

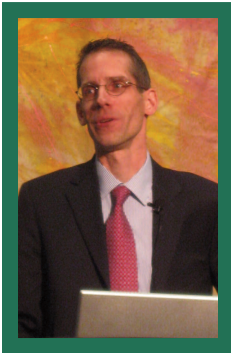
# Seraph

JULY 2011



## CHAPTER OF MATS MET!

The historic first Chapter of Mats of the English speaking Conventual friars met at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, from June 27 to July 1, 2011. Pictured here are some of the friars of St. Bonaventure Province with our Provincial, Very Rev. Patrick Greenough and the Minister General of the Order, Most Rev. Marco Tasca. On the following page are other photos of the Chapter taken during the week.



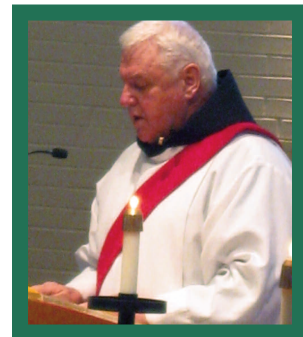
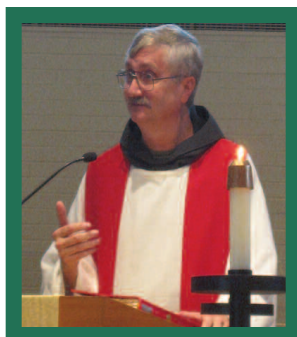
**BE NOT AFRAID**

We must not be afraid. We must not be afraid to merge Provinces if it comes to that. We must not be afraid to remain as stand alone jurisdictions either. We must not be afraid to renew old friendships and make new ones. We must not be afraid to leave past hurts behind and start again. We must not be afraid to move beyond stereotypes that we have of each other as individuals and Provinces and look at each other anew. We must not be afraid of lessening numbers and death for unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies it remains just a single grain. We must not be afraid to go forward into unknown futures. Perfect love casts out all fear. Therefore, most of all, we must not be afraid to love one another as brothers. For God gave us brothers and love covers a multitude of sins and is stronger than even death.

— Very Rev. Patrick Greenough  
(Address to the Chapter)



*Special thanks to ace photographer Fr. James P. Henning for providing some of the photos from the Chapter.*





**HERITAGE DAYS 2011** at Holy Family in Peoria, Illinois. According to an eye witness (the pastor, Fr. John Grigus): "The weather was fare and the turnout was pretty good. What impressed me the most was the spirit of giving present among all volunteers who gave so much of their time to man the booths, set up and take down tents. I was especially impressed by the number of young people who came to help out."

**2011 DATES AND ANNIVERSARIES**

- July 14 Investiture, Mishawaka, 5:00 p.m.
- July 15 First Profession, Mishawaka, 11:00 a.m.
- Aug 11-18 Minister Provincial in Poland, 70th anniversary of death of St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Aug 16-21 World Youth Day, Madrid, Spain
- Aug 19 Holy Hour for Friar Paul Schneider's solemn profession, Marytown, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 20 Solemn Profession of Friar Paul Schneider, Marytown, 2:00 p.m.
- Sept 6-16 Minister Provincial with CFC Provincials' Meeting, Castro Valley, CA
- Sept 19-21 Definitory, Chicago, begin 1:00 p.m.
- Sept 20 Welcoming ceremony for new postulants, Chicago, 5:00 p.m.
- Oct 29 St. Josaphat Basilica Gala, Milwaukee, WI, Mass 4:00 p.m.
- Nov 29-30 Definitory, Chicago, begin 1:00 p.m.

- 1711-2011 300th Anniversary of death of Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza
- 1941-2011 70th Anniversary of death of St. Maximilian Kolbe
- 1981-2011 30th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Joseph of Cupertino Province
- 1991-2011 20th Anniversary of the deaths of Michael Tomaszek & Zbigniew Strzalkowski

**If any Parish has extra Mass stipends, please send them to the Provincial Office.**



**PEACE & JUSTICE**

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame, / With conquering limbs astride from land to land; / Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand / A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame / Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name / Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand / Glows world-wide welcome; / Her mild eyes command / The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame. /* "Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she / With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, / I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" — "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus, graven on a tablet within the pedestal on which the Statue of Liberty stands.



**WELCOME HOME BR. STANLEY ZABKIEWICZ** After ministering in Zambia since 1957, we welcome Br. Stanley (pictured left) and wish him well in his new assignment at Marytown.



**BON VOYAGE FRIAR PAUL** We wish Friar Paul Langevin (pictured right) well as he heads off to the Australia Custody for five weeks to assist in their ministry. Also, please keep in your prayers Deacon Hans Flondor as he completes his CPE training in Rockford, Illinois and Friar Paul Schneider, who is currently in the midst of his Second Novitiate in Rome and Assisi.