

Geography

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SACRAMENTS SOUTH OF THE BORDER!

Our Mission and other Catholic churches in Xochislahuaca celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 24, 2011. They used a church yard to accommodate the large numbers attending. The Archbishop of Acapulco, the Most Reverend Don Carlos Gárfias (pictured above), confirmed 506 candidates. He was assisted by Fr. Roberto Coleman, a near-by pastor, Fr. Lorenzo Rojas (his associate), and our own Fr. John Calgaro, OFM Conv. On June 26, 2011, 215 children received First Holy Communions at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Xochis. After Mass, they processed through the streets of Xochis with the Blessed Sacrament. From the pictures (bottom left), it looks like all had fun!

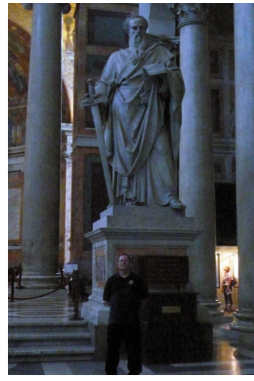


NEWS FROM THE DETROIT FRIARY AND BEYOND

June 27th- July 6, 2011, Br. Jim O'Brien made his 38th pilgrimage to Lourdes, France! This year he traveled with Dr. Therese Thompson, the Dean of the College of Nursing from Madonna University where he teaches and nursing professor Patria DeGuia. Two Madonna University nursing students accompanied them. This was a "pilot" for a future program to bring students to experience the gift of being "present" to the sick and handicapped visiting Lourdes. The College of Nursing hopes to begin offering this pilgrimage to *any* student wanting to combine spirituality and healing while visiting the Shrine! (Br Jim is located in the lower left of the photo above and the Madonna professors are in Madonna University sweatshirts!)



Father Tony Fox (above), celebrated a Mass in honor of St. Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop), Australia's first saint on her feast day (August 8th) at All Saints Friary Chapel in Dearborn Heights. The inset is a close-up of her picture. On August 5th, 2011, a statue of St. Maximilian Kolbe (left) graced the chapel to begin the Novena which concludes on August 13th, in preparation for his feast day on August 14th.



Did you know
 Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the U.S. Treasury?



A HODGEPODGE OF PHOTOS

(Clockwise from top left) Friar Paul Schneider visits St. Peter's in Rome while on his 30 day Solemn Vows retreat. While visiting St. Paul Outside the Walls, a future St. Paul (Schneider) poses by a statue of his namesake. Friar Paul rings a bell at the Franciscan shrine of Poggio Bustone. Friar Paul Langevin strikes a dapper pose in Sydney. Some of our Australian friars with Friar Paul. A pair of Italian *paisanos*: Friar Pio Alves visits Br. Raphael Ruffolo during his summer assignment at Marytown. The after math of Mats (the Chapter): a lunch at Big Boys with Paul Schneider, Fr. Alejandro López and our vicar, Fr. Michael Glastetter (back row), with Paul Langevin in the foreground.



EVERYTHING'S COMING UP PETUNIAS, AND MARIGOLDS AND...AT HOLY FAMILY, PEORIA ILLINOIS Fr. Anthony Labedis displays his green thumb with the beauty of the back yard blooms (above). Way to celebrate the gift of creation!

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



Ninety-one percent of Americans and nearly 5 billion people worldwide use a cell phone. Here's (some things you) can do to protect yourself from potential harm from radiofrequency radiation emitted by these devices:

1. Always use a hands-free headset or the speakerphone setting when talking on your cell phone.
2. Keep the phone off your body.
3. Text instead of talking.
4. Turn it off.
5. Replace cordless phones with corded models.
6. Use a low-radiation cell phone.
7. Keep your cell phone, cordless phone, and wireless modem away from your head.
8. Keep your phone fully charged.
9. Be wary of devices that claim to block EMF exposure.
10. Don't give cell phones to young children as toys or pacifiers.

For more information see the full article from Green America at greenamerica.org/pubs/greenamerican/articles/JanFeb2011/11Ways.cfm



2011 DATES AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 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 Basilica of St. Josaphat Loaves and Fishes 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