



# the Seraph

NEWS and NOTABLES of  
SAINT BONAVENTURE  
PROVINCE April 2012

*Friar Paul promises obedience*



*Below, the Very Reverend Patrick Greenough with the newly ordained flanked by his sister Pat Nickels and mother, Ana Schneider.*

## CONGRATULATIONS DEACON!

Friar Paul Mary Schneider, OFM Conv. was ordained a transitional deacon along with four other men at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee, the Most Reverend Donald J. Hying was the celebrant. During his homily he shared about his joy ordaining these men he's known since the start of their formation in priestly ministry.

*Bishop Hying with Deacon Paul and his mother*



*Deacon Hans Flondor vests the newly ordained.*



*Bishop Hying lays hands on Friar Paul*



*Bishop Hying with the Most Reverend Richard J. Skiba, retired auxiliary bishop of Milwaukee and the newly ordained men, from left to right: Jorge Castellanos, Arulanathan Ponnaiyan, Philip Schumaker, Paul Schneider and Patrick Burns. Inset: Deacon Paul Schneider preaches his first homily on Sunday, April 22 at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee.*





### A/C AT THE BASILICA

The Basilica is getting air conditioning! Through a generous gift to the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation, this dream is becoming a reality. The Bill and Geri Fotsch Family has taken this on as a way to honor and fulfill the wishes of +Bill Fotsch who died last year. Air conditioning the Basilica was an item on his "bucket list."

The Fotsch's have been supporters of the Basilica Foundation for nearly five years. They take to heart the adage, "To whom much is given, much is expected." They believe their gift to the Foundation is one way they can give back to the Milwaukee community and honor the immigrants who came here. They are hopeful that by sharing their love for the Basilica, they will inspire others to help the Foundation meet the remainder of its fundraising goals. We are grateful to the Fotsch Family for their goodness and their generosity.

Installation will begin sometime in the next couple of months and will be completed by early Fall. The entire project will cost around \$800,000.



William and Geri Fotsch.



### EASTER AT ALL SAINTS FRIARY

Easter joy at the Friary Chapel in Dearborn Heights, MI. Photos at right show a cake and chapel decorations for Br. Jim O'Brien's feast day, St. Bernadette, on April 16, 2012.



### THE EASTER VIGIL IN MILWAUKEE

Friars at the Basilica of St. Josaphat gather after the Easter Vigil (left to right): Friar Pio Alves, Deacon Hans Flondor, Fr. Michael Glastetter, Fr. Alejandro López, Friar Paul Schneider, Friar Paul Langevin. Inset: Friar Paul Langevin also got to carry in the oil used for the Sacred Chrism at the Chrism Mass on Holy Tuesday, April 3 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

# Happy Easter!



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  
+ Stacy Labeledis,  
mother of  
Fr. Anthony Labeledis.

## PEACE & JUSTICE

*For a person can show no greater love (he said so himself) than to give his or her life for a friend. And if he praises the love that gives one's life for a friend, what shall we say of the consummate blazing love that gave his life for his enemy? For through sin we had become God's enemies. Oh, gentle loving Word, with love you recover your little sheep, and with love gave them life. You brought them back to the fold by restoring to them the grace they had lost.*  
—St. Catherine of Sienna



## 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

- 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, 12 p.m.
- 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

