



the Seraph

Special Solemn Vows Issue!

NEWS and NOTABLES of
SAINT BONAVENTURE
PROVINCE *September* 2012



The Very Rev Patrick Greenough accepts Friar Pio Antonio's vows as Br. Juniper Kriss and Br. Martin Schmitz serve as witnesses.

FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE

*O*n the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8, 2012, Friar Pio Antonio Alves professed his Solemn Vows. The celebration took place at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Marytown in Libertyville, IL. Many of his brothers from St. Bonaventure Province gathered around some of his relatives from Massachusetts who flew out to support him. Enjoy this special photo issue of the joy-filled event. Congratulations, Pio!



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

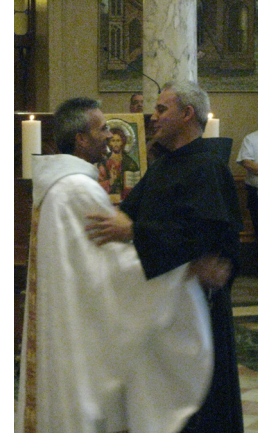
- Sept. 16-21 General Definitory, Chicago
- Sept. 21-28 General Definitory and CFC,
Marytown
- Oct. 8-12 Province Retreat (Mon-Fri at
Marytown). Former Archabbot
Lambert Reilly, speaker.
- Oct. 13 Loaves and Fishes Gala,
Basilica of St. Josaphat,
beginning with Mass, 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Definitory, Chicago, 10 a.m.
- Jan. 7 Province Epiphany Party,
Marytown, 3:30 p.m.

2012 ANNIVERSARIES

- 800th Anniversary of the foundation
of the Poor Clares
- 160th Anniversary of the Conventual
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



Did you know
that if you turn a toaster
on its side you can make
grilled cheese
sandwiches?



Clockwise from top left: Friar Pio Antonio signs the book of Profession, as witnessed by Br. Juniper and Br. Martin; Fr. Patrick Stoffer embraces the newly professed; Fr. Hans Flondor offers a welcome; the Very Rev. Michael Glastetter and the Very Rev. Patrick Greenough pose with Friar Pio and the Very Rev. Stephen McKinley, who preached the Mass; Friar Pio with his family, from left to right: nephew Nathan Alves, niece Tracy Lague, sister Donna Costa, and his mother Natalie Alves; Br. Juniper offers words of wisdom and welcome.