FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF PEACE

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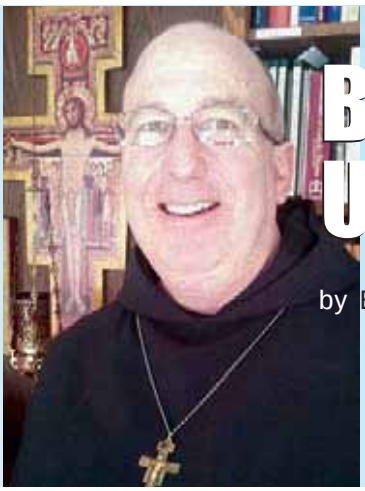
BROTHERS TO CELEBRATE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 2, 1982 — AUGUST 2, 2012

Saint Francis & Brother Michael, pray for us!

Devoted to the Gospel of Life



Brotherhood Update

by Brother Paul, Guardian Overall

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Terri's Day Mass & Network

I was invited to speak at Ave Maria University school of law near Naples Florida and attend a special Mass in remembrance of the late Terri Shindler–Schiavo from March 30th to April 1st. March 31, 2012 marked the seventh anniversary of her tragic death by court–ordered starvation and dehydration. Members of Terri's family were also present at these events and remain close friends of the Brothers. Currently I serve as chairman of the board of directors of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

All of the Brothers led music and prayer at the Good Friday vigil held outside the Planned Parenthood mega–abortion mill located in Saint Paul, Minnesota on April 6, 2012. The event was sponsored by Pro–Life Action Ministries which Brother Michael and I founded in 1981. The Brothers have sung at the annual event for the past thirty years. More than 3,300 people attended the event. Archbishop John Nienstedt and Bishop Lee Piche of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis preached at the event and led prayer.

Easter Gifts for US & Pakistani Kids

Due to the generosity of parishioners at Saint Odilia's Catholic Church and other benefactors, the Brothers helped distribute more than 300 Easter baskets to children in need in the Twin Cities area and sent Christian Easter coloring books, holy cards and candy to some very poor Christian children in Pakistan.

Brothers Attend IRL Conference

Brother Seraphim, Brother Max, Brother Pio and Brother James attended the annual Institute on Religious Life Conference on April 13th through 15th, in Libertyville, Illinois. Nearly 400 religious men and women attend the event from all across the United States.

Volunteering for the Disabled

The Brothers volunteer at various events throughout the year for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Office for Persons with Disabilities, led by our long–time friends Deacon Sean and Joan Curtin. During the month of April Brother Joseph, Brother Conrad, Brother Max, and Brother John Mary helped staff two retreats for persons with disabilities.

Our Apostolates

We continue to provide shelter for international survivors of torture at Queen of Peace Friary. The Brothers have given hospitality to international survivors of torture for the past seventeen years. Recently we accepted a new resident from Ethiopia.

Our emergency food shelf program, pro-life apostolate, and outreach apostolate to KaRen Catholics continues in full operation. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support, for us and for all those we serve.

Vocations

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If all goes as planned, three new men will become postulants in our community this summer.

Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary

As the cover of this newsmagazine states and you will read in this issue, we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of our foundation. We hope you can join us for a barbeque party on August 18, 2012. See invitation on page 4.

May God bless all of you and your loved ones and give you His peace. Have a great summer!

Brothers to Celebrate 30th Anniversary

August 2, 1982 — August 2, 2012 A.D.

By the prompting of the Holy Spirit a new shoot sprouted on the Franciscan tree on August 2nd, 1982. On that day Brother Michael Gaworski, our beloved late founder, began a way of life that the Church would later canonically establish as the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Auspiciously enough, August 2nd is the Franciscan Feast of Saint Mary of the Angels, or the "Portiuncula", the small chapel near Assisi where Saint Francis and his early friars began their order.

It was not the intention of Brother Michael and the early brothers to establish a new community of Religious men. Their goal was a personal one: to love the Lord with all their hearts, and to give themselves to the service of God's Kingdom. However, God had other plans.

There have been many bumps in the road along the way in our short little history. Brother Michael's brain injury at the age of thirty–two, and his subsequent death at the age of forty–five was a major blow to our little community. However, Brother Paul, the current superior of the community muses, "Who really likes taking a long, flat road trip? The curves, hills, valleys and peaks create the beauty of the journey. God designed our path and journey." In addition Brother Paul states, "Words cannot adequately express the joy and fulfillment we know the Lord has bestowed upon us in advancing the Kingdom of God and bring others to Christ." As the future unfolds the Brothers remain committed to make Jesus Christ known and loved by others and to promote and defend the Gospel of Life.

The Brothers have chosen to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of their foundation at their annual barbeque gathering. The barbecue this year will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at Queen of Peace Friary, from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please see page 4 for more information.

The Brothers wish to extend their most sincere gratitude to all of their friends, family members, benefactors and church leaders for their ongoing prayers and support. They are forever grateful!

As for the Franciscan Brothers of Peace, it is with complete confidence that they know that "He who has begun this good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus (Phil. 1:6).

May God bless you all and grant you His peace.

The Brothers Invite You to Celebrate With Them at Their

30TH ANNIVERSARY BARBEQUE!

Saturday, August 18, 2012 ✯ 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. ✯ Queen of Peace Friary

Everyone is Welcome!

Rain or Shine!
Fun for the whole family!
Great food, live music and games!
Tents and indoor seating available.

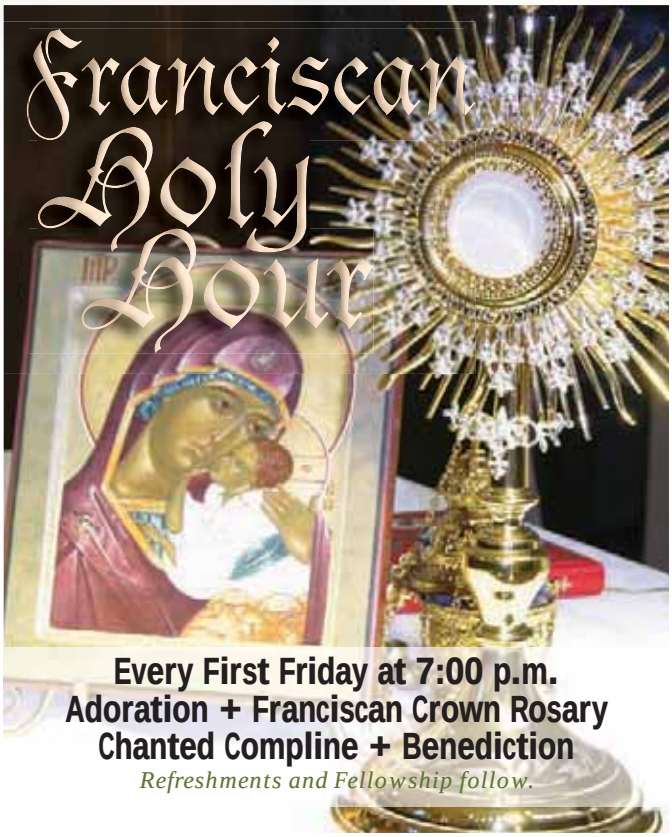
A free-will offering is asked for the Brothers' apostolates.
Need More Information?
Call (651) 646-8586

Queen of Peace Friary ✯ 1289 Lafond Avenue ✯ Saint Paul, MN 55104 ✯ (651) 646-8586

Ruby's Beggin' Box

Please remember our families in need by sending your donations of both perishable and non-perishable food to the Brothers' emergency food shelf at Queen of Peace Friary.
Donations and Gift Certificates are always needed.

Thank You for your support!
For more information, please call 651-646-8586.



Franciscan Holy Hour

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