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Over 3000 Attend Ordination...Virtually!



Michael kneels before the bishop



Michael's first homily as priest



L-R: Robert Lombardo (ordaining bishop),
Michael Dorn and Mark Joseph Costello
(provincial minister)

The pandemic demanded that attendees to the ordination of our brother Michael Joseph Dorn be severely limited. Through the “miracle” of technology, 3,040 individuals watched the live-streamed liturgy! Michael Dorn was ordained to the held last Saturday by Robert J. Lombardo, CFR (aux bishop, Chicago. Dorn, 42, is a native of Adrian, Minnesota. He professed his solemn vows as a Capuchin friar in 2020. He took his first steps of discerning a call to life as a Capuchin Franciscan in 2015, when he entered the Capuchin Postulancy Program in Milwaukee.

Before discerning a vocation with the Capuchins, Mike had previously served with AmeriCorps, the Catholic Worker, and had a career as a social worker serving youth experiencing homelessness, as well as working with citizens in recovery from addiction or returning from incarceration. "My vocation was born out of having experienced the visceral and unconditional love of God when I needed it most in my life," said Mike. "It is only by the grace of God that I'm alive today and am now a Capuchin brother whose priesthood is to share this love of God with all of Creation."

Secularization Project

Mark Joseph Costello (provincial minister) has launched *The Secularization Project* among provincial membership. The project will lead up to the 2023 provincial chapter, focusing on personal experiences of secularization and developing chapter proposals that respond to it. Mark Joseph's inaugural letter acknowledges that many past provincial planning efforts focused on the effects of secularization rather than on secularization as a cause. The Secularization Project is an opportunity to more directly confront Capuchin life and ministry in the face of this undeniable social process. At its beginning, the project will utilize online consultation and small group reflection. Many letters have already been published after the inaugural letter, indicating the timeliness of the project. The Provincial Council has asked Gary Wegner, Bill Hugo, Thomas Skowron, and Michael Joseph Groark to guide the province through the process.

Our Lady of the Holyland Parish

On March 25, Gary Wegner, pastor of the Holyland Catholic Parishes, received from Milwaukee's archbishop the decree regarding the merger of the three parishes:

In part the decree declares that "Accordingly, we now proceed to the canonical merger of St. Isidore Parish in Mt. Calvary, St. John the Baptist Parish in Johnsburg and St. Mary Parish in Marytown. With this document, we declare this merger accomplished and decree that out of this merger shall arise a new canonically established parish. The titular for the parish shall be Our Lady of the Holyland. The patronal feast of the parish is to be celebrated on October 25."



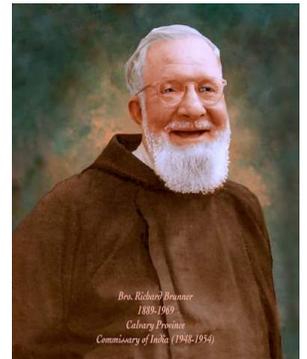
The merger of the parishes will take effect on July 1, 2021. The individual churches will retain their names: Holy Cross, St. Cloud, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph and St. Mary. The school will continue to be known as Holyland Catholic School.

The name of the parish, "Our Lady of the Holyland" is unique in the United States and perhaps the world. The name reflects both the Holyland of Wisconsin, as well as the Holy Land of Israel and Palestine. As followers of Jesus in this Holyland, we are connected to the Christians of the Holy Land who have kept the faith, often under difficult circumstances, since Jesus walked the roads of Palestine and the streets of Jerusalem.

The patronal feast day (October 25) is the Feast of Our Lady of Palestine and, for us, the Feast of Our Lady of the Holyland.

Province Remembers Friar's Service in India

Michael Gaffney was asked by the provincial administration to create an image of Richard Brunner for a gift to India when they visit. The Capuchins have been in India since 1632. From 1948 to 1954, Richard Brunner from the St. Joseph Province was put in charge of the Indian Capuchin Mission. He was made commissary provincial in 1951.



And Here's Another Peek at The St. Francis Monastery Renovation

