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Capuchin Vocation Update

Province of St. Joseph

New Novices Invested with Capuchin Habit!

In an important symbolic gesture, new novices were invested with the Capuchin-Franciscan habit on Sunday, July 25. This marks the beginning of the canonical novitiate, the second full-year of Capuchin formation that focuses mainly on prayer and the interior life but nevertheless continues the integration of all aspects of Capuchin formation. New novices from the Province of St. Joseph, Stephen Greco and MJ Groark, have already spent ten months in the full-time Postulancy Program at St. Conrad Friary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and two months in the inter-provincial Investiture Program at St. Fidelis Friary in Victoria, Kansas. The current Novitiate Program is held at St. Conrad Friary in Allison Park, Pennsylvania just north of Pittsburgh.

The novitiate class comes from a variety of Capuchin provinces across North America. Formally this group of provinces is called the North American/Pacific Capuchin Conference, but this particular novitiate group also includes men from Ireland and Australia. There are almost 12,000 Capuchin-Franciscans worldwide, making them the fourth largest religious order of men in the Church. After this year of novitiate, the brothers return to their home province to profess their first vows and continue on a road of 3-5 more years of formation, including formal academic training, before making final vows as a Capuchin. One should not get the impression, however, that formation is complete when one takes final vows. As baptized Christians and as Capuchin-Franciscans, we always humbly seek to find new ways to grow and to serve God and the people of the world.

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MJ and Stephen smile before the ceremony.



Looking forward to a good year together



Bill Hugo, MJ Groark, Stephen Greco, and Reynold Rynda



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Renewal of Vows Ceremony and Postulant Welcoming

Sunday, August 29 2010
St. Martin de Porres Parish, Milwaukee
3 PM Mass, 5PM Supper

Discerners are welcome to attend! please contact:

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