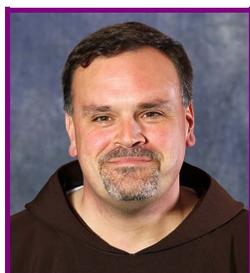
3rd Councilor: Br. Zoilo Garibay

4th Councilor: Br. Tien Dinh

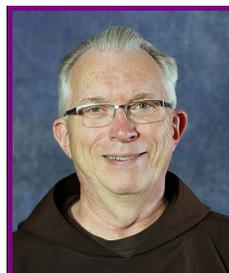
Their term in office will commence on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020.



Mark Joseph Costello



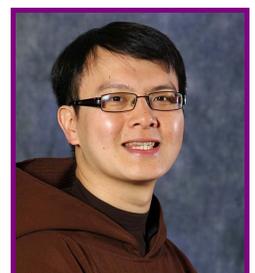
Steven Kropp



William Hugo



Zoilo Garibay



Tien Dinh

*re:Cap Offers Prayerful Best Wishes to Our
New Provincial Leadership!*

Experience, Continuity and Diversity!

After many months following the *scheduled* end of our last triennium, the General Council in Rome elected five of our brothers to our Provincial Council. In a simple Evening Prayer ritual this past week, our brothers were installed in their leadership positions. The slate includes three of our brothers (Mark Joseph, Steve and Bill) who bring provincial leadership experience and administrative continuity. And our two brothers (Zoy and Tien) exemplify the diversity that has been a hallmark of our provincial elections.

On his first day in office, Mark Joseph offered this initial reflection in a letter to the friars: "Today marks a new liturgical year and a new Provincial Council. In the midst of all the uncertainty that we are experiencing, something is ending and something is at its start. Today's Gospel could really be applied to selecting new leadership, and relieving those serving in leadership in the year 2020: *'Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. Mk. 13:33.'*"

"We are most grateful for our brother Michael Sullivan, who has done over and above his two terms of service to the province. When the new council was named and I started receiving emails, one friar congratulated me and then asked if Michael had "conceded! Michael's graciousness has been evident throughout the many challenges he has had to face as provincial minister. His concern to create a successful transition in leadership is much appreciated. His having joined the thousands of hospitalized Covid-19 sufferers makes very real the dangers of this time. With all the brothers, my prayers and best regard goes out to him. Steven Kropp, our continuing province vicar deserves our thanks for serving well and for keeping his lamp lit. I have had the pleasure of working with Steve for many years and his strong support for our Montana mission is keenly felt. Our brothers Jerry Johnson, Daniel Fox and David Preuss showed their willingness to serve in leadership, even when their pastoral commitments were beyond full time. Their insight, wit and commitment to the province have made their mark on these last years. *Thank you brothers!*"

And so, a new triennium — with new challenges — has begun!

Pope Marks Anniversary of U.S. Missionaries' Murder in El Salvador



Statue of Jean Donovan at the Solanus Center

Remembering the three U.S. religious women and a laywoman brutally murdered during El Salvador's civil war, Pope Francis hailed them as examples of faith and missionary discipleship.

Before concluding his weekly general audience Dec. 2, the pope commemorated the 40th anniversary of the death of the four American missionaries: Maryknoll Srs. Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sr. Dorothy Kazel and lay missionary Jean Donovan.

"These women lived their faith with great generosity. They are an example for all to become faithful missionary disciples," the pope said.

The December 1980 murder of the four missionaries capped a deadly year for the Catholic Church in El Salvador. In March of that same year, St. Oscar Romero, then-archbishop of San Salvador and a critic of the right-wing government's use of violence and torture in the country, was murdered while celebrating Mass.

Montana Parish Receives Grant



*St. Xavier Church in the Crow
Indian Reservation*

The National Fund for Sacred Places, a program managed by Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, selected 16 vital congregations across the United States to receive funding and technical assistance. All of the 2020 awardees will receive generous preservation grants up to \$250,000, along with pro bono support services, to ensure their projects are well planned and successful. The

congregations selected to receive awards from the Fund represent some of the country's most significant and

community-minded sacred places. In addition to their beauty and historical legacy, these congregations also provide invaluable resources, sustenance, and support to their respective communities. St. Xavier Mission in St. Xavier MT is one of the 16 recipients to receive this funding. Mark Joseph Costello recently designed a new altar for the church

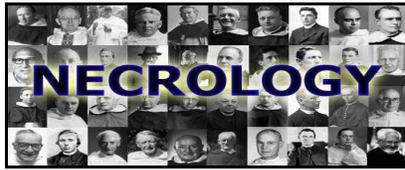


Solanus Center Expansion



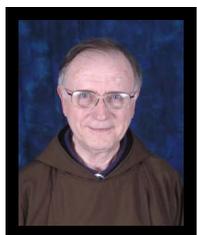
Work is progressing on the Solanus Casey Center expansion in Detroit. Construction is progressing well on the parking lot for 65 vehicles that is located on the north side of Kerchival. To build this, six lots were purchased, and three lots are in a long-term lease agreement with the Detroit Water and Sewer Dept. The project was complicated by soil contamination with 190 tons of contaminated soil needing to be hauled off to a toxic waste dump. The aggressive water remediation mandates of the city were complicated by the contamination problems necessitating a complex bio-swale system for the lot. Work is about to begin on the 5000 square foot addition to the center. The entire project should take about two more years.

To Our Readers: Since the current pandemic began many months ago, our publication schedule has been considerably altered. Our ministries have severely curtailed activities, and our provincial celebrations have either been postponed indefinitely, or restricted to conform with state and local ordinances regarding the size of gatherings, making reporting difficult. We trust you understand, given these circumstances. We will publish our newsletter when we have news and information to share with you. Thank you for your understanding!



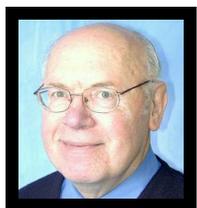
Our affiliate, Bettejean Ahee (nee Joseph), owner of Edmund T. Ahee Jeweler's in Grosse Pointe Woods died October 31, 2020 at the age of 91. Bettejean was a lifelong philanthropist and founding parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea. The Ahee family lost a devoted

mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the beloved wife of the late Edmund T. Ahee. The Funeral Mass was live-streamed on the Solanus Casey Center website. In keeping with the lifelong efforts of Edmund and Bettejean to feed the hungry and clothe the poor, the Ahee Family would appreciate memorial contributions be made in their honor to the Capuchins.



Our brother, Martin Pable, died on 19 November at the age of 90. Marty was born in 1931, the son of Charles and Hedwig (nee Wirkus) Pable, in Fond du Lac WI. He was invested in 1952, perpetually professed in 1956, and ordained in 1958. He served in a variety of ministries, including retreat

ministry in Saginaw MI and Marathon WI. For many years he served as a psychologist for the province, and was director of the office dealing with sexual misconduct. Marty served in a number of formation ministries, including novice director and the postulancy program. He also was a member of the faculty at St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry in Milwaukee WI. Marty was instrumental in beginning an evangelization ministry in Racine WI. In his later years, he took on a ministry to the retired priests of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Marty retired to St. Fidelis Friary in Appleton in 2019. He was preceded in death by his brother Larry and sisters: Mary Galloway, Bernice Schneider and Lou More. He is survived by his sister-in-law Mary Pable (Fond du Lac WI), as well as his many Capuchin brothers with whom he lived, prayed and ministered for more than 68 years.



Our brother, Paul Yaroch, died on 7 November at the age of 84. Paul was the son of Paul and Stella (nee Nadolski) of Port Augstin, Michigan. Paul was invested in the Capuchin habit in 1955, perpetually professed

in 1959, and ordained a priest in 1964. His ministries included pastoral service at St. Benedict and the former St. Elizabeth parishes in Milwaukee. He also served as a half-house director in Milwaukee. For two years he did pastoral ministry for ARAMCO in the Middle East. He did ministry in Warren, Baraga and Detroit, Michigan, as well as hospital chaplaincies in Michigan and Wisconsin. His last ministry was as chaplain at the Boyle Apostolic Center in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He retired in 2004. Besides his parents, Paul was preceded in death by his sister Bridget Smukola, and his brother Melvin. He is survived by his brother Irvin and his sister Mary Davis, as well as his many Capuchin brothers with whom he lived, prayed and ministered for over 65 years.

*From
the
Heart!*



This note is far overdue, and I apologize. I want to thank so many of you for your kind emails and cards at the time of my liver surgery for cancer, I am grateful for your prayers

and concern. I am happy to tell you that after nearly two months I am recuperating well, and I do believe in the power of prayer and in my case, your prayers have brought me through to this point. Please be assured you are remembered in my daily prayers and I will always be grateful to all of you. Your brother, Patrick Giffer (affiliate)



These are distressing times for everyone. We want you to have a safe and happy holiday season: please *don't* travel during the holidays unless you absolutely have to! Enjoy this special season with those in your household, and be grateful for the many gifts we enjoy *in spite of the pandemic.*



*A Blessed
Christmas
to You All!*