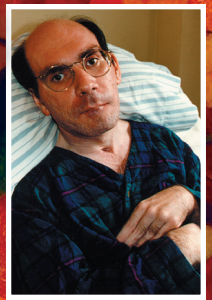


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Brother Michael,
pray for us!

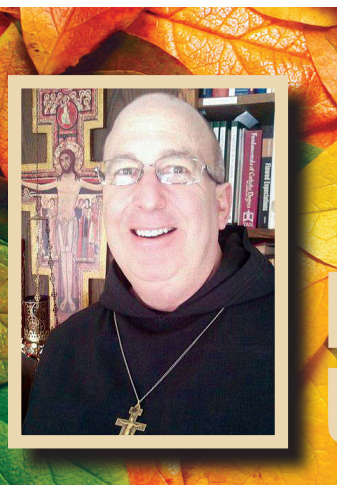


A New Pro-Life Generation!



Franciscan Brothers of Peace Lead Workshops
at Wisconsin Teens4Life Leadership Camps

Devoted to the Gospel of Life



Brotherhood Update

by Brother Paul, Guardian Overall



30th Anniversary Barbeque

On August 18, 2012, more than four hundred people attended the barbecue reception held at Queen of Peace Friary celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Thank you to all who helped make this wonderful event possible. We are forever grateful!

Mass For People With Disabilities

On Sunday, September 9, 2012 the Brothers sang at the Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities held at the Saint Paul Seminary located in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Bishop Lee Piche of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis was the principal celebrant and seven people with disabilities were confirmed. Brother Joseph, fbp was one of the lectors at this special annual Mass. The Brothers assist the Archdiocesan Outreach to Persons with Disabilities of the Office of Marriage, Family and Life with several retreats and the annual Mass each year. It was a great day of joy for all in attendance.

New Postulants

As you can see from the photo above, we now have four postulants: Matthew Barlett of Kanas City, Missouri, Joseph Markin of Boaz, Kentucky, Troy Kelly of Chicago, Illinois, and Nathan Rider of Seattle, Washington. Please keep these men in your prayers as they prepare to enter our novitiate sometime in the near future.

Apostolates

All of our outreach apostolates to international victims of torture, women with unintended pregnancies, feeding the poor and those in need, visiting the sick, disabled or homebound, and our catechetical endeavors are operating at full speed. Thank you to all who assist us with your support. You make this all possible!

Teens4Life Leadership Camps

For the past eight years the Franciscan Brothers of Peace have led workshops at dozens of

pro-life youth camps. This issue's cover photo shows attendees at a Teens4Life camp held this past summer in Wisconsin. The camps are directed toward teens and young adults who feel called in their own way to be ambassadors for those who are most vulnerable in our society; to encourage the development of their gifts and leadership skills for this noble cause. These fun and informative camps give these remarkable young people the tools that they'll need to go out into their respective schools, faith communities, and the world with the much-needed Pro-Life message. It has been truly inspiring to see the dedication and zeal of this new Pro-Life Generation!

Burmese Catholic Conference

Also in September, Brother James and Brother Seraphim attended the third annual Burmese Catholic Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Thirty members of the KaRen community from the local parishes' of Blessed Sacrament and St. Bernard's traveled with the Brothers for the conference, which offers opportunities for catechetical instruction and sharing resources with other Catholics from around the United States. More than five hundred people attended the annual event.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Program

Please see page four about our Thanksgiving and Christmas food programs. The need is greater than ever, and as always, we are truly grateful for your help!

Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action.

— Mother Teresa





Catholic Medical Association Honors Brother Paul With Evangelium Vitae Award



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— Br. Paul

The Catholic Medical Association presented Brother Paul O'Donnell, fbp with the Evangelium Vitae Award for his commitment and leadership in advancing respect and dignity for all innocent human life in our society today.

The Catholic Medical Association gathered for their 81st Annual Education Conference at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel from September 27–29, 2012, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Brother Paul was honored with the *Evangelium Vitae Award* on Friday, September 28, at the Association's lunch gathering during the conference.

Representatives from Saint Paul based Pro-Life Action Ministries and the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania were present for Brother Paul's award presentation. Brother Paul serves as the chairman of the board of directors for both organizations. He co-founded Pro-Life Action Ministries in 1981 with Brother Michael Gaworski, fbp.

In attendance representing the Franciscan Brothers of Peace were Brother Pio King, fbp, Brother James Voeller, fbp, and Brother Seraphim Wirth, fbp. Brother Paul is currently serving his third

term of office as the Guardian Overall of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace, amounting to almost eighteen years in that position.

Brother Paul stated, "I am very grateful to the Catholic Medical Association for presenting me with the *Evangelium Vitae Award* — and also very humbled. I thank almighty God for the gift of perseverance over these past forty years, and for the support of my family, friends, benefactors, colleagues, and the Franciscan Brothers of Peace both living and deceased."

"As we approach the 40th Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade abortion decision this upcoming January 22, 2013, it is my prayer that we will all defend and promote the entire Gospel of Life. Let us defend the pre-born child in the womb, the sick, the elderly, the physically and cognitively disabled — all innocent human life. This is what I intend to do, with the help of God's grace, for the rest of my life here on earth" Brother Paul further stated.

The Catholic Medical Association's Statement of Purpose is "to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine, to assist the Church in the work of communicating Catholic medical ethics to the medical profession and society at large, to support Catholic hospitals in faithfully applying Catholic moral principles in health care delivery, and to enable Catholic physicians to know one another better and to work together with deeper mutual support and understanding."

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Program

The Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be very hard for our families in need, particularly during these tough economic times. To ease their burden we help them with emergency food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Last year we provided food to about five hundred and fifty families at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Once again we humbly ask for your help with this important apostolate.

This year we need turkeys and hams (we have the storage capacity), potatoes and sweet potatoes (fresh, canned or instant), stuffing mix, cranberries, corn, and pumpkin pie filling.

Extra financial assistance is needed at this time of the year. Gift certificates come in handy for special cases and supplemental food needs.

Perhaps your place of employment, church, club or school might be willing to help us in providing food to help others. Please join us during this great season of love and putting our faith into action.



Thank You and may God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Bequests:

Gifts that go on giving!

To Assist the Franciscan Brothers of Peace

A bequest is a gift that goes on giving beyond one's lifetime on earth. Please consider a bequest to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace by naming the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in your will. Making a bequest is a true act of Christian charity and it is a fitting way to assist the Brothers and their apostolates into the future.

May the Lord bless and reward each and every one of you for your great generosity, and give you His deep and abiding peace!



FRANCISCAN HOLY HOUR



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

Refreshments and Fellowship follow.