



# the Seraph

NEWS and NOTABLES of  
SAINT BONAVENTURE  
PROVINCE November 2012

## DEFINITORY HIGHLIGHTS

The Definitory met on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Marytown.



Above, postulants Manny Wenke (SA) and Jim Hoffman (SB) flank Fr. Eligius. At right, the postulants visit a cemetery in Syracuse, NY; far right, picking up veggies for a soup kitchen.

## Formation

As explained in a recent email to the Province, the Definitory decided that Friars Arturo Felix and Giles Gilbert will complete their academic and formation requirements for the priesthood in the United States rather than at the Seraphicum in Rome. These two men returned to the Province on October 26th and are currently being enrolled at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein. They will reside at Marytown.

All of our other men-in-formation are keeping well and seem to be happy and stable in their respective academic and ministerial assignments. Our postulant, Jim Hoffman, residing in Ellicott City, shared that he is very happy with the SA/IC



program, the fraternity, and the ministries. Jim will be in the Province, during the Christmas break, residing at Kenmore and Marytown.



Our two Australian novices, Alfred Soliman and Gregory Westenberg, are enjoying the novitiate with its many lectures, solitude, and opportunities for outside ministry. With the advice of the Australian friars, our Province Definitory concurred that both Alfred and Gregory should remain in the States after the novitiate. They will complete their philosophical studies in the two-year pre-theology program at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein. After which, they

will most likely return to Australia to complete their theological studies for the priesthood.

## Development

Mr. Doug O'Brien, the Development Officer for Marytown and the Province, offered the Definitory an update on what he has been trying to do to promote the community (beginning with Marytown).

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Doug spoke about the need to raise both money and awareness of the friars' presence, ministries, and needs. He shared that St. Maximilian Kolbe was a forward thinking preacher and activist. Using Kolbe as a focus, the Conventuals can be in the spotlight of promoting the New Evangelization. The use of modern advertising such as Facebook, etc., has already seen results regarding more people coming to know who we are. The Definitory approved Mr. O'Brien's request for an



*Professional dancers (above) and amateurs (Friar Paul Langevin, left) celebrate at the annual Polish Dinner held at*

*Fr. Baran Hall at St. Josaphat Parish School. Sponsored by the Basilica Choir, the November 10, 2012 event helped raise money for the air conditioning of the organ and choir loft in the church.*

assistant. He will begin a hiring search immediately.

### **Australia**

The Minister Provincial has traveled to Australia several times before and after it was formally accepted as a Delegation under our jurisdiction (May 2012). Fr. Patrick has shared that the greatest need in Australia is a renewal of fraternal life. Unfortunately, in Australia (and elsewhere) our major worries for too long have centered on staffing. If faithfulness to communal prayer is a foundation in our fraternity and ministry, then other things will follow accordingly. After discussions with each friar, the Minister Provincial, with his Definitory, has made the following new assignments:

Fr. Adrian Robson: to be transferred to Kellyville as Guardian and Rector of the Shrine of the Unborn; to arrive at his new assignment by May, 15, 2013. His position as Rector of the Shrine will begin immediately.

Fr. Benedict La Volpe: to be transferred to Dingley where he will serve as Guardian of both Dingley and Springvale; to arrive by January 1, 2013. (Because there will be only two friars in Dingley and two friars in Springvale, the Definitory has decided to have only one Guardian for both of these houses so as to facilitate fraternity.)

Fr. David Huebner: to be transferred to Dingley as Assistant Pastor; to arrive by

February 1, 2013. He will also have a three-month sabbatical at Marytown between March 2-June 1, 2013. David will also participate in a month-long pilgrimage to Assisi in July 2013.

Fr. John Vayalilkarottu: to be transferred to Kellyville as Assistant Pastor; to arrive at by April 3, 2013.

Fr. Joseph Nguyen Xuan Truong: to be transferred to Springvale; to arrive by April 3, 2013. He will participate in a month-long pilgrimage to Assisi in July 2013.

Fr. Emmanuel Gatt: to remain Guardian in Wollongong.

Fr. Paschal Corby: to be transferred to Rome, Italy where he will continue his studies; to arrive by January 2013.

Br. Jack Mardesic: to be transferred to Brussels, Belgium; effective immediately.

Fr. Christopher Shorrocks: will remain as Assistant Pastor of Springvale and will continue as Provincial Delegate.

The Minister Provincial will be returning to Australia between March 6-18, 2013.

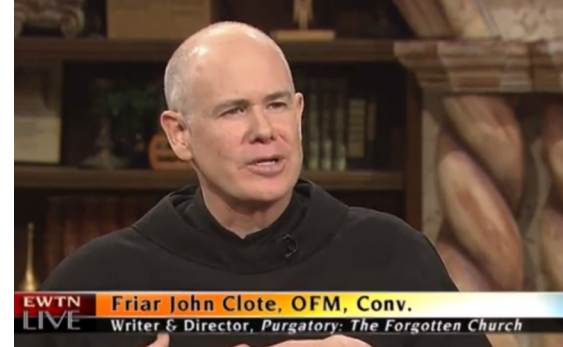


## PURGATORY

Friar John Clote appeared on EWTN to discuss his new documentary, *Purgatory: The Forgotten Church*. In the work, John investigates compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives. According to John, his comprehensive expose reveals the formidable spiritual alliance Catholics once shared



and hope to reinvigorate with the departed souls. The film uncovers new research offering fresh insights unavailable just a generation ago. Top scholars, scientists, historians, and church leaders revisit age-old questions and embark on a spiritual quest to unlock both the controversy and the consolation of Purgatory.



### Did you know

If you take the bananas apart when you get home from the store, they last longer?



## ALTERNATIVES TO COMMERCIAL CHRISTMAS

In this Holy Season of Advent, as we prepare for our Lord's birthday, let us birth him anew in our lives! Christ was born to a poor family. May we be mindful of Christ in the poor today. May these unique gifting suggestions open our eyes and those of our loved ones to the needs of others...at Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Be sure to fill stockings with "fair trade certified" chocolates. Fair Trade prohibits forced labor, child labor, and discrimination, and protects freedom of association and collective bargaining rights. Certified farmers are guaranteed a Fair Trade floor price for their cocoa beans as well as a social premium. Alter Eco ([alterecofoods.com](http://alterecofoods.com) or call (415) 701-1212) offers dark

coconut toffee, dark quinoa, mini dark noir and other delights!

Coco-Zen ([coco-zen.com](http://coco-zen.com) or call 650.550.9718) tempts with truffles: Chocolate espresso bean, chocolate orange blossom, chocolate mint bliss and others! Divine Chocolate ([divinechocolateusa.com](http://divinechocolateusa.com) or call 202-332-8913) offer dark and milk chocolate Christmas trees, foil wrapped coins and an Advent calendar with chocolates hidden behind every date! Each company received an "A" on Green America's "Chocolate Score Card!"

Support our troops! Giving blood through the American Red Cross can actually help troops hundreds and thousands of miles away. Military units may

depend on rush shipments of blood during times of need, and maintaining an ample supply of all blood types is crucial. Host a blood drive at your parish or friary, encouraging others to give the gift of life this Christmas season. To find a blood drive or donation location near you, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Paulist Prison Ministries (PPM) serves the spiritual and religious needs of Catholic inmates in our nation's prisons, and other inmates seeking to know about the Catholic faith. PPM provide services through the chaplains and volunteers ministering in correctional facilities who receive from them the Bibles, newsletters, prayer cards, and other Catholic religious materials for use in their work. Their material is available at no cost in both English and Spanish. PPM is supported entirely through donations from those who share our concern for the spiritual needs of prisoners. To learn how you can help support prisoners visit <http://www.pemdc.org/ministries/prison-ministry.aspx> or call 202-832-5022.



## ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2014

First session: April 28-May 2, 2014  
Second Session: July 7-11, 2014

### 2013 DATES

- Jan. 7 Epiphany Party, Marytown  
3:30 p.m. preprandium  
4:30 p.m. dinner and extractions
- Jan. 8 10 a.m. Definitory, Marytown
- Jan. 19-  
Feb. 18 General Chapter, Assisi
- April 20 10:30 a.m. Diaconate Ordination  
of Friar Pio Alves at the Cathedral  
of St. John, Milwaukee, WI
- May 25 10:30 a.m. Priesthood Ordination  
of Fr. Paul Schneider at the  
Basilica of St. Josaphat
- June 8 Dedication of the Shrine  
of the Unborn, Kellyville, Australia
- July 24 5 p.m. Investiture, Marytown
- July 25 11 a.m. First Profession, Marytown,  
(followed by dinner)
- Aug. 12 7 p.m. Solemn Vows Holy Hour for  
Friars Paul Langevin and John Clote  
Marytown
- Aug. 13 3 p.m. Solemn Vows, Marytown,  
followed by dinner
- Sept. 9 10 a.m. Definitory, Chicago
- Nov. Diaconate Ordination  
of Friar Paul Langevin  
Sacred Heart Seminary,  
Hales Corners, WI  
(date and time to be determined)



*Pictured above with EWTN's Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Deacon Paul Schneider spoke at a Marian Conference held on October 27, 2012 in El Paso, Texas. Father Paul (pictured below) offered reflections on one of his favorite topics: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Afterwards, he signed autographs and posed for pictures for fans and paparazzi.*



*Who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks? Five-year old Joey, at the St. Josaphat Friary, shows how he's learned to wash dishes. According to an anonymous source, "We worried about the ASPCA getting after us. But Joey really enjoys 'pre-rinsing' all the stuck food with a lick of the tongue before soaking the dishes in soapy water." Sounds like a win-win situation!*

