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The World is Becoming More Elitist!

"Inspired by the gospel of Jesus and the example of Francis of Assisi, the Capuchin friars of the Province of St. Joseph, together with our partners in ministry, prayerfully build sister-brotherhood in the world. We attend simply and directly to the spiritual and other basic human needs, especially those of the poor and disenfranchised, promoting justice for all."
(SJP Mission Values Statement)

**WELCOMING, PROTECTING,
PROMOTING AND INTEGRATING
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**



In a new video message for *World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, which the Vatican will celebrate Sept. 29, the pope warned, "Today's world is increasingly becoming more elitist and cruel toward the excluded."

"Those who pay the price are always the little ones, the poor, the most vulnerable, who are prevented from sitting at the table and are left with the crumbs of the banquet," the pope said in the message released July 2.

Francis said the church must take the initiative and seek "those who have fallen away." The Catholic Church should "stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast whom we ourselves as a society are excluding," the pope said. "Real development is fruitful and inclusive, oriented toward the future."

The message, according to the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, is part of a campaign that "will offer reflections, insights and resources for the promotion of pastoral activities" for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Reflecting on the theme, "It's not just about migrants; it's about not excluding anyone," the pope lamented the exploitation of natural and human resources in developing countries "for the benefit of a few privileged markets." He also called out countries that foment war through arms sales while closing their doors to innocent men, women and children escaping violence. *(Excerpted from NCR, 7/3/19)*



Canadian Friar Visits Montana

The Montana friars invited Ignatius Feaver of Mary, The Mother of the Good Shepherd Province (Central Canada) to give them a retreat. Ignatius is a long-time friend of the friars of the St. Joseph Province, and served his own province as provincial minister. Eight friars gathered with Ignatius from June 24-28 at St Labre Friary, Ashland MT. Ignatius focused on a number of Francis and Clare inspired themes that were greatly appreciated by the brothers. A group sharing rounded out the preached retreat and warm fellowship marked the days Ignatius was with the friars in Montana.



Eight friars attended the retreat in Montana directed by Ignatius Feaver (standing)



And, of course, there were festive meals!



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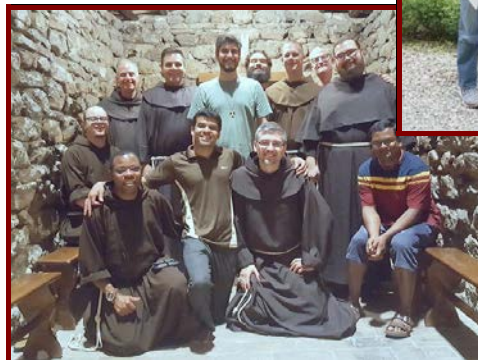
If you've ever visited the St. Francis Capuchin Center in Milwaukee, you've undoubtedly met Rick Fernandez. Rick has been working for the Capuchins for almost 20 years, and he and his family have been life-long parishioners at St. Francis Parish. Recently Rick retired as maintenance supervisor at the Center.

reCap offers prayerful best wishes to Rick for a well-deserved retirement!

We Saw You on The Capuchin Heritage Pilgrimage



L-R: Roymond Peter Chinnappan, Roche Gaspar, Nick Blattner, Antony Julius Milton, Anthony Kote-Witah and Brenton Ertel



Pat McSherry welcomed the brothers to the curia in Rome.

We Saw You at The "Souper" Summer Celebration

In 1981, Edmund and Bettejean Ahee asked their children to help come up with an event to benefit Detroit's less fortunate. They always reminded their children that they should thank God they don't have to wonder where their next meal is coming from. Edmund grew up near the Capuchin Soup Kitchen during the depression, and many of his friends had stood in line for food. He wanted to create awareness for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and for the city's less fortunate. Over 30 years later, the Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration continues to be held annually and brings together thousands of people and offers free admission, live entertainment, and a jewelry raffle each year. 100% of all proceeds from donations and raffle tickets benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. With the help of all its attendees, the event has raised over \$6 million since it began, and has raised plenty of awareness for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.





July

- 17-18 Provincial Council, Mt. Calvary WI
- 19 Jubilees/First Vows, Mt. Calvary WI
Rob Roemer (B)
- 20 Perpetual Vows, Mt. Calvary WI
- 24 Raymond Stadmeier (B)
- 25 James Zelinski (B)
- 26 Joachim Strupp (N)
- 28 James Hast (B)
- 30 Memorial of Solanus Casey

- Audrey O'Brien-Griffin, a long time friend and daily Mass attendee at San Lorenzo Friary (novitiate), Santa Ynez, CA, passed away suddenly on July 12, 2019,
- Jerry Schroeder underwent a cardiac catheterization for two blocked arteries.
- Jamie Mertens, the son of retired St. Lawrence Seminary employee Sandra Mertens, died recently.
 - Bill Jenner (former friar) has been hospitalized for breathing difficulties and presumably early stages of heart failure.
 - The father of former friar Peter Muha died recently.
- I reached home on time and in the presence of hundreds of people; the funeral and burial of my brother is done. Please give my gratitude of thanks to all friars in the province for the love and prayerful support. Fraternally, Joseph Mattathil

Pray for religious vocations

Sonnet 18: William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
 Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
 Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
 And summer's lease hath all too short a date;
 Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
 And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
 And every fair from fair sometime declines,
 By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
 But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
 Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
 Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
 When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:
 So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
 So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

