



Happy Easter!

The Seraph

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Editor's note: the following is a portion of the transcript of Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi address delivered on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013.



HABEMUS PAPAM!

Dear brothers and sisters in Rome and throughout the world, Happy Easter!



Festooned with the Papal Colors, the Church of St. John the Baptist, Clinton, IL proclaims to the parishioners, the community and to the world the joy of a new Pope. In the spirit of the New Evangelization, the Parish Staff wanted to demonstrate how the Church celebrates and announces to the world the succession of the "Keys of Peter." The decorations prompted many questions as to what the bunting meant and why the Parish chose to do it. It was an effort to bring the Gospel to the streets.—Fr. James P. Henning

What a joy it is for me to announce this message: Christ is risen! I would like it to go out to every house and every family, especially where the suffering is greatest, in hospitals, in prisons...

Most of all, I would like it to enter every heart, for it is there that God

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MORE SCENES FROM ASSISI

Below are photos of the Minister General Marco Tasca (fourth from the left in the group photo) and his new General Definitory.



Friar Jerry Norel, Vicar General



Friar Vincenzo Marcoli, Secretary General



Friar Tadeusz Swiatkowski, Assistant General AFCOF



Friar Jude Winkler, Assistant General, CFC



Friar Jorge Rolando Fernández, Assistant General, FALC



Friar Benedict Seung Jae Baek, Assistant General, FAMC



Friar Miljenko Hontic, Assistant General, CEC



Friar Jacek Ciupinski, Assistant General, CEO



Friar Joaquín Ángel Agesta Cuevas, Assistant General, CIMP

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Lk 24:4). What does it mean that Jesus is risen? It means that the love of God is stronger than evil and death itself; it means that the love of God can transform our lives and let those desert places in our hearts bloom....

This is what Easter is: it is the exodus, the passage of human beings from slavery to sin and evil to the freedom of love and goodness....

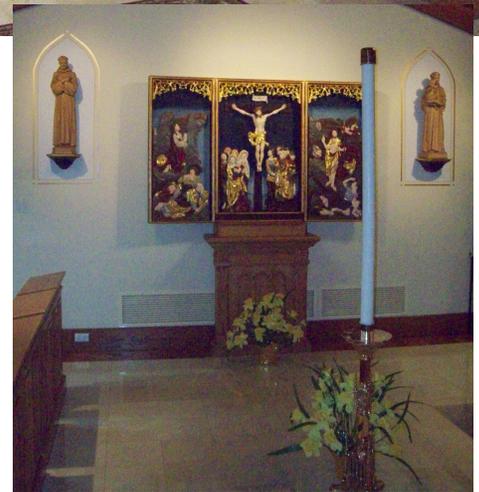
Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world....Dear brothers and sisters, to all of you who are listening to me, from Rome and from all over of the world, I address the invitation of the Psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. Let Israel say: 'His steadfast love endures for ever'" (Ps 117:1-2).

wants to sow this Good News: Jesus is risen, there is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious!

We too, like the women who were Jesus' disciples, who went to the tomb and found it empty, may wonder what this event means (cf.

(For the full text see <http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-urbi-et-orbi-message-easter-2013-full-text>)



The pictures in the far left column are some of the Easter decorations at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee, WI. Pictures above are (top to bottom) Br. Jim O'Brien, Fr. Tony Fox, Mother Superior Cecilia, LSP, and Br. Tom Hercegovics at Little Sisters of the Poor in Oregon, Ohio for Easter Saturday Vigil Mass; two images of some Easter decorations at All Saint's Friary Chapel, Dearborn Heights, MI.

ALLELUIA TO YA!

In a brief ceremony (2 1/2 hours!) Fr. Jim Henning welcomed new members (pictured at right on the Rite of Election with the Most Reverend Daniel Jenky, CSC, Bishop of Peoria, IL, and below at the Easter Vigil) into the Catholic Church. Due to the large number, St. John's Church in Clinton, IL hosted the celebration. The group represents the linked parishes of Sacred Heart, Farmer City, St. John the Evangelist, Bellflower, and St. John the Baptist, Clinton, IL.

All from left to right: first row: Amanda Daniels, Karisa Yeagle, Michael Kennedy, Eagar Solis, Halle Warren; second row: Rodney Wright, Frank Sylvester, Melissa Kennedy, Barbara Samson, Troy Rosenberg; third row: "the ministers:" Deacon Scott Whitehouse, Deacon Patrick Comfort, Deacon Steven Tamburini, Fr. Jim Henning.



Our student friars enjoyed their first formation gathering of 2013 on February 9th at Marytown. During their time together they shared reflections on their vocations, their journeys in faith, as well as their hopes for growing in our Franciscan identity, the community, and within the Order. The fraternity continued as they painted the town at Jimmy's Char House in Libertyville.



The Very Rev. Patrick Greenough attended his first rugby match with the friars in Melbourne, Australia. The Melbourne Storm played against the St. George Dragons.



While at the General Chapter in Assisi, January 19-February 18, 2013, some Provincials pose with Most Rev. Jude Winkler, Assistant General. Can you spot our own Very Rev. Patrick Greenough?

ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2014

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

April 19	6:00 pm Holy Hour in preparation for the Diaconate Ordination, Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee
April 20	10:30 am Diaconate Ordination of Friar Pio Alves at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee
May 24	6:00 pm Holy Hour in preparation for the Presbyteral Ordination, Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee
May 25	Priesthood Ordination of Fr. Paul Schneider at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee
May 26	12:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Fr. Paul Schneider, Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee; followed by Dinner at the Clarion
May 28-29	11 am Definitory, Chicago
June 8	Dedication of the Shrine of the Unborn, Kellyville, Australia
July 24	5 pm Investiture, Marytown
July 25	11 am First Profession, Marytown, (followed by dinner)
Aug. 12	7 pm Holy Hour in preparation for Solemn Vows, Marytown

Aug. 13	3 pm Profession of Solemn Vows by Friars Paul Langevin and John Clote Marytown (followed by dinner)
Sept. 17	11 am Definitory, Marytown
Sept 18	Province Assembly in Preparation for Provincial Chapter 9:30 am-5 pm, Marytown (May arrive the evening of Sept 17) Assembly concludes with supper.
Oct 30- Nov 16	Visitation of the Province by Most Rev. Jude Winkler, Assistant General
Nov 23	Diaconate Ordination of Friar Paul Langevin at Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI

In preparation for the First Session of the Provincial Chapter, the Minister Provincial has settled on the following dates for 2013 Visitation:
Rockford, to be determined
Chicago, Sept. 10
Milwaukee, Sept. 21
Peoria, Nov. 4-8
Detroit, Nov. 14-19.
Because the Provincial resides at Marytown, a visitorator will be appointed for that house.

2014 Dates

75th Anniversary of St. Bonaventure Province

	First Session	Second Session
SB	Apr. 28-May 2	July 7-11
IC/SA	May 5-9	Aug. 4
OLC	May 12	July 28
SJC	May 19	July 14

A WORD OF THANKS

After a stomach ulcer and an ulcerated esophagus, I can finally say I am cured. I found a doctor who is a specialist in this field and he did wonders for me. I want to thank all of you for your prayers. I thank the friars that called and thank all who sent cards. I especially want to thank those that visited me and helped lift my spirits. I have not been able to swallow food for a year and a half and it is so wonderful to be able to eat again. This will mean back to dieting, but that is better than living on Ensure and water. Many times I came close to surgery and I know that all of your prayers is what made the difference. I thank you again for all your caring. The whole incident has taught me to look at life in a different way. I pray you are all healthy and remember how fortunate you are that you can eat with no problems. Fraternally, Fr. Edmond Des Forges

...AND CHECK THIS OUT

If you enter littlesistersofthepoornwOhio.org and click on the first result entry you will be able to view the Little Sisters of the Poor (sacred heart nursing home) webpage in Oregon, Ohio. When the webpage comes up click on the top right side of the page called blog. There is an article and a few pictures of me entertaining the residents with a sing-along. I do some volunteer work there a few days a month. Hope all is well. Peace and all goodness!
Br. Tom Hercegovics



Currently residing in Ellicott City, Maryland, our postulant, Jim Hoffman, conducts a Seder Meal in the friars' dining room for nearly 90 guests.