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New Capuchin Postulants Welcomed

On a warm Sunday afternoon at St. Martin De Porres Parish next door to the Capuchin Postulancy house of St. Conrad Friary in Milwaukee, postulants were welcomed into the first year of full-time initial formation during a Mass that included a homily about humility given by John Celichowski, Provincial Minister of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph. The postulants were introduced to area friars and guests from the Milwaukee area and were given a Tau Cross as a symbol of their welcome. Five discerners from the Chicago area and local Cap Corps volunteers also attended the ceremony. The postulants will remain right next door to St. Martin De Porres at St. Conrad Friary in order to continue a full-time combination of daily area afternoon ministry and in-house training during the mornings in topics such as prayer methods, Biblical studies, catechesis, liturgy, Catholic social teaching, healthy celibate chastity, Franciscan Spirituality, and pastoral care. This week they are receiving training from Capuchin Steven Kropp with regards to leadership of Morning and Evening Prayer.



Bill Hugo (SJP) director, John Juhl (MMGS), Robert Wotypka (SJP) postulant, Jason Salisbury (SJP) postulant, Andrew Nguyen (SJP) postulant, Michael Beaupre (MMGS) postulant, Jerry Cornish (SJP) postulant, and Marty Pable (SJP) director

Also, as part of the same celebration, the friars who are in post-novitiate formation traveled up from St. Clare Friary in Chicago in order to renew their vows as Capuchins. First vows for Capuchins are taken after the Novitiate year. These vows are then renewed every year for a 3 to 5 year period until the friar makes his perpetual vows. The friars renewing vows returned to Chicago to continue their formal studies in either undergraduate work or Theology.



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Vocation Update

It has been a busy summer for the men in initial formation for the Capuchins. This summer Zoy Garibay professed his perpetual vows, six men renewed their vows, four men professed their First Vows as Capuchins, two men began their Novitiate year, and four men began their first year in Capuchin formation as postulants. There is one man living as a resident candidate at St. Clare Friary in Chicago and a friar in temporary vows from the Capuchin Province of Peru living at St. Clare Friary as well.

The Postulancy Program held at St. Conrad Friary is a combined effort of two provinces. It will include four men from the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph in the Upper Mid-West United States and one man from the Capuchin Province of Mary Mother of the Good Shepherd in Central Canada. The second year of Capuchin formation, the Novitiate, will be in California next year and includes men from up to ten Capuchin provinces across North America and the Pacific. For friars in the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, the third, fourth, and fifth years of Capuchin formation are lived at St. Clare Friary in Chicago where the young friars continue their overall formation along with formal academic studies at the undergraduate and graduate level.



Along the front row are the six friars who renewed their vows.



Reservations are required to attend the weekends.

New inquirers are welcome!

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Next Event!

**Detroit Ministry Weekend
for Candidates and Inquirers
October 29-31, 2010**

Visit the Solanus Casey Center and the many Capuchin Ministries. Meet the friars and people who work with them. Spend time in prayer. *See info to the left.*

**Van rides available from Chicago on morning of Friday, October 29*

**See the Vocation Update from October 27, 2009 for last year's photos.*