







NEW OUR WELCOME BROTHERS

On September 20th St. Bonaventure Province welcomed its newest postulants at Kenmore. Here are pictures of the "Beginning Fraternity" ceremony.





ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO BR. GEORGE

On October 2, Br. George Searles passed away unexpectedly while attending Mass at his new assignment at Marytown, in Libertyville, Illinois.

Fr. Luke Poczworowski has agreed to be our new Province Treasurer. Luke will continue to live in Wenona and carry on in his ministry there, but will assume the additional responsibility of Treasurer, filling out the duration of this term. Thank you to Luke for his continued dedication.

PART TWO OF A SPECIAL FOUR-PART STORY Formed by Our Ministry

By Br. Joseph Schenk

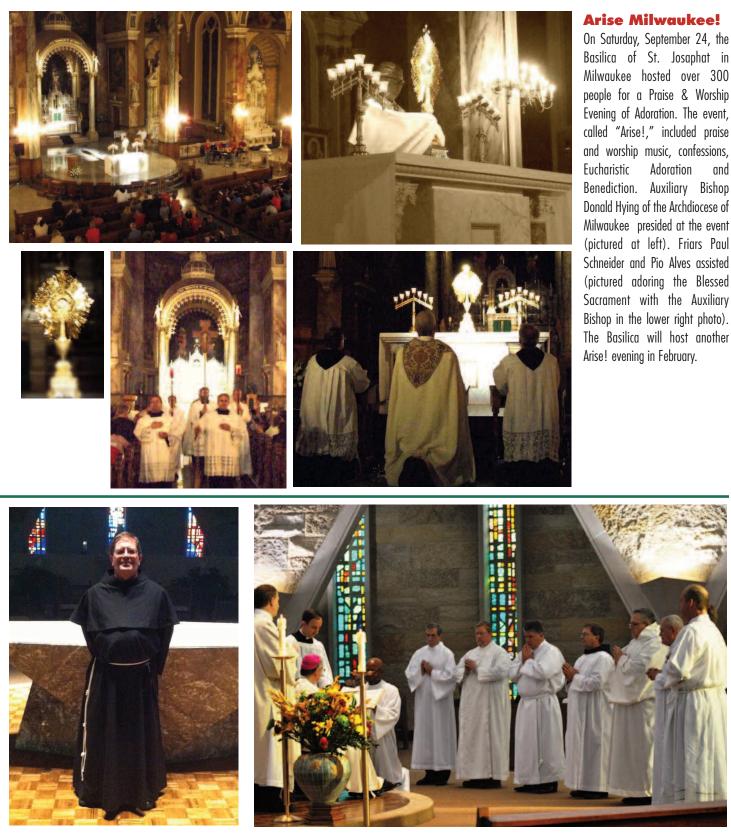
The men in formation at Sacred Heart Friary have engaged in a wide array of ministries over the years. The variety of personalities and interests that each group of postulants and student friars possesses - together with the opportunities for ministry that come with living in the middle of the nation's third-largest city — makes for a diverse list of ministries. In the last several years, these ministries have included: direct service to the hungry and homeless (St. Stanislaus Kostka parish soup kitchen); assistance to the elderly (Heart-to-Heart ministry at St. Gertrude's parish and Caring Connections for Seniors); pro-life causes (Archdiocese of Chicago's Respect Life Office); visits to the sick and homebound (St. Gregory the Great parish's ministry of care) and advocacy for social change (8th Day Center for Justice). What unites these varied expressions of service are the Franciscan spirit of mission and a solidarity with those in society who are usually ignored or rejected.

Two of our temporarv professed friars who currently are engaged in important ministries are Peter-Joseph O'Malley



Giles Gilbert and Friar Giles Gilbert and Friar Peter-Joseph

O'Malley. Friar Giles visits the residents of Little Sisters of the Poor on Chicago's North Side about every other week. He has been doing this ministry since 2002: first. at the Sisters' facility in Palatine prior to entering religious life, and then at one of the Sisters' facilities in Massachusetts while a friar with the Little Brothers of St. Francis. Giles says that his ministry at the Little Sisters is largely about presence and "being able to find Christ in the face of each resident and them being able to find Christ in mine. When I make visits, the majority of my time is spent in just being attentive to the residents and



Ministry of Acolyte On October 5, 2011, Friar Paul Schneider received the Ministry of Acolyte at Sacred Heart Seminary along with 7 other men. The Minister Provinical, Fr. Patrick Greenough and

friars from the Basilica of St. Josaphat celebrated the Mass with their brother. It was a joyful and fraternal time. The Sacred Heart School of Theology professors and staff expressed appreciation for the felt Conventual Franciscan presence. All should be proud of Friar Paul and of the men who represented the Province. Keep all of our students in formation in your prayers, as they are our hope and our future.

HAPPY FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS!

Blessings of pets took place in a plethora of places! Deacon Fran McGann blesses a schnauzer outside the friary in Wenona (Top most photo) while Fathers Alejandro López, Michael Glastetter and Hans Flondor sprinkled the aspergillium in Milwaukee on Saturday October 2 in anticipation of the Solemnity. "Joey" (pictured at bottom) was also blessed!





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listening to them. Often, it may involve simply being with an elderly man or woman in their loneliness or suffering." Two of the residents that Giles regularly visits are our own Br. Regis and Br. Raphael. When asked how he deals with the difficulties that can accompany this ministry, Giles again emphasizes the importance of simply being

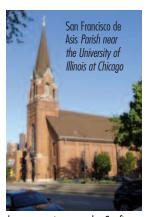


present for the residents: "I find developing an interior disposition of heart that is attentive and available to be the challenge I come across. To listen not only with the ears but with the heart demands a deeper and deeper intimacy with Christ. I want to listen to each person I meet, be attentive to them, and show them God's love for them through my attentiveness and joy."

Friar Peter-Joseph also ministers at Little Sisters, but he



has also begun ministering every Sunday at San Francisco de Asis Parish near the University of Illinois at Chicago's campus. He serves as a catechism teacher, providing supplementary material to



the large number of students preparing to make Confirmation. As the students often do not attend catechism classes between First Communion and Confirmation, they have forgotten the very basic tenets of the faith. For his part, Peter-Joseph teaches a series of presentations to each Confirmation classroom regarding these central tenets: confession, the Eucharist, the Rosary, etc. After the classes are finished for the day, he attends Sunday Mass with the students and their families in Spanish. "I like having an opportunity to educate the students and re-educate myself regarding the importance of living a sacramental life," says Peter-Joseph. "I am also thoroughly impressed with the sense of mystery and reverence that even the students have for the sacraments. I also enjoy meeting the various devout Catholics who make the program possible and their absolute spirit of hospitality."

PASTOR "DANCES WITH THE WENONA STARS" Fr. Luke Poczworowski, OFM Conv.; pastor of St. Mary Parish (Wenona), St. John (Lostant), and St. Patrick (Minonk) and parishioner Kris Klieber donned authenic Polish dance costumes and danced "The Chicago Polka" as part of "Dancing with Wenona Stars" (pictured at left). The fund-raiser happened August 10-14 at the Wenona Days Festival. Proceeds from the event helped Wenona firefighters purchase air packs. Below: Fr. Luke's Fan Club Celebrates a win!



Appreciation Mass and luncheon

The St. Hedwig Cemetery staff appreciation luncheon took place on August 12, 2011 in Dearborn Heights Michigan. Fr. Tony Fox presided at the Mass. *All* staff members came for the Mass and a luncheon in the afternoon to offer appreciation for their wonderful work at the cemetery. Here are a sampling of photos from the event.



Did you know

In a ten-minute shower, the average person uses 70 gallons of water. That's 1, 120 8-oz. bottles of water!

We will never forget—9/11 Remembered throughout St. Bonaventure Province

Fr. Justin celebrated a Memorial Mass in remembrance of September 11 in the All Saints Friary Chapel in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.





The display (above) with an image of the World Trade Center in New York was prominent during Masses of Remembrance for the tenth anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Fr. Luke Poczworowski presided while Deacon Fran McGann was the homilist at the Masses at St. Mary in Wenona, Illinois.

In Other News... Fathers Anthony Labedis, John Grigus and Robert Mary Cook (pictured right) celebrated the Solemnity of St. Francis by feasting at Home Town Buffet, Peoria IL.

We rejoice with our bothers in California at their new novices, pictured below with their directors. Bonded by our fraternal past we look forward with them in prayer to a hope filled future. Lower right, the Ministers Provinical gather in California for a September CFC Meeting.







"The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. When nature, including the human being, is viewed as a result of mere chance or evolutionary determinism, our sense of responsibility wanes. In nature, the believer recognizes the wonderful result of God's creative activity, which we may use responsibly to satisfy our legitimate needs, material or otherwise, while respecting the intrinsic balance of creation. If this vision is lost, we end up either considering nature an untouchable taboo or, on the contrary, abusing it. Neither attitude is consonant with the Christian vision of nature as the fruit of God's creation." — Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, para. 48

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



2011-2012 DATES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 29	Basilica of St. Josaphat Loaves & Fishes Gala and Auction, Milwaukee, WI, Mass at 4 p.m.
Nov 29-30	Definitory, Chicago, begin 1 p.m.
Jan 2	Epiphany Party, Marytown. 3 p.m. hors d'oeuvres; 4 p.m. Dinner & Extractions
Jan 24-25	Definitory, Chicago, begin 1 p.m.
Feb	Australia Extraordinary Custodial Chapter (to vote on merger). A two-thirds vote needed.
March 5	Definitory, Chicago, begin 11 a.m.
April 21	Diaconate Ordination, Milwaukee Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Friar Paul Schneider
April 30- May 1	Definitory Chicago hagin 1 n m
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May 15	SB Extraordinary Provincial Chapter (To vote on Australia and to discuss a Province Pastoral Plan for the Province.) Meeting begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Marytown. Lunch will be available by 11:45 a.m. All may depart after supper (or inform the Guardian if you need a room for the night).
May 26	Priesthood Ordination for Hans Flondor. Basilica of St. Josaphat, 11 a.m
June	If both Australia and SB Province vote "yes" on merger, then Patrick Greenough will attend Australia's first "Provincial Custody" Chapter.
July 19	Investiture, Mishawaka, 5 p.m.
July 20	First Profession, Mishawaka, 11 a.m.
	General Definitory to meet at Kenmore & Marytown
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
1212-2012	800th Anniversary of the foundation of the Poor Clares