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A Tiny Whispering Sound

On Saturday, August 8, David Hirt was surrounded by friends, family, Cap Corp Volunteers, guests and friars as he made his first profession of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. David is beginning his third year of full-time Capuchin formation. His first year was as a postulant in Chicago (now postulancy is in Milwaukee) and he has just completed his year of novitiate near Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. He will be living in Chicago for the next 3-5 years as he integrates prayer, community life, and ministry with full-time theological studies at Catholic Theological Union.



“In the silence we develop intimacy with God...There we face how we are blessed and broken, saint and sinner. In the silence we are pruned by the divine vine-dresser. We lay down our lives for others and bear fruit as Jesus has promised.” *Excerpt from the homily by John Celichowski.*

The reading from 1 Kings 19: 9-13 talking about Elijah’s experience in the cave “God was not in the earthquake, the heavy wind, or the fire,” and some beautiful remembrance cards with David’s artwork greatly colored the ceremony. During novitiate, young friars are required to deal with the silence in their lives; to let their true selves become visible whether that might look good or not so good. David used, and will continue to use, art and poetry to help him get in touch with God who dwells at the core of his being and with his own pains, hopes, grief, and mystery. Its sometimes amazing to think that the Almighty God will often use very quiet and subtle ways to express his love for his people.



David with Capuchin Provincial Minister John Celichowski.

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Vocation Update

Many from David's family traveled all the way from northwest Ohio to be with him and show their love for him. There were many old hardened friars with tears in their eyes as David's mom and dad, Dwyn and Dennis, performed the Magnificat with voice and guitar. Many friars, especially those on the Liturgical Commission, the communications personnel, and the hosting friars of St. Lawrence Seminary worked behind the scenes to support this beautiful event.



David's parents; Dwyn and Dennis

A welcoming ceremony for Cap Corps Volunteers (usually recent college grads who volunteer for one or more years of full-time ministry at sites in Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Nicaragua, or Peru) and a large Mass for those friars

celebrating significant anniversaries of religious profession was held the day before David's profession. This included Irvin Udulutsch - 70 years since his first vows; Silas Baumann, Rupert Dorn, Reginald Lawrence, Alexis Luzi, - 65 years; Campion Baer, Malcolm Maloney, Bertin Samsa, Kenan Siegal, Lloyd Thiel, Robert Udulutsch - 60 years; Oliver Bambenek, Keith Clark, Augustine Cops, Paul Craig, Conrad Heinen, Thomas Hill, Joseph Howe, Benjamin Markwell - 50 years; Kent Bauer, Dismas Seward - 25 years. As one can see, this weekend, called "Jubilee Weekend," is like Christmas or Thanksgiving for the friars. It is a time of fraternal sharing, gathering, and celebration.



Cap Corps Volunteers



Candidates Justin Bronson and Jerry Cornish



Mitch, Justin, Julio Gallegos, and MJ Groark. MJ will begin postulancy in late August.



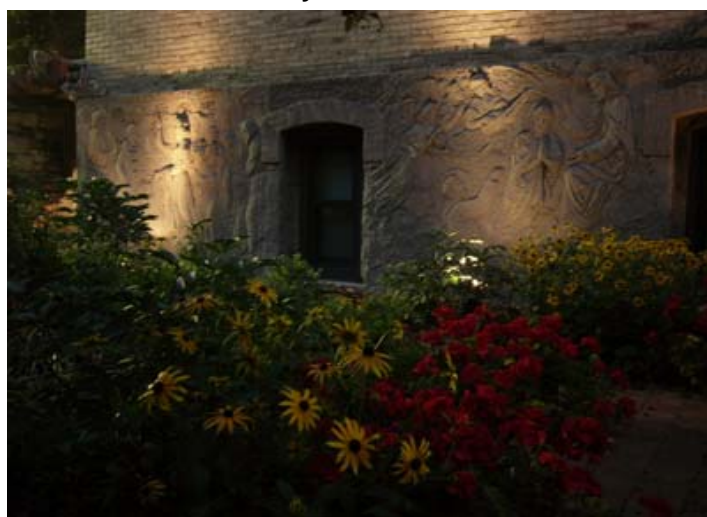
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Some of David's family and friends



Capuchin John Scherer's artistic touch with the gardens and chapel arrangements are always beautiful.



Candidates and New inquirers are welcome!—make reservations with John Holly or Jerry Johnson

August 30, Milwaukee, WI

Mass to Receive New Postulant Class and Renewal of Vows for Post-Novices

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Phil Gardener, who will be starting postulancy in late August, with Gerard O'Dempsey, from the Australian Province and one of the directors of the novitiate program here to support David.