



the Seraph

NEWS and NOTABLES of
SAINT BONAVENTURE
PROVINCE. *March 2012*



DID YOU KNOW...
THAT THE 7 BILLIONTH HUMAN WAS BORN IN FEBRUARY 2012. OUT OF ALL THE HUMANS WHO HAVE EVER LIVED, 1 IN 15 IS ALIVE TODAY. (BBC News)

DEFINITORY HIGHLIGHTS

*F*ather Michael Glastetter, the director of formation in Milwaukee, presented reports for Friar Hans Flondor (inset) regarding his request for priesthood ordination, Friar Paul Schneider (above left) regarding his request for diaconate ordination, and Friar Pio Alves (above right) regarding his request for solemn vows. A vote was taken and all of these men's requests were approved. (See the "Dates" section for the dates of their celebrations.)



INSTITUTION OF READER

*F*riar Paul Langevin, OFM Conv. (kneeling at right), a seminarian for the Province of St. Bonaventure, was one of eight students instituted as readers at a March 21 rite at Sacred Heart School of Theology. The institution of reader is an important milestone on the path to priestly ordination. Seminararians are typically instituted near the end of their second year in the theologate program. Langevin is expected to be



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HAPPY 150!

*F*ather Luke Poczworowski and Deacon Fran McGann proudly display their new banner (pictured above). Designed by Fr. Alejandro López the banner celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Lostant, Illinois. Special monthly celebrations have been planned for the parishioners throughout 2012.

ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

Please note the date change for session one of the 2014 Chapter:
First session: April 28-May 2, 2014
Second Session: July 7-11, 2014

DATES

- April 21 Diaconate Ordination for Friar Paul Schneider Milwaukee, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist 10:30 am
- May 14 Definitory, Marytown. 10.00 a.m.
- May 15 SB Extraordinary Provincial Chapter (To vote on Australia) 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Marytown. All may depart after supper (or, inform the Guardian if you need a room for the night). Lunch available at noon; EP and Renewal of Vows at 4:30 p.m.; Supper at 5 p.m.)
- May 26 Priesthood Ordination for Friar Hans Flondor. Milwaukee, Basilica of St. Josaphat, 11 a.m.
- July 19 Investiture, Mishawaka, 5 p.m.
- July 20 First Profession, Mishawaka, 11 a.m.
- Sept. 8 Solemn Profession, Friar Pio Alves, Marytown
- Sept. 16-28 General Definitory to meet in Chicago (16-21) and Marytown (21-28)
- Oct 8-12 Province Retreat (Mon-Fri at Marytown). Former Archabbot Lambert Reilly, speaker.
- Oct 13 Loaves and Fishes Gala, Basilica of St. Josaphat, beginning with Mass 4:00 p.m.

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)
- 100th Conventual presence at Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH
- 100th St. Stanislaus Parish, Rockford, IL



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ordained to the priesthood in the summer of 2014. The Most Rev. J. Terry Steib, bishop of the Diocese of Memphis, Tenn., presided at the institution Mass. Pictured below are (back row, l-r): Anthony Budnick, Diocese of Knoxville; Taj Glodd, Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana; Bishop Steib; the Very Rev. Jan de Jong, SCJ, president-rector of Sacred Heart; Patrick Neufeld, Archdiocese of Winnipeg; (front row, l-r) Arturo Ysmael, SDS; David Orsak, Diocese of Memphis; Robert Cloos, Diocese of Davenport; Robert Ballman, also of the Diocese of Memphis; and friar Paul.

A CELEBRATION OF BR. GEORGE

On March 10th the Illinois Chapter of Handwriting Analysts met together in Des Plaines, Illinois to share stories about their relationships with Br. George Searles and to analyze his handwriting (a sample of which he had given them only a few months earlier). The small gathering of George's colleagues and friends shared that his writing showed a man who had a great deal of intuition, who had very few material needs, who sought a great deal of alone time, who was a good listener, who was determined, goal-oriented, and who was a natural teacher. Although these attributes are probably not surprising to anyone who knew George, it was a very satisfying experience to hear them expressed by those who knew him so well outside of our fraternal structure.



PEACE & JUSTICE

Spring cleaning? Here's some items you probably didn't know you could recycle:

1) Bottle and jar caps: Weisenbach Recycled Products accepts clean plastic bottle caps, plastic jar caps, flip-top caps from personal care products, and flexible snap-on lids (e.g. butter tub lids) to turn into funnels and other items. Cap-sCando.com.

2) "Technotrash": Organizations and schools can earn money for recycling ink cartridges and small electronics like cell phones and iPods through ProjectKOPEG.com. Recycle a large box of CDs, DVDs, jewel cases, audio and video tapes, small electronics, and ink cartridges for \$30 (includes postage) through Green Disk, 800/305-GREENDISK, GreenDisk.com.

3. Tennis shoes: NikeReuseAShoe.com turns them into athletic flooring. Souls4Souls.org and One-WorldRunning.com sends still-wearable shoes to runners in need in developing countries.

<http://www.greenamerica.org/pubs/greenamerican/articles/NovDec2011/20-plastic-things-you-didnt-know-you-can-recycle.cfm>



Blessed Holy Week