



19 Feb 2008, #152

# Capuchin Vocation Update Province of St. Joseph

## Preparing an application to Postulancy

Seven out of several more applicants to the 2008 Midwest Capuchin Postulancy Program gathered at St. Clare of Assisi Friary in Chicago to learn more about that program and get to know each other better. The annual weekend (this year February 8-10) is a unique gathering among those sponsored by the Midwest Capuchin Vocation Office throughout the year. Saturday morning's presentations started with a description of the Postulancy Program by its directors, Capuchins Perry McDonald and Mark Joseph Costello. That presentation was followed by a Q&A between the applicants and this year's postulants, Julio Gallegos and David Hirt. The afternoon began with an introduction to St. Francis of Assisi's core spiritual intuitions, presented by Bill Hugo. That session was followed by a meeting with Capuchins Todd Wieschowski and Zoy Garibay (temporary professed) who spoke about the relationship of postulancy to novitiate and then postnovitiate formation. Applicants Kyle Birkenmeier and Quang Nguyen were unable to attend. Another 5 candidates are considering an application.



Applicants Vito Martinez from Grand Rapids MI and Parker Tiffany from Traverse City MI are getting to be the veteran attendees at any gathering of candidates.



Vocation Director John Holly presided at Eucharist.



Rich Reinhardt has been living in a Catholic Worker House for a year of ministry.



This will test your memory! Quan Nguyen (pronounced like "win") is an applicant who participated in this weekend. Quang Nguyen (called "G" to help keep things clear) is an applicant but could not attend. The province has another Nguyen, Tom, who is a novice in Burlington, Wisconsin. All three Nguyens were classmates at SLS!

capuchinfranciscans.org  
1-773-475-6206

# Vocation Update



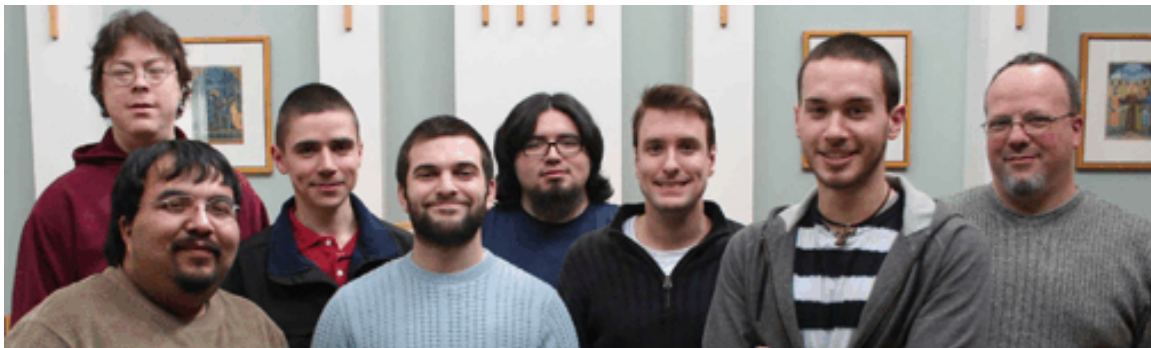
Dan MacDonald



Stan Sobo



Jesse Hofseth



Applicants with current postulants left to right: David Hirt (postulant), Vito Martinez, Jesse Hofseth, Parker Tiffany, Julio Gallegos (postulant), Stan Sobo, Rich Reinhardt, and Dan MacDonald. Quan Nguyen was absent for the picture. A number of applicants were not able to attend.

The Postulancy Admissions Board meets May 1-2. Your prayers for all the applicants are appreciated.



Jesus Delgado is not a candidate, but a classmate of postulant Julio Gallegos. When he heard there was a friendly poker game in the making, he decided to hang out.



The St. Clare Capuchin Community helped organize the weekend including Todd Wieschowski.



Kyle Birkenmeier could not attend but is applying to Postulancy.

## Join us for the annual Triduum Retreat

...Novices from around the English-Speaking World † New Inquirers † Capuchin Candidates † Postulants † Capuchins † Capuchin Volunteers † Applicants to Postulancy...

### “Embracing the World—Transforming the World”

Capuchin Helmut Rakowski, Retreat Director  
from the German Rhine-Westphalia Capuchin Province and world-wide animator and coordinator of Capuchin missionary activities

Capuchin Novitiate in Burlington, Wisconsin  
20-22 March 2008

Reservations required  
Contact Fr. John Holly

920-915-4400

[Jholly1953@yahoo.com](mailto:Jholly1953@yahoo.com)



Helmut Rakowski