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# Capuchin Vocation Update

Province of St. Joseph

## October 4: Happy Feast of St. Francis!

*October 3: The Memorial of the Passing of St. Francis (The Transitus)*

*October 5: The Commemoration of All the Deceased of the Seraphic (Franciscan) Order, I,II,III*



Franciscans of all types, men and women, and many who share the Franciscan charism, observed a busy weekend of celebrations. The tradition to gather on the twilight of the Feast of St. Francis to commemorate his passing (transitus) has been observed as far back as perhaps the seventeenth century.

From Thomas of Celano:

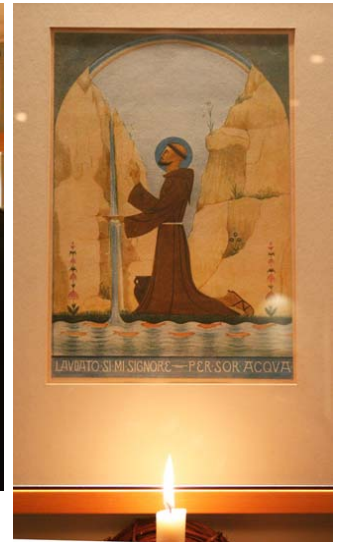
“The few days that remained to him before his passing he spent in praise of God, teaching his beloved companions how to praise Christ with him. As best he could, he broke out in this psalm, *With my voice I cried out to the Lord. With my voice I beseeched the Lord.* [psalm 142] He also invited all creatures to the praise of God, and exhorted them to love by some words which he had composed earlier. Even death itself, terrible and hateful for everyone, he exhorted to praise, and *going to meet her joyfully*, invited her to be his guest, saying: “Welcome, my Sister Death!” (Celano, Life II, 217)

Liturgies to commemorate the Transitus were celebrated all over the world, but the photos in this edition of Vocation Update were taken at St. Clare Friary in Chicago. St. Clare Friary is where many of the friars live who are in theological studies. A crowd of around 70 people packed into the friary for this twilight service. Many of the guests were friends that the student friars have at their respective schools of St. Xavier University, Loyola University, and Catholic Theological Union.



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For the social after the Transitus Liturgy, an array of ethnic foods and desserts were enjoyed by all. All of the local friars, along with the help of the postulants visiting from St. Conrad Friary in Milwaukee, prepared for this celebration days in advance by each preparing at least one dish. From Vietnamese spring rolls to homemade pizza, Franciscan joy and sister-brotherhood was great food for the journey.

## Detroit Ministry Weekend for Candidates and Inquirers

Begins with supper on Friday Oct. 23  
Ends after lunch on Sunday Oct. 25

Visit the Solanus Casey Center and the many Capuchin ministries. Meet the friars and people who work with them. Spend time in prayer. *See the Vocation Update from Nov. 28, 2008 for last year's photos.*

**Reservations are required to attend the weekends.**

**New inquirers are welcome!**

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