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## Eucharist Week (Semana Eucarística) Touches Lives

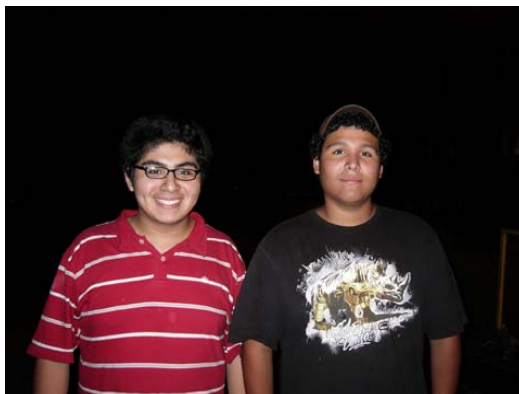
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On the south side of Chicago, the spiritual richness of the people is met with the beautiful desire of God to come among us, to heal us, to love, and to be loved. From Sunday night to Saturday night of last week, the people of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish gathered for 3 ½ hour nightly sessions of prayer, music, community, and adoration. Luis Farias, a Capuchin candidate, helped for one of the nights along with possible future candidate Alan Jimenez. Luis is preparing for his

freshman year at the University of Illinois. Alan is still in high school and comes from a family that is heavily involved with parish life. Alan's mother is always working behind the scenes preparing items for the services and Alan's older brother was taking care of all the sound system equipment. Alan's younger brother, Michael is 8 years old and added the comment that he either wants to be a Capuchin or a 1964 Camaro! Other young Capuchins in formation were also seen taking part. Joe Lindzius, doing an internship at the parish, kept the incense rolling along with other important tasks. Soon to be postulant MJ Groark helped in many ways as well. The day after returning from his novitiate year, David Hirt also made an appearance to greet and pray with families and friends.

Each night began with a procession from the parish along the street into a parking lot set up for outdoor speakers, prayer, and music. The key preacher for many of the nights was Ariel Zúñiga, the Capuchin Pastor from Arequipa, Peru. Gonzalo Cateriano, the Provincial Minister for the Capuchin Province of Peru, was also present for many of the nights helping with confessions and simply being present and friendly with everyone. Capuchin Director of Formation Bill Hugo and the Capuchin Auxiliary Bishop of Nicaragua David Zywiec were also present for some of the nights. Capuchins Michael Sullivan and Alfredo Gundrum are the pastors of St. Clare of Montefalco in Chicago where the prayer nights were held.



Alan Jimenez and Hector Ocon.  
Parishioners and St. Lawrence High  
School Seminary Students.



The procession began in the parish  
each night.

# Vocation Update



Ariel Zúñiga lead much of the preaching.



Bill Hugo, Gonzalo Cateriano, Ariel Zúñiga and Alfredo Gundrum all energized after a nice meal prepared by generous parishioners.

# Vocation Update



Pan dulce for a post prayer gathering.

**New inquirers are welcome!**—make reservations with John Holly or Jerry Johnson  
Next event:

August 7, Mt. Calvary, WI

*Jubilee Mass & Celebration*

August 8, Mt. Calvary, WI

*David Hirt's First Profession of Vows*

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