



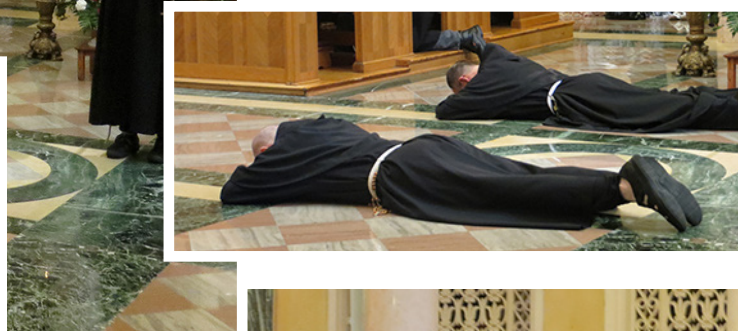
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Special Solemn Vows Issue!

NEWS and NOTABLES of
SAINT BONAVENTURE
PROVINCE August 2013

SOLEMN VOWS CELEBRATION

On August 13, 2013, Friars Paul Joseph Langevin and John Mary Clote professed their Solemn Vows in the Order of Friars Minor Conventual. The celebration took place at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Marytown in Libertyville, IL. Many of their brothers from St. Bonaventure Province gathered with friends and relatives. Enjoy the photos of this joy-filled event. Congratulations, Friars John and Paul!



Clockwise from top left: the Very Rev. Patrick Greenough questions the candidates; the friars prostrate themselves during the Litany of the Saints; the fraternal embrace; the Minister Provincial accepts the vows of Friar Paul Joseph and Friar John Clote. (Br. Juniper Kriss and Br. Martin Schmitz, not pictured, served as witnesses for both friars).

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A REAL FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY EFFORT

The Very Rev. Steve McKinley, OFM Conv. suggested to Rev. James P. Henning a possible source for an outdoor statue of the Blessed Mother. The statue stands 6 feet tall and weighs 3,000 pounds. It's made of solid marble. Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, Bishop of Peoria, Illinois dedicated the statue on Sunday, August 11 in it's new location at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Farmer City, Illinois. The move was made possible through the Annual Diocesan Appeal rebates.



Above from L. to R.: Msgr. Albert Hallin (retired priest of the Diocese), Fr. Anthony Labedis O.F.M. Conv., Fr. John Grigus O.F.M. Conv., Fr. Jim Henning, O.F.M. Conv. and Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C., during the blessing of the statue. Insets: the statue is moved into place before the blessing.



INFORMATION NEWS

The Definitory approved two men to join our postulancy program on May 28, 2013. Welcome Christopher and Luke.



Christopher Thigpen, 29 years old, is originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, but has lived in Chicago for many years. He has a BA in Religious Studies from the

University of North Carolina. Chris has always had a great love for St. Francis and working among the poor. So, besides working at Starbucks

and Jiffy Lube on and off through and after college, he has loved working with non-profits: Catholic Worker, Emmaus Street Ministries, and Misericordia (adults and children with developmental disabilities). A convert from the Episcopal Church, Chris met the friars because of his growing love of St. Maximilian Kolbe and because his Catholic Worker House was on the same street as our House of Studies, Kenmore Avenue.

Luke Fonkalsrud, 23 years old, is from Kograh, New South Wales, Australia. He has been living in the friary in Kellyville since April 2013. He has a BA in Teaching from Australian Catholic University, Strathfield, NSW. He had

been a postulant briefly with the Brothers of St. Patrick, a teaching community. Luke loves the humility of St. Francis and wants to live his life in service. He was drawn to the friars because of their love of the Blessed Mother and because he is a member of the MI. He loves cooking, and is very involved in youth ministry. In fact, although he has worked several places, his love has been ministry with Catholic Youth Services, Sydney (Young Adult Formation and Youth Leaders). *(Continued on page three.)*



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Right: our postulant, Jim Hoffman (front row center, in black), was invested in the habit of St. Francis at Marytown in Libertyville, Illinois on July 25, 2013.



Left: new habits hang in the Tailor Shop at Marytown awaiting the investiture of the novices.



Left: our Australian novice, Gregory Westenberg (third from the right) professed his first vows with classmates at Marytown, July 24, 2013. The new novice took the religious name "Jerome."

A 0-to-5 On-Going Formation gathering was held at Kenmore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois July 15-19, 2013. The focus of the time for those out of initial formation between zero and five years concerned dealing with stress, loneliness, and hard to live with friars. Many found the experience rewarding, especially reconnecting with friars from formation years.



The Very Rev. Patrick Greenough and Fr. Patrick Stoffer meeting with Msgr Ross Shecterle, Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

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From top to bottom: the Very Rev. Patrick Greenough poses with the newly professed; a cake at the reception; friars gather to share following the dinner; Sandie Langevin (sister-in-law), Tom Langevin (brother), Margaret Langevin (mother), Friar Paul Joseph Langevin, Thomas Langevin (father), Angela Langevin (sister), Mike Langevin (uncle), Cynthia Lafferty (sister), and Judy Langevin (aunt); Friends Mark O'Brien, Dominyque Johnson, James Johnson, with Caroline Weber (niece) Friar John Mary Clote, Mary Ann Clote (sister) and Kathryn O'Connor (friend).





Very Rev. Michael Glastetter blesses a 1940 Ford Deluxe Sedan at the Blue Ribbon Beer Run. The traditional hot rod car show was held on the grounds of the historic Pabst Brewery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 13, 2013.

Did you know

that watermelon is actually a vegetable! It is from the botanical family *Cucurbitaceae* and is most closely related to cucumbers, pumpkins and squash. Composed of 92% water, early explorers used hollowed out watermelons as canteens!



ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2014

First session: April 28-May 2, 2014

Second Session: July 7-11, 2014

- Sept. 17 10 am Definitory, Marytown
- Oct. 10-21 Minister Provincial in Rome
MI Council
- Oct. 12 "Loaves & Fishes" Gala,
Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee
- Oct 30-
Nov 15 Visitation of the Province by
Most Rev. Jude Winkler,
Assistant General
- Nov. 14-15 Definitory
- Nov 16 Diaconate Ordination of Friar Paul
Langevin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In preparation for the First Session of the Provincial Chapter, the Minister Provincial has scheduled the following dates for 2013 Visitation:

Rockford, to be determined
Chicago, Sept. 19
Milwaukee, Sept. 21
Peoria, Nov. 4-8
Detroit, Nov. 14-18.

Because the Provincial resides at Marytown, the Vicar Provincial will officially visit at a date to be determined.

2014 Dates

75th Anniversary of St. Bonaventure Province

	Provincial Chapters	
	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



On August 11, 2013, teams of two experienced Milwaukee landmarks and businesses on an amazing urban bike adventure modeled after the TV show "Amazing Race." Participants to "Amazing Milwaukee Race on Bikes 2" traveled throughout the city searching for clues: activities and puzzles challenged participants from start to finish. The one day race was fun for all involved, including the friars at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, one of the checkpoints in the race. There, participants had to discover the translation of the words written in old Polish in the interior of the dome.