



# Good News Report

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## A MOMENT WITH THE MINISTER

This beautiful summer weather is with us at last and many are busy outdoors in gardens, at the beach or cottage or at home enjoying the warmth of the sun. Wherever you are please take a moment to look at your hands!

Have you taken the time to reach out to someone recently? Have you uplifted another with your gentle touch? Have you pointed another who was lost, in the right direction? Do ever think of the power of your hands?

When I think of my hands I think of all that Jesus did with His, and how I have a long way to go to be more like Him. He worked with Joseph in the carpenter shop so I am sure His hands were well worn. He must have carried piles of wood for their heating and cooking too. Jesus' hands



picked up mud and rubbed the eyes of the blind, His hands were laid upon the lame and deaf. His hands were gentle too when they caressed the heads of the chil-

dren and spoke gently to them. Jesus used His hands for praying always to His Father in heaven, and they outstretched to call all who were heavily burdened to come to Him and find rest. Finally the hands of Jesus contained the nail holes from His crucifixion. These gentle and courageous hands are now marked with the sign of His sacrifice for us all.

St. Francis, too, was so much like Christ that his hands laid bricks to rebuild Churches, lifted the weary, gave comfort to the suffering and prayed constantly. Near the end of St. Francis' life his hands received the same nail holes as Christ.

My own hands are aging. I can't always undo jars or pick up heavy things as in days gone by, however, I can still do much good with these old hands. I can dial the phone to call a lonely person, I can still bake some cookies for a new neighbour, I can still write a note to a shut-in. The best thing I can still do is pray. We can all pray for those in need, our deceased brothers and sisters and for our whole Franciscan



family.

Our parish priest gave a wonderful homily a few weeks ago about his professor in the seminary in Poland. Whenever he greeted a priest he would gently kiss their hands! When our priest questioned him about this practice, the professor responded that the hands of the priest are able to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ and as such are to be revered! What a wonderful thought!

I have done quite a bit of travelling throughout the spring months. From Belleville for a Formation workshop to Merlin for a Day of Recollection, to Welland for fraternal elections, and to North Bay for their celebration of Canonical Establishment. It has been wonderful to meet and greet many fraternity members and to celebrate with you all. I cherish those moments.

Enjoy each day of this summer season.



Catherine Payne ofs

### The Good News Report

is the official newsletter of the Secular Franciscan Order, Trillium Region. We aim to publish it between the middle and end of: July, September, December, and April.

Any items you wish to include are warmly welcomed and will be published space permitting. Articles may be sent by the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month of publishing, to *Deacon Maurice Prindiville, ofs*, [mprindiville@golden.net](mailto:mprindiville@golden.net)

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please let us know as above.

## VICE-MINISTER'S LETTER

### Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation

SHALOM!!

As we consider Peace, let us consider the origin of the Jewish and early Christian greeting : Shalom”.

*To greet another with “Shalom” means to wish the other to be as full a person as he/she can be in relation to God, self and others.*

Shalom received from God and offered to God, self and others is the way of love. Early followers of Jesus were considered followers of “The



Way”.....the way of peace, the way of Shalom, the way of love.

May this summer give us all the opportunity to renew and refresh our relationship with the Holy Trinity, with Mary and the saints, with the church, with our families, friends, colleagues, neighbours and our fraternities.

May our prayer life, study of scripture and participation in the sacraments give us pause to reflect and to contemplate the opportunities God always provides to receive HIS Shalom and to share it with all those along our path.

Shalom! Peace and all good,  
Louise Arruda, ofs

## YOUTH ANIMATOR'S LETTER

*“As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.<sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”<sup>41</sup> “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things,<sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:38-42*

Peace and all good! Just over two months ago, on Holy Thursday, I had to have major surgery. From that, I had to stay home for six weeks. No working, no house cleaning, no gardening.....you get my point. If you see yourself as a ‘Martha,’ you get my frustration during this time off. I would pray and ask God what He wanted from me and how my present state, sitting in front of the TV, was doing anything for the Kingdom of Heaven. He told me to **rest**. I can honestly say for the last three weeks of my recovery, I really became a ‘Mary.’ It was a new experience for me and when I had to go back to work, I longed to remain ‘at His feet.’

This summer, God has again called me to **rest**. It has been difficult, as my new health has me wanting to do so much.....thank God for a



healthy body. Yet, He continues to call me to **rest**. So, why tell you all this when I should be speaking about the youth? I have heard it said, no amount of sleep can help you if it is your soul that is tired. You see my brothers and sisters, we all must have ‘Mary’ times in our lives. How can we rejuvenate and evangelize if we do not find time to allow God to prune us and prepare us for the next part of His plan?

St. Francis wrote a rule for hermits where he envisioned the brothers would be recharged by getting away from everyone and everything. He stated that two would be ‘Martha-like’ and prepare food etc... while two would be present to God and sit at the feet of the Master to pray and listen. We often need permission to just be, to deactivate and listen to God and not try to be productive. I do believe now that I am meant to be in a time of rest, even though I am still trying to find the usefulness in it. What lessons should I be learning, what prayers should I be praying? Sorry,



‘Martha’ cut in... ☺ I am called and I am sure many of you are being called to just **be**. Be in His presence, sit at His feet and listen and know that it is OK to rest and still be working for the Kingdom of God. This is a time of great growth and blessing. Let God do His work, so later, we can do ours.

May God bless you throughout this summer season. May the light of His love carry

you through the growth you need to better work with those around you. May God bless you always and in all ways.

Peace.... Lisa Theriault, ofs

## VICE MINISTER'S LETER

Dear brothers and sisters  
in Christ,

As Franciscans we  
are urged to continue to  
learn and truly understand,  
the path that our dear seraphic father  
Francis laid out for us. To that end, I  
wish to share the words of a sister who is  
much more qualified than I can ever hope  
to be, to speak to this.

Pace e bene.

Marzio Apolloni ofs



### I Go to School

by Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C.

I seek a teacher and a rule,  
Dear Brother Francis, and a school  
Where I can learn to be a fool.

The world is erudite today;  
The folk of Gubbio and thy gray  
Brother Wolf are dead, they say.  
Sweet friend of Christ, thyself shalt be  
My book of gentle courtesy.

A single purse, a single cloak  
Do scarce suffice for modern folk;  
Such foolishness as once thou spoke  
About thy Lady Poverty,  
That, poverello, tell to me.

Bird songs in Umbria were sweet,  
Or else, mayhap, thy quaint conceit  
Found meanings now quite obsolete.  
God's little one, wilt share with me  
Thy sister birds' sweet psaltery?

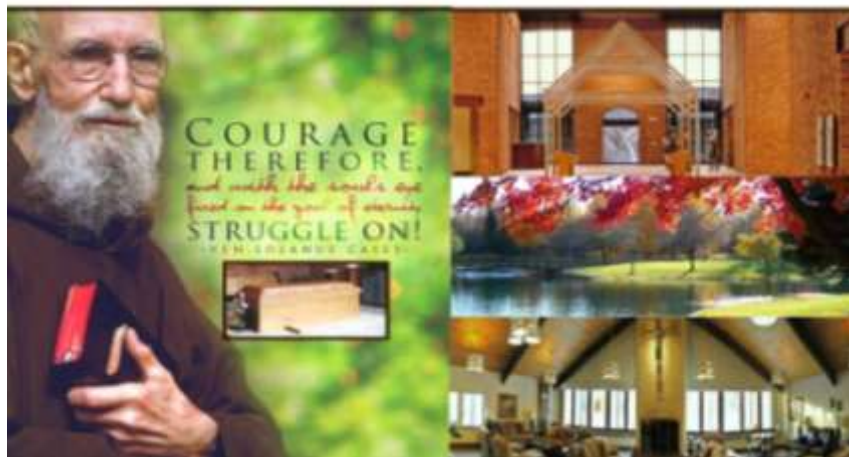
Stars nebular and wise, indeed,  
Above Averno shared thy creed  
Of pierced Heart and Wounds that bleed.  
Enamored Knight of Calvary,  
Teach me love's madmost ecstasy

Behold my teacher and my rule;  
Thyself, Saint Francis, art my school;  
God give me grace to be a fool!

## WEEKEND OF PILGRIMAGE, REFLECTION AND PRAYER Solanus Casey centre & capuchin retreat August 19—21, 2016

Complete information and application at

<http://www.capuchins.ca/solanus-pilgrimage-2016/>



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Friday Night:** Arrival at the Capuchin Retreat in Washington Michigan for an evening meal and to settle in. Time for nature walking, silence, or prayer, or an optional movie about Fr. Solanus Casey.

**Saturday:** Ride to the Solanus Casey Centre in Detroit, Michigan for a guided tour and presentation on Fr. Solanus Casey, ofm, cap. and his cause for beatification. Lunch followed by Mass celebrated in the Friar's Chapel, and return to the Capuchin Retreat for the evening. Evening Prayer followed by an optional "Friar Side Chat" and introduction to a Franciscan Perspective on the Holy Trinity (or free time for silence and personal)

**Sunday morning** Mass, breakfast, departure for home.

### **PILGRIMAGE COST \$ 365.00 CAD/ person**

(Bus, accommodation and ALL meals included)

We have 42 spaces available

### **Requirements for Travel**

VALID CANADIAN PASSPORT

(not expiring within 6 months of Pilgrimage dates)

US HEALTHCARE PACKAGE

(at participants expense, proof of valid plan necessary)

**(FIRM) REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
THURSDAY JUNE 30, 2016**

To register please contact:  
**Bro. Alan Gaebel, ofm, cap.**  
**Capuchins of Central Canada -**  
**2100 Jane Street, Toronto ON M3M 1A1**

## FROM THE TREASURER

### 2016 World Youth Day

In just a few short weeks the Catholic Youth of the world will meet in the name of Christ. Some of them may later hear the CALL and join us, Secular Franciscans.

These saintly events of World Youth Days were initiated by Saint Pope John Paul II, and continue under the patronage by His successors, Holy Father Benedict XVI and Holy Father Francis.

This year's theme is ***Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*** (Mt 5:7) and the event takes place in Krakow – Poland. As always, the location and the theme fit wonderfully: during the Year of Mercy, and in Poland, which is celebrating its 1050<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christianity.

What are the main goals of World Youth Days? Like with all pilgrimages, the goals are: celebration of Universal Church, listening to the Word of God, celebrating Sacraments (especially Penance and Eucharist,) and overall joyful proclamation of Jesus Christ; The Lord and The Saviour.

The World Youth Days have two profound holy signs, the Cross and the Icon, given to the youth by Pope

John Paul II. These signs, not only accompany the young people during the Youth Days, but travel around the world,

and gather hundreds, even thousands of people praying at any given day. The World Youth Day cross has many names: the Jubilee Cross, the Pilgrim Cross, the Youth Cross. It was entrusted to the youth as they were given the commission to *“carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity, and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption.”* The Cross set out with the young people from St. Peter's in 1984 and has since been carried around the world, making a pilgrimage from parish to parish, diocese to diocese, and country to country. On the same occasion, Pope John Paul II entrusted to the youth an icon of the Blessed Mother that would ac-



company the cross. *“It will be a sign of Mary's motherly presence close to young people who are called, like the Apostle John, to welcome her into their lives,”* said the pontiff.

So, soon, in just 2 weeks the young people will share their faith with each other, in Krakow and in other major cities in Poland. In Krakow, some of the major sites are: the fourteen century Gothic Basilica of St. Mary - and the oldest church in Krakow, St. Adalbert. Two other significant sites are the “Have No Fear” Pope St. John Paul II Shrine, and the Divine Mercy Shrine to St. Faustina at La-giewniki.

FRANCISZKANSKA 3 (that is, 3 Franciscan Street) is another significant location. There is a very special window there, called “The Papal Window.” This Franciscan monastery complex has been the traditional residence of Krakow bishops since the late 14th century, and was the residence of Pope John Paul II during his stays in the city. He used to give his blessings and talk to his followers from a window above the main entrance at night. So many times Holy Father was there, enjoying the company of young people singing with them long into the night.

Please join me in prayers, for the fruits of The World Youth Days 2016, and for the safe journey for all the Pilgrims and all participating.

Saint John Paul II pray for us.  
Danuta Juchniewicz, o.f.s.



## FROM THE FORMATION CORNER



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ. I sincerely hope you are enjoying the great summer season that God has graciously extended to all of us. We can't but help admire and praise God for the beauty surrounding us – the trees in foliage, the beauty of the flowers all dancing in the wind praising God in their own way!!

I hope all of you are planning a “get together” with your fraternity members during the summer for a picnic or day out – and please don't forget to include, if possible, the shut-ins that are part of your community. If it isn't possible for them to join you, please have some of your members visit them.

During the next few months we have some great feast days to celebrate!!

**St. Bonaventure on July 15, Louis IX on Aug. 25, The Portiuncula on Aug. 02  
The Stigmata on Sept. 17, St. Clare on Aug. 11, and the Feast of St. Francis on Oct. 4**

Just a reminder of the upcoming Formation Seminar to be held on September 24 at St. Bonaventure Church, Toronto, Ontario, with Jewel Jasmins, our National Formation Director as our facilitator. You won't want to miss this!

Peace and ALL Good, Donna Dooling offs



## Formation Meeting May 28, 2016 at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary - Belleville

( above: L to R ) Jackie from Queen of Peace Fraternity, Bob from St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity and Mary from Holy Rosary Fraternity,



(Left) Our wonderful hostess Rose Marie MacMullen from Holy Rosary Fraternity.

(Right ) Informative Formation workshop facilitated by Donna Dooling



# Local Fraternity Bulletin Board

## OBITUARIES

### St. Anne's Fraternity

Louise Lenarduzzi  
- died March 20, 2016

### St. John Vianney Fraternity

Clara Tae Yon Jung  
- died April 12, 2016

### St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity

Rose Valovich  
- died May 11, 2016

Brother Michael  
Mascarenhas ofm, cap.  
celebrated his Solemn  
Profession of Vows  
on  
Friday June 24  
at  
St. Philip Neri Church  
in Toronto, Ontario.  
Congratulations  
were extended  
from the  
Trillium Region.



A special celebration in North Bay, Ontario as we celebrated the Canonical Establishment of St. Pio Fraternity on June 10, 2016 with Father Peter Knaapen and all the members of the Fraternity at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus.

## The Good Shepherd Minister's Conference



Members of St. Anne's Fraternity, Tecumseh, St. Peter's Fraternity, London and St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity, Sarnia pass through the Holy Doors at St. Patrick's Church and Shrine in Merlin, Ontario on a day of Recollection, June 18, 2016. Thank you to John Vajdik for organizing this prayerful event and much gratitude to the priests who participated and welcomed all.



Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine in Merlin, Ontario offers a beautiful garden and walkway with the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross and a walk of the Saints.

## ELECTIONS

### **St. Mary of the Angels, Welland; June 5.**

Newly elected Council, ( L to R)  
Cathy Kruger, Vice Minister,  
Valerie Norris, Treasurer,  
Debbie Tessier, Minister,  
Nellie Schouten , Secretary  
Louise Cowan, Formation Minister.



### **St. Joseph the Worker Fraternity Port Elgin on April 14**

Newly elected Council, ( L to R)  
Marzio Apolloni-Minister,  
Deirdre Walsh – Treasurer,  
(*Catherine Payne – presided at the  
elections*)  
Brenda Murray – Secretary,  
Mary Lou Rancourt – Vice Minister  
D’Arcy Healy – Formation Minister.



### **St. Pio Fraternity North Bay on April 22**

Newly elected Council, ( L to R)  
(*Marzio Apolloni – Vice Minister,  
Trillium Regional Fraternity/  
Presider; Fr. Trevor Scarfone, Pas-  
tor, Holy Name of Jesus Church; )*  
Kas Pelc, Minister;  
Robert Manary, Vice Minister;  
Carol Boulley, Treasurer;  
Diana Georgie, Secretary;  
Lynn Bonany, Formation Director



## **Trillium Certificates**

For Trillium Certificates to mark Professions, Anniversaries of Profession & Service Recognition for Spiritual Assistants, (usually 5 year milestones) please contact: **Clelia Malerba, ofs;** [malerbac@yahoo.com](mailto:malerbac@yahoo.com) Please apply in good time if you wish to have them on the profession day or anniversary date.