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2010 Wisconsin Ministry Weekend

On Friday, February 26, twelve candidates and inquirers gathered at St. Conrad Friary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to begin a weekend of prayer, discernment, sharing, and visiting Capuchin ministry sites. Some of the long distance travelers included three men driving in from Detroit, two from Indianapolis and one flying in from San Antonio, Texas. After a late afternoon arrival candidates began the weekend with Evening Prayer followed by a salmon supper prepared by Postulant Director Bill Hugo. Later in the evening, candidates and some of the friars spent time sharing a bit of their own story in a group context.



Capuchin Perry McDonald describes the role of the House of Peace.

Saturday started with a nice breakfast prepared by postulants MJ Groark, Craig McWade, and Stephen Greco.

Following Morning Prayer, the candidates, postulants, and vocation directors visited the Capuchin ministry sites of St. Ben's Meal Program, The House of Peace, and St. Francis Parish. A few of the guys also squeezed in a quick visit to the Capuchin parish of St. Martin de Porres. Another important Capuchin sponsored ministry in Milwaukee is Messmer High School, but unfortunately there was

simply not enough time to visit. Soon after lunch at St. Francis Parish, the group made a seventy mile trek north of Milwaukee to spend the afternoon and evening at St. Lawrence High School Seminary in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin. A tour of the seminary by rector Fr. Dennis Druggan, some time for rest, a holy hour, and a social rounded out Saturday night.



Saturday Morning Prayer at St. Conrad Friary

Sunday began with Mass followed by a brunch with the friars in St. Lawrence Friary. Overall, it was a joy to see a nice group of men gather for discernment, prayer, and spend some time together for the journey.

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Inquirer Joseph Taylor catches up on some work during a break.



Capuchin Dave Schwab at St. Ben's Meal Program

Vocation Update



Two students at St. Lawrence Seminary, Pedro Tapia and Elias Ledesma, prepare beef tongue for the Cultural Heritage Festival



While on our tour of St. Lawrence Seminary, we met another student, Allen Jimenez, who was finishing up a project.

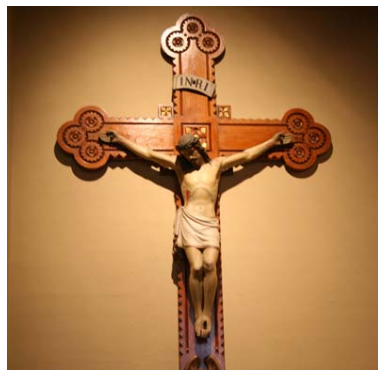
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A beautiful mosaic at St. Francis Parish in Milwaukee.



Jose Ignacio has a laugh during a break.



Upcoming Vocation Weekends

March 12-14 Pre-Postulancy Information Weekend, Milwaukee, WI
April 1-4 Triduum Retreat
St. Lawrence Friary and Seminary
Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin

Reservations are required.
New inquirers are welcome!
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