

NEW LOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR!



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NEWS and NOTABLES of
SAINT BONAVENTURE
PROVINCE *January* 2012



HAPPY EPIPHANY!

*M*arytown hosted the annual Province Epiphany Party on Monday, January 2, 2012. Postulants Gregory

Westenberg, Alfred Soliman, Alex Rasmussen and Marcin Czechowicz (pictured at left, left to right) assisted with the extractions as overseen by their director, Fr. Patrick Stoffer and friar Peter Joseph O'Malley. Brother Juniper Kriss made sure all ran smoothly, including Christmas spirits! Friars and postulants from Poland and Australia helped us to incarnate the theme of the Solemnity: the light of God's love manifesting for all peoples, through Christ our Lord.





CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR AROUND THE PROVINCE

Clockwise from above: Friars in Milwaukee (Fr. Alejandro Lopez, friar Paul Langevin, friar Pio Alves, Fr. Michael Glastetter, Deacon Hans Flondor, friar Paul Schneider) gather at a local restaurant to celebrate the New Year.

Deacon Hans spent time with Fr. Luke Pocoworwski and Deacon Fran McGann in Wenona, preaching on Christmas!

Opening presents in Wenona are Deacon Fran, Fr. James P. Henning, Fr. John Grigus (the Guardian) and Fr. Luke (with his new pajamas)!

A pose of all the friars who partied in central Illinois.

Australian mates gather together: postulants Gregory Westenberg and Alfred Soliman with Fr. Anthony Fox.

Postulants Gregory Westenberg, Alex Rasmussen, and Alfred Soliman in the All Saints Friary Chapel.

A festive tree topper from the Heights.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

At the beginning of January, four of our student-friars embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Patrick Greenough and Fr. Michael Glastetter (their director), as well as Br. Joseph Schenk. The friars were blessed to see places where the Scriptures happened. The group celebrated Mass each day and the students offered reflections at various holy sites. It was a wonderful way to end the Christmas season.



Back: Fr. Michael Glastetter,
Fr. Patrick Greenough;
Middle: Friar Hans Flondor,
Friar Paul Schneider,
Br. Joseph Schenk;
Front: Friar Paul Langevin,
Friar Pio Alves

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them!
May all our friars, family, friends and benefactors
rest in peace especially
+ Josephine Switanowski,
mother of Fr. Robert Joseph Switanowski
and + Edwin Flondor,
father of Deacon Hans Flondor

PEACE & JUSTICE

"Conception is the beginning of human life. From the time that an ovum is fertilized a new life begins that is neither that of the father nor of the mother. It is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth. It would never become human if it were not human already."—*Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Declaration on Procured Abortion, 1974*

"He who denies that human life begins with conception does not need to contend with religion, but science. To deny this certainty of biology is not to express a lack of faith, but a lack of basic knowledge of human genetics, something that is even known by the general public."—*Ecuadorian Federation of Societies of Gynecology and Obstetrics, April 17, 2008*

"All who are genuinely committed to the advancement of women can and must offer a woman or a girl who is pregnant, frightened, and alone a better alternative than the destruction of her own unborn child"—*Mary Ann Glendon, Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, September 5, 1995*

"The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."—*Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

Below are Christmas pictures from around the province. Can you figure out from which of our ministry sites they come? (Answers below, under our province logo.)



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 for Friar Paul Schneider Milwaukee, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
April 30-May 1	Definitory, Chicago, begin 1 p.m. (vote on renewals, solemnities and novitiate)
May 15	SB Extraordinary Provincial Chapter (To vote on Australia and to discuss a Province Pastoral Plan for the Province.) Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Marytown. All may depart after supper (or inform the Guardian if you need a room for the night). Renewal of Vows at EP
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 Fr. Patrick Greenough will attend Australia's first "Provincial Custody/Delegation" Chapter.
July 19	Investiture, Mishawaka, 5 p.m.
July 20	First Profession, Mishawaka, 11 a.m.
Sept. 16-28	General Definitory to meet in Chicago and Marytown

2012 ANNIVERSARIES

800th	Anniversary of the foundation of the Poor Clares
160th	Anniversary of the Conventual's presence in North America
140th	Anniversary of the establishment of the First North America Province (Immaculate Conception)



Answers: A= Wenona; B= Dearborn Heights; C= Milwaukee