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Capuchin Vocation Update Province of St. Joseph

Candidates Gather at St. Lawrence Seminary

Capuchin candidates who are St. Lawrence alumni listen to Fr. Gary Wegner

(Along with multiple other duties, Fr. Gary currently serves as Dean of Students at St. Lawrence High School Seminary in Mt. Calvary Wisconsin.)

Candidates made the long trip to Mt. Calvary Wisconsin for a time of prayer, input and discernment. Steve Konstantin came all the way from Texas. Elias de Andrade drove in from Minnesota. Others made sacrifices such as missing time at work and losing time with family. The time for reflection, however, was hopefully worth it as Fr. Gary shared some touching reflections on both the beauty and difficulties of religious life.



Capuchins Marty Pable and Gary Wegner.

Fr. Gary's talks revolved around the Prayer of St. Francis before the Crucifix and the notion of Francis serving as healer, unifier, and shepherd as described by the early biographer of St. Francis, Thomas of Celano. A "certain hope" that Fr. Gary described was, "to have the privilege to be with people at privileged times in their lives." Fr. Gary described the truth of the suffering and the beauty of the people he has chosen to serve. He goes on to say that when we serve, it is dangerous to think that we deserve things. Instead, it is helpful to remain thankful.

During another session, Capuchin postulants MJ Groark and Stephen Greco outlined the postulancy program and shared with the group their experience of discernment and continued life in formation. MJ and Stephen both live at St. Conrad Friary in Milwaukee.



Prayer of St. Francis Before the Crucifix

Most High,
Glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
and give me
true faith,
certain hope,
and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge,
Lord,
that I may carry out
Your holy and true command.



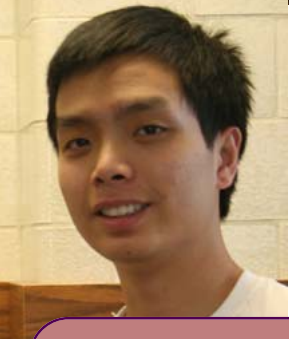
One of the night prayer gatherings.

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Vocation Update



Sunday Mass with the students of St. Lawrence Seminary



A group of seniors at St. Lawrence who are thinking of becoming Capuchin candidates.

Upcoming Vocation Weekends

Feb. 26-28 Milwaukee Ministry and Discernment Weekend.

March 12-14 Pre-Postulancy Information Weekend, Milwaukee, WI

April 1-4 Triduum Retreat
St. Lawrence Friary and Seminary
Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin

New inquirers are welcome!
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Josh Drees and Local Minister Werner Wolf share some laughs.

