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NEWS and NOTABLES of
SAINT BONAVENTURE
PROVINCE *October 2012*



PEACE AND ALL GOOD!

The General Definitory and the CFC met for meetings in Chicago and at Marytown (pictured above) in mid-September. On September 27 they visited Milwaukee where they toured the Basilica of St. Josaphat (left) before celebrating fraternally at Historic Mader's German Restaurant with the Milwaukee community (below left). Below right, the Minister General, the Very Rev. Marco Tasca, poses with our Vicar Provincial, the Very Rev. Michael Glastetter, and our three student friars in Milwaukee.



LOAVES AND FISHES GALA

The twelfth annual Loaves and Fishes Gala was held on Saturday, October 13 in Milwaukee. Held at the Blue Mound Country Club, the event raises money for Franciscan Ministries at the Basilica of Saint Josaphat. This year, Fr. Alejandro Lopez's original artwork ("Mary's Little Lamb") fetched a record \$1,600! Other donated items included friar Pio Alves singing a recorded message for cell phone or answering machine and a dessert of the month made with love and prayers by friar Paul Langevin. Though final figures are not yet available, it appears to have been another successful year!



NEWS FROM THE HEIGHTS

Novices gathered on the cemetery grounds and friary in Dearborn Heights, Michigan to make their September Retreat extra special (left). Below, All Saints Friary's newest member, Br. Tom Hercegovics and his cat, Sophie, seem to have settled. For the Feast of Saint Francis, decorations adorn the altar and ambo (inset, far right).





HAPPY FEAST DAY!

To mark the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Basilica of St. Josaphat celebrated a blessing of pets on Saturday, October 6. The newly-ordained deacon, Fr. Paul Mary Schneider officiated the prayer service. Canines ruled the day! But three cats and a kitten braved the event. Even the friary dog seemed moved! Joey (sporting a cream knit, at right) greeted visitors, both two- and four-legged, with Franciscan warmth and hospitality.



MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE

On October 10, Friar Paul Joseph Langevin received the Ministry of Acolyte at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners along with 11 other fellow seminarians. The Acolytes were installed by the Most Rev. V. James Weisgerber, Archbishop of Winnipeg, Canada (pictured left, with Friar Paul). Our Vicar Provincial, Fr. Michael Glastetter, and our student-friars in Milwaukee were at the Mass to celebrate with their brother. Please pray for Paul and our other students in initial formation. May the Lord continue to bless and guide them.

PROVINCE RETREAT

On October 8-12, the Province of St. Bonaventure gathered at Marytown in Libertyville, IL for the province retreat. Retreat Master, Fr. Lambert Reilly, OSB (pictured below, left) led the friars through amazing and moving anecdotes from his own life.



Did you know that if you place a wooden spoon over a pot, it won't boil over?



or that Reynolds Wrap has lock in tabs to hold the roll in place?



All the parents and grandparents were proud of both Nathan and my daughter, Crystal (pictured above left). We are overjoyed to see them get hitched after eight years of dating. The greatest privilege for me was to walk my daughter down the aisle. I pray that they have a blessed life together under God's care. May the Lord's blessing and protection be upon them in all ways. — Fr. Hans Flondor OFM Conv. (pictured above right with Crystal on her wedding day)

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

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| Oct. 30 | Province Definitory, 10 A.M. |
| Jan. 7 | Epiphany Party, Marytown, 3:30 P.M. |

2012 ANNIVERSARIES

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| 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 |

