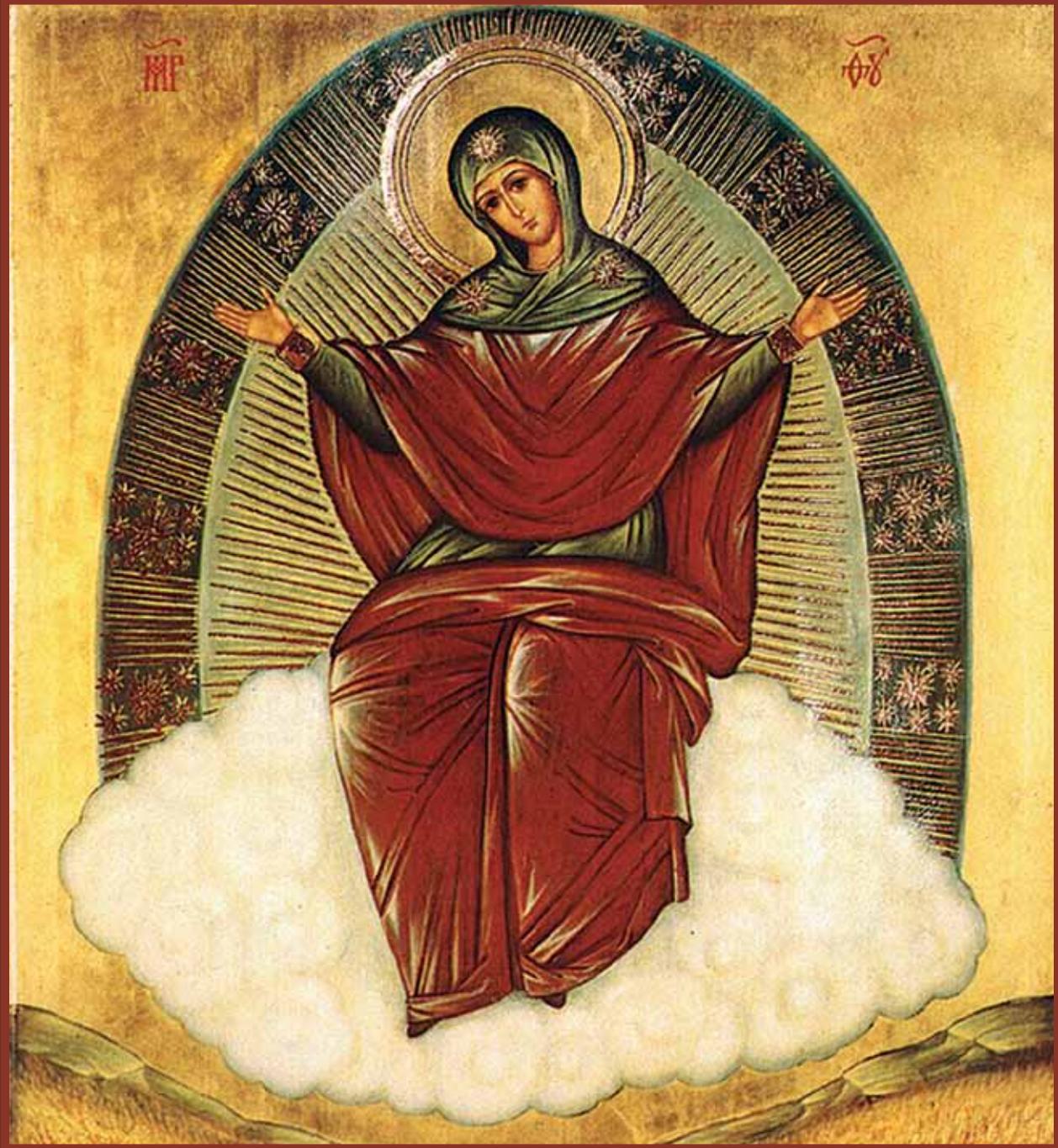
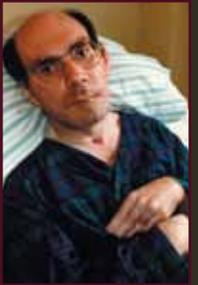


FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF PEACE

Newsmagazine A.D. 2010 Volume 24 / 3rd Edition

*Brother Michael,
pray for us!*



*The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
+ August 15*

Brotherhood Update

by Brother Paul, Guardian Overall



National Right to Life Convention

On June 24–26, 2010, Brother Pio, Brother Maximilian and I attended the annual National Right to Life Convention which was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Brothers and I presented several workshops on various life issues and had an exhibit booth at the convention. Hundreds of pro-life activists from across the country gathered for the three day event which was both educational and inspirational. The Franciscan Brothers of Peace are frequent speakers at the National Right to Life Convention and have presented workshops at the annual event for the past fourteen consecutive years.

Brothers Assist the Disabled

In recent months the Brothers have been volunteering for the Office for Persons with Disabilities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis under the direction of Deacon Sean and Joan Curtan. The Brothers have assisted with several retreats for people who are mentally or physically challenged. The Brothers will also help plan and participate in the Bishop's Mass for the Disabled, to be celebrated on September 12, 2010 at the St. Paul Seminary Chapel in St. Paul. Please pray for the success of this special event.



Thank You For Your Generosity

Please remember the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in your charitable donations especially during the summer months when donations are traditionally down for most non-profit or church related organizations. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Also, please plan on attending our **annual Barbeque Picnic on August 21, 2010**. See ad on page 4 for more information.

Brother Joseph Needs New Van

Brother Joseph had his accident in 2001 and at that time a handicap van (pictured below) was donated by a benefactor so that he not only could be mobile and independent, but could continue in active ministry befriending and bringing food and clothing to the poor and marginalised. That van's days are numbered — our auto mechanic is barely able to keep the thing operating.

We urgently need your help! If you know a car dealer or a group of any kind that might be able to help Brother Joseph obtain a handicap van please contact Brother Paul at Queen of Peace Friary, 651-646-8586. Even a used van of this type can be very expensive. If you are able to make a donation to help us obtain a replacement van, please send your donation stating that it is for Brother Joseph's handicap van and we will put it aside for that dedicated purpose. Also please pray for this intention. Thank you so much — may God bless and reward you!



"The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them."

— THOMAS MERTON



SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE

MARTYR FOR THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

+ AUGUST 14

Born as Raymond Kolbe, the second of three sons to Julius and Marianne Kolbe, a poor but pious Catholic family in Russian occupied Poland, he received a vision from the Blessed Virgin Mary at the age of twelve. He asked the Mother of God what was to become of him. She then held out two crowns — one white, the other red. She asked if he was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant a life of purity, and the red that he should be a martyr. He said he would accept them both.

He entered the Franciscan order and made his final vows on November 1, 1914. In August of 1920 he was treated for tuberculosis, which resulted in poor health for the rest of his life on earth. In January 1922 he began the publication of the magazine, *Knights of the Immaculate*, to fight religious apathy and speak out against the Nazi regime. In 1931 he established a monastery in Nagasaki, Japan and in mid 1932 he founded another monastery in Malabar, India. Due to poor health he was forced to return to Poland.

On September 19, 1939 he was arrested with several of his brothers following the Nazi invasion of Poland. On May 28,

1941, he was transferred to Auschwitz and branded as prisoner 16670. He was assigned to a special work group comprised of priests and supervised by especially vicious and abusive guards. He remained a calm man of faith even during intense beatings. Saint Maximilian ministered to other prisoners, and celebrated Mass and delivered communion using smuggled bread and wine.

In July of 1941 there was an escape from the camp. Camp protocol, designed to make the prisoners guard each other, required that ten men be slaughtered in retribution for each escaped prisoner. Francis Gajowniczek, a married man with young children was chosen to die for the escape. Saint Maximilian volunteered to take his place. Saint Maximilian was starved and dehydrated for 14 days. Seeing he was still alive and praising God, they injected him with acid and he died, thus gaining the red crown for martyrdom and the white crown for purity.

He was canonized on October 10, 1982 by Pope John Paul II, and was declared a martyr of charity.

Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, pray for us!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

A grassroots national pro-life endeavor of praying and fasting in front of abortion clinics for 40 days, which started several years ago, will occur once again this fall in hundreds of cities throughout the United States and Canada. The event will begin on September 22, 2010 and will conclude on October 31, 2010.

The Franciscan Brothers of Peace would like to invite you to participate in this important pro-life event in a location nearest you. The Brothers will be participating in the 40 Days For Life / Twin Cities which will be held at HealthPartners' Regions Hospital located at 640 Jackson Street in St. Paul, Minnesota. We hope you will be able to join us in this endeavor for life.

The 40 Days For Life / Twin Cities is being organized and coordinated by Pro-Life Action Ministries, founded by Brother Michael Gaworski, fbp and Brother Paul O'Donnell, fbp, in 1981. Brother Paul currently serves as president of the organization's board of directors, and has been a member of the board for 26 years. Brother Paul stated, "the 40 Days For Life event is a visible way to defend and promote the Gospel of Life. I hope and pray for the success of this event and that human lives will be saved during those 40 Days."

For more information, please contact Brian Walker at (651) 771-1500, ext. 211, or brian.walker@plam.org



You're Invited
to the 18th Annual

OLD-FASHIONED BARBEQUE

Hosted by the Franciscan Brothers of Peace

**Rain or Shine!
Everyone is Welcome!**
Great Food • Games
Live Irish Music featuring
"Dunquin"

Saturday

**August 21, 2010
3:30 to 8:00 pm**

Queen of Peace Friary

1289 Lafond Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

**Bring Your Family &
Friends!**

A free-will offering is asked for the Brothers' apostolates.

Need More Information? Call 651-646-8586



Rowf!!

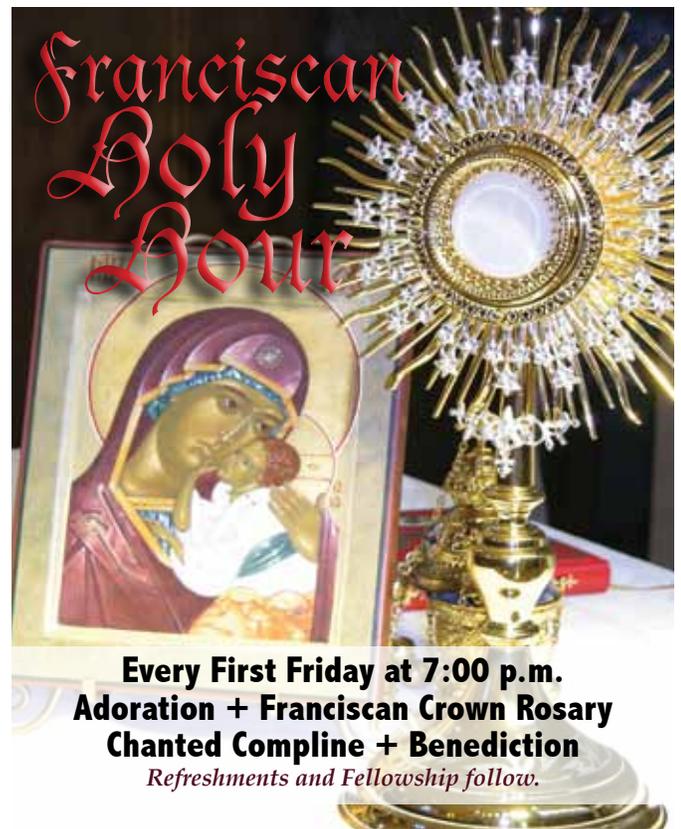
Begging Box

We need a couple sets of bunk-beds and eight single beds for refugee families that we're currently trying to help.

Do you have a used car in good reliable condition?
If so, please consider making a tax deductible donation
to the brothers.

Please remember our families in need by sending your
donations of both perishable and non-perishable food to our
emergency food shelf at Queen of Peace Friary.

THANK YOU
and may God bless you for your support!



Franciscan Holy Hour

Every First Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Adoration + Franciscan Crown Rosary
Chanted Compline + Benediction

Refreshments and Fellowship follow.