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# Capuchin Vocation Update

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## Detroit weekend to showcase Capuchin ministries 26-28 October 2007

The Capuchin Vocation Office is sponsoring a weekend for men interested in learning about Capuchin life and ministry in Detroit October 26-28. Detroit is one of the largest centers of Capuchins in North America. Participants will visit Capuchin Retreat in suburban Washington MI, the Solanus Center, which hosts more than 200,000 visitors annually, and the famous Capuchin Soup Kitchen which feeds more than 2,400 people daily. The weekend program will take us to the Capuchin Communities of St. Crispin, St. Charles, and St. Bonaventure, all located in metro Detroit.



Candidate Kevin Maksym attended last year's Detroit Ministry Weekend. Here with then-Postulant Don Bosco Tran who is now a novice.

Capuchins and their partners in Detroit will help vocation directors John Holly and Bill Hugo guide participants through this experience. Bro. Larry LaCross and the friars at St. Bonaventure will provide sleeping accommodations and general hospitality. Fr. Jerry Kessel will give us a view into Capuchin retreat ministry. We will be introduced to the ministry of our Capuchin spirituality center in Detroit—The Solanus Center—by Bro. Steve Kropp.



Capuchin Jerry Smith, director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and Roy Hoelscher will once again host our visit to the CSK.

Capuchin David Preuss will describe his pastoral ministry to Detroit's predominantly African-American Catholic community at St. Charles Parish. Bro. Jerry Smith will help us understand Capuchin attempts to heal the plight of Detroit's poor people at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Participants will have the chance to reflect on the Capuchin charism within the wider church. Finally, all will have the chance to meet the many Capuchins who live and work in Detroit.



Steve Kropp will guide our visit to the Solanus Center.

Reservations are required to attend the Detroit weekend.  
New inquirers are welcome!

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