



# The Seraph

NEWS and NOTABLES of  
SAINT BONAVENTURE  
PROVINCE *October 2013*



## BLESSINGS ALL AROUND

*B*elated happy Solemnity of Holy Father St. Francis! At the Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, "all creatures of our God and King" assembled for a blessing. Father Pio Alves led the crowd in prayer, assisted by Friar Paul Langevin and Friar John Clote (pictured top). Although gathered in the shadow of the great dome, the spirit



of Francis glowed in all present. Once again, dogs outnumbered cats, yet three of our feline friends dared to present themselves

to be blessed. Even the friary dog, Joey, pictured above (with Very Rev. Michael Glastetter) greeted parishioners and their pets.





Here are an array pictures of the new MI International Council and Assembly. The Very Rev. Patrick Greenough was re-elected as MI International Vice President (pictured far left). Right, Very Rev. Stephen McKinley "entertains the troops" by tickling the ivories. Bottom right, Patrick, Steve and Br. Juniper Kriss visit the new Kolbe Expo at Casa Kolbe.



**Walk for the Poor**

On September 28, nine members from Holy Family's St. Vincent de Paul Society, along with Fr. Paul Schneider (pictured below) took part in the annual Walk for the Poor, in Peoria, Illinois. Together they raised over \$5000 for Holy Family's chapter. All of the proceeds go directly to help those in need with food, rent assistance and other help. To all<sup>o</sup> who donated, thanks for your generosity!



A recent picture of the Shrine of the Unborn, Kellyville, Australia. Dedicated in the middle of their winter, the Shrine offers hope in the midst of new growth during the Australian Springtime.

## MI YOUTH RETREATS



Father Anthony Lajato and Friar Thomas Fetz led MI Youth retreats in Washington, Oregon, and Illinois (at Marytown in Libertyville) this past summer. Ninety-five youths attended the Washington retreat as well as at Marytown. With thirty-five in Oregon, a total of 225 kids attended the events! Many of them made their first consecration, too... 35 new consecrants at Marytown alone! May Mary continue to transform the lives of those consecrated to her! Both friars felt it a great privilege to be doing her work. Looks like they had some fun in the process!



## LOAVES AND FISHES GALA

The thirteenth annual Loaves and Fishes Gala was held on Saturday, October 13 in Milwaukee. Once again, the event was held at the Blue Mound Country Club, raising money for Franciscan Ministries at the Basilica of Saint Josaphat. Two groups offered \$4,700 each for dinner cooked and served by the friars of the Basilica. An original drawing (detail right, titled "Faithful Forever") by Fr. Alejandro Lopez pulled in \$900! Though final figures are not yet available, it appears to have been another ball knocked out of the park!



## HOLY FAMILY AND FRANCIS



Some photos from the St. Francis celebrations at Holy Family in Peoria, Illinois. The friars along with our Secular Franciscans hosted *Transitus* on October 3 (two photos pictured right). They had a nice turn out with about 75 people from the parish and its neighbors along with several Franciscan sisters in attendance. Following the *Transitus*, they all gathered for fraternity, cookies and



coffee. On Saturday October 5, the friars offered the traditional blessing of the pets, with plenty of dogs, cats, and rabbits (two pictures, left).



### **An Assembly for the Unification of Central America**

By Fr. Jorge Fernández, OFM Conv.  
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Between Monday, July 29th and Friday, August 2nd, the friars of the Custody of Mary, Mother of the Poor and the Delegation of Our Lady of the Angels at the friary of "Nuestra Señora de la Asunción" gathered in Alajuela, Costa Rica. This first assembly of these two jurisdictions was called to foster the unification of these two Central American jurisdictions.

Among those present were Fr. Jude Winkler, the Assistant General of the CFC, Fr. Jorge Fernández, the Assistant General of FALC,

Fr. Justin Biase, the Minister Provincial of IC Province in the US, and Fr. Jim Kent, the Minister Provincial of the OLC Province in the US, as well as almost all of the friars who belong to these two jurisdictions. The assembly took place in a very positive, joyful, and hopeful atmosphere. There were opportunities for prayer and celebration, biblical reflections, and recreation together. The friars reflected upon their past, present and what the friars hope will be their common future. On Friday, August 2nd, the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels, which is the national feast of Costa Rica, the feast of the pardon of the Portiuncula, fr. Jorge Barillas made his profession of solemn vows. God has been very good and we render him thanks!

### ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2014

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

- Oct 30- Nov 15 Visitation of the Province by Most Rev. Jude Winkler, Assistant General
- Nov. 4-8 Province Retreat, Marytown, Libertyville, IL
- Nov. 14-15 Definitory
- Nov 15 Holy Hour in preparation for the Diaconate Ordination, Milwaukee, 6pm
- Nov 16 Diaconate Ordination of Friar Paul Langevin in Milwaukee, WI, 11am

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        |