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### Provincial and General Visitor Hit the Road

Provincial Minister Jim Gannon and General Jim Bok recently traveled to Miami, Arizona to visit with Brother Lyle Chrobak at his home parish of Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament. Chrobak has been a Missionary for the Province in Mexico and the United States. The re-elected Gannon would like to continue visits with ABVM Friars in the years to come.
Chapter 2017 in Pictures

First Morning Prayer in the Chapel

New Council Members redidicate themselves to God.

These 3 gained the nicknames of Jim the Tallest, Jim the Small, and Jim the Tall...but which is which?

Br. Paul Belco celebrated his 79th Birthday at Chapter with a delicious cake.

Visiting Friars from other Provinces congratulate Gannon on being re-elected Provincial Minister.

Br. Andre Lemay brought his homemade “Brother Andy’s Candies” all the way from Texas for everyone to enjoy. Delicious!

SAVE THE DATE: Extraordinary Chapter
May 29th-30th, 2018
Journey of Faith Continues for Youngest Friars

The ABVM is excited to announce that two of our youngest Friars will be moving closer to committing themselves to the order.

Br. Maxwell Klug was approved to receive his Solemn Vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. He has spent the last three years studying at Loyola University, and ministering in Morrocco, Quebec, and briefly at A Cross in the Woods in Michigan. He also recently finished his year as a part of the Campus Ministry Program at his alma mater, St. Thomas More High School in Milwaukee. The Solemn Vows ceremony will be on Saturday, August 19th at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Wind Lake, WI at 10 A.M.

Br. Thomas Marchetti was also recently approved for his First Profession of Vows. He has been studying at the St. Francis Friary in Burlington for the last year. His First Profession of Vows will be in a private ceremony on August 2nd.

Blessing and Best Wishes for all those celebrating June Birthday’s

June 1- Michael Surufka
June 3- Vianney Sipulski
June 5- Paul Belco, Blase Karas
June 6- Richard Tulko
June 9- Rene Barczak
June 12- Peter Rydza, James Wisniewski
June 13- Leonard Stunek