

Brothers ~

Peace and all good!

It seems hard to believe that we are entering into our “Holy” seasons of **Thanksgiving** ~ **Advent** ~ **Christmas**. It is hard to believe that a November Provincial Meeting is soon approaching, as I organize a summary of the October Provincial Council for an edition of the PROVINCIAL PRESS.



As you review the minutes from the October Provincial Council Meeting, you will read about the exciting opportunities that await us, and the challenges that confront us. The members of the Provincial Administration work very hard for the good of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province. Each member of the Provincial Council has one, two, even three fulltime ministries. I am most grateful for their shared wisdom at the administrative table.

- The exciting updates involve the City of Green Bay embracing the plans for the future of St. Mary of the Angels Parish; embracing the plans for the revitalization of the neighborhood through the construction of housing on the back property and the reconfiguring of the friary into apartment dwellings.
- The ongoing conversations with Brown County Library and the Gorman Group concerning the preservation and usage of our Printery Building.
- Embracing the fact that he still has a few good years to offer, has propelled Steve Dupuis to consider missionary ministry, with the Friars from St. John the Baptist Province, on the island of Jamaica.
- Embracing the challenge to begin to reimagine ministry in the Delta and address the hard questions with the people of St. Francis Mission, Greenwood, MS.
- Embracing the hard work of “Revitalization + Restructuring.”

As we begin the month of November, let us remember and give thanks to God for all the Holy Men and Women who loved us and touched our hearts.

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Fr. Jim Gannon

Save the Date!
 Extraordinary Chapter
 May 29-30, 2018
 Felician Center: Chicago, Illinois

Provincial Definitory Meeting Minutes

Franklin, WI

October 18, 19, 20, 2017

Present: James Gannon, OFM, Edward Tlucek, OFM, Jerome Wolbert, Joachim Studwell, OFM; Craig Wilking, OFM, John Cella, OFM.

Friar Personnel:

Friar Stephen Cho (Sangyeon Cho), Friar from the Province of the Holy Martyrs of Korea. – Stephen moved into Lourdes Friary, in Cedar Lake, IN. On Thursday, October 19, 2017. He will be in Cedar Lake briefly before he travels to South Korea to participate in his Provincial Chapter. Stephen returns mid November. He will begin classes in English, participate fully in fraternity, and help Michael Surufka in ministry at Holy Name Parish, Cedar Lake, IN.

Stephen Dupuis - Steve has petitioned to investigate possible ministry and fraternity with the Franciscans (SJB Province) on the island of Jamaica. Mark Soehner, Provincial, St. John the Baptist Province and Jim Gannon, have given the green light for Steve to visit Jim Bok and the Friar communities in Jamaica.



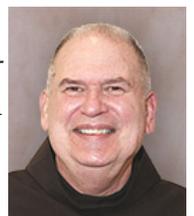
Maxwell Klug -- Maxwell Klug was asked and accepted the invitation to be part of the interprovincial committee to plan the Interprovincial Chapter of Mats, sometime after the May 2018 vote.



Placid Stroik – Provincial Nurse, Charlene Duley, reports that Placid is making progress in recovery from a major infection. Placid remains at the Milwaukee Catholic Home. Once cleared of his infection, Placid will transition to Queen of Peace Friary, Burlington, WI to continue his physical therapy.



Andre LeMay – Continuing his recovery at Queen of Peace Friary, Provincial Nurse, Charlene Duley, reports that Andre continues to make significant progress in his recovery from open-heart surgery.



Laurian Janicki – Spending the summer months visiting family and friends, and checking in with doctors, Laurian returns to the Philippine Islands, the first week of November, to resume his ministry as Campus Priest, Christ the King College.

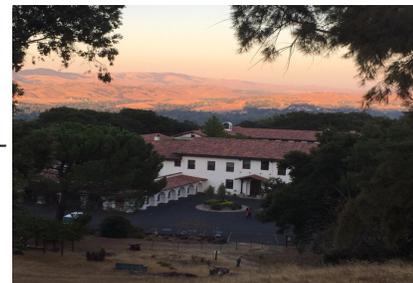


Meeting with Queen of Peace Guardian, Paul Reczek and Assumption BVM Guardian,

Patrick Gawrylewski: As a support to the Guardians of our ABVM Fraternities, the Provincial Administration invites two Guardians to each Provincial Council Meeting. For the October meeting, Paul and Patrick presented to the council members their hopes, challenges and needs as spiritual leaders of their communities. Two Guardian have been invited to the November Provincial Council meeting.

Formation:

Joachim Studwell presented a summary of the formation report from the Danville, CA Meeting - Kim reported on two important questions discussed at the meeting: “Can we, the six participating provinces in Revitalization and Restructuring, work toward a central, interprovincial Vocation Office and Director(s)?” and, “Can we begin to work toward an interprovincial Secretary of Formation?” After much discussion, the mind of the group was to wait until the May 2018 Revitalization + Restructuring vote.



Candidacy:

Joachim Studwell reported that our two candidates; Anthony Salem and Fritz Newburger are adjusting well to community life at Lourdes Friary, Cedar Lake, IN. Michael Surufka and Anthony Chojnacki teach classes in Franciscan History and Liturgy. Tuesdays, Fritz and Anthony participate in a class on pastoral care for the sick, at St. Anthony’s Medical Center, Crown Point, IN, taught by our own, Tony Janik. Jim Gannon will visit with Anthony and Fritz while in Cedar Lake, to direct a Friary Chapter on “Revitalization and Restructuring.”

Postulancy:

Holy Name Friary, Silver Springs, Maryland, site for the National Postulant Program, was visited by Joachim Studwell. Kim reported that our postulant, Andrew Aldrich is progressing very well. Jim Gannon scheduled to visit Andrew, November 12 + 13.



Ongoing Formation: In December 2018, Maxwell Klug will graduate from Loyola University. Tony Janik is the Director of Ongoing Formation.



Property:

St. Mary of the Angels Friary, Green Bay, WI – Jim Gannon met with Deacon Paul Umentum and Fr. Anthony Cirignani on the progress of the St. Mary of the Angels Project. The City of Green Bay, WI approved the zoning of the back part of the property, in order to move the building project forward. The Architect is engaged in the project and drawing up plans for construction. Come summer 2018, we will have to vacate the Friary. Parish Offices will move to the school building on Irwin Avenue. Work on restructuring the interior of the Friary should begin fall of 2018.

Sybertsville, Holy Dormition Friary – The friars received a bequest of \$50,000.

Bonaventure Residence, Chicago, IL – Realtors are schedule to meet with Randy Roberts on Friday, October 20th to view the property.

Milwaukee Catholic “Home is Where the Heart Is” for Brother David Typek



You can see that a big smile and being outdoors goes hand in hand for Br. Typek. Whether it is enjoying a refreshing beverage or a potluck, in the fresh air is the place to be.



Smiles all around at a themed party on a beautiful day.



Br. Typek's flower garden at the Milwaukee Catholic Home brings a real splash of color to the courtyard.

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