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Candidates look forward to Postulancy

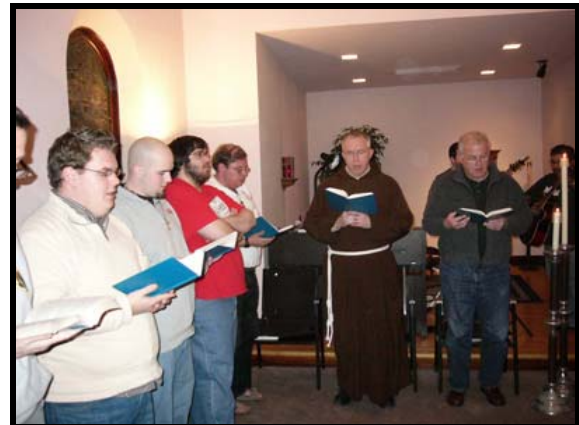
Catechesis of basic doctrine and dogma of faith; prayer methods; the life and writings of St. Francis of Assisi; the social encyclicals; symbol, ritual and sacramentality; Liturgy of the Hours; Eucharist; the Psalms for prayer; and Franciscan justice, peace, and care for creation are a few of the topics for input that would be covered by postulants during the morning sessions of the postulancy year. Capuchin Bill Hugo, co-director of the Postulancy Program along with Capuchin Marty Pable, is known for attention to details. This was a weekend of details where candidates who are seriously thinking of applying for postulancy could get a clear picture of what to expect.

After a long session with Bill Hugo on Saturday morning, the candidates had a private question and answer session with the current postulants. One candidate remarked, "The question and answer session was a nice time of transparency and honesty." After the steady stream of questions, the group went for tours of local churches and Capuchin ministries.



So what does the normal weekday schedule of postulancy look like?

- 7:15 Morning Prayer
- 7:45 Mass
- 9-11:30 In-House Class Sessions
- Lunch
- 1 - 4 Ministry
- 4:45 Meditation
- 5:10 Evening Prayer
- 6:00 Dinner (community members take turns cooking)
- After Dinner: study for classes, prepare for ministry, meditate and relax



*Postulant Parker Tiffany's family orchestrated an outstanding meal on Saturday night at St. Francis Friary. The table blessing compared the meal to a fore-taste of the Kingdom. During the meal, Capuchin Niles Kauffman called it a **five-taste** of the Kingdom!*



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Vocation Update

So what do some of the current postulants do for their ministry every afternoon?

(For links to Capuchin ministries in Milwaukee, visit www.capuchinfranciscans.org and click on MINISTRIES)

Quan Nguyen: House of Peace: food pantry, clothing distribution, client hospitality, cooks for friary guest groups

Vito Martinez: St. Ben's Meal Program: chaplain and volunteer coordinator, chaplain at nearby jail, speaks on behalf of the poor for church and civic groups.

Parker Tiffany: Parish ministry at St. Francis Parish: home visits to the elderly and sick, RCIA, youth group facilitator, music ministry, alleged doughnut consumer

Ken Cole: House of Peace: organizes donated clothes, food pantry, front desk, brings smiles and positive attitude.

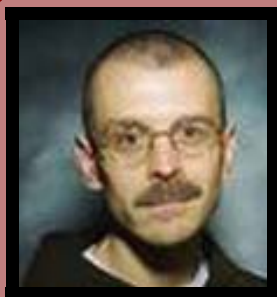
Rich Reinhardt: Voces de la Frontera: director of the New Sanctuary Movement to help immigrant families torn apart by deportations.

Our spirituality, world-view, and very lives are enriched by the relationships with our sisters and brothers who are suffering. One of the ideas of ministry is to be stretched and challenged. However, a person can do only so much. Postulants choose ministries that will challenge them, but within reason. The postulancy year is demanding. Therefore, postulants learn to set limits on how much to expect of themselves each day in order to stay spiritually balanced and healthy. NEXT EVENT: TRIDUUM RETREAT April 9-11 at St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, WI.



(Photos from a day of reflection before the Pre-Postulancy Weekend - MJ Groark)

Niles and Andrew helping with dishes



Join us for the annual Triduum Retreat!

New Inquirers, Capuchin Candidates, Postulants and all Capuchins in formation, Cap Corp Volunteers, Capuchins, Applicants to Postulancy

“Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life, and The Lord: Four Encounters and Four Lessons from the Gospel of John”

Retreat Director: Capuchin John Celichowski

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