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“My God and My All”

Newsletter of the North American Pacific Capuchin Conference Novitiate

Our Training Facility...



Our Playbooks...



or if you prefer...



Our Home Field...



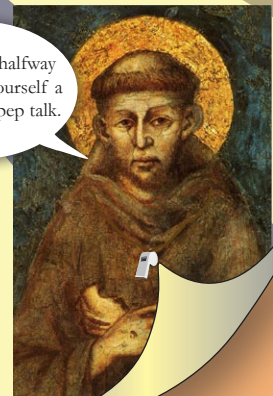
Our Obstacle Course...



Our Mascots...



We're at the halfway mark. Give yourself a locker room pep talk.



Novices Push On In West Coast Road Trip

“Time, like an overflowing stream
Bears all its sons away
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day”

from “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
by William Croft and Isaac Watts

Croft and Watts know whereof they speak. We find ourselves swiftly at the halfway mark of novitiate. Opening Day for baseball fans is March 28, in Tokyo, where the Athletics play the Mariners. The rest of the nation, perchance the world, is focused on the Super Bowl, but baseball is more ... Franciscan? Check out the classic “Baseball vs. Football” routine by George Carlin (1937-2008) and see if you don’t agree. Though he became acidly anti-religion in his last years, this routine dates from when Carlin’s humor was intriguing, peaceable and spiritual. After hearing it, see if you don’t agree that football is more ... Jesuitical.

The last four words in the above headline can strike fear in the heart of any East Coast baseball fan. Those ten and 12-game spells out here, especially when teams like the Angels or Giants are hot, are often the time when leads evaporate, divisions tighten, and team esprit de corps is tested. The halfway mark of novitiate is shaping up to be a challenge similar in character.

For many this was the first Christmas and New Years away from families, which was difficult. Two men have been cut from the roster, and rules state we must carry on without substitutions. We’ve rotated house chore details, but otherwise we are all obliged to, in racing terms, “run what we brung,” and to face the core truth of religious life, which is that when you enter it you meet your most intractable obstacle- yourself.

How are we managing? What strategies are being used? Where are our strengths? Offense? Defense? Special teams? What brings consolation? What drives out desolation? **In this issue** we take an **up-close and personal (U-C&P)** look. Also, Gerard sings the choir’s praises, Brandon blossoms, and though “We are all in the gutter ...” Chris G is looking at the stars.

Br Frank Grinko
Province of Saint Conrad
Mid America



Remember me? Last month I said “Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow”? I’m waiting

Day of Birth September 2
Height 5’8
Weight 180 lbs
Bats Right
Throws Right
100 yd dash No clue; better at long distances
Theme Song “Supersonic” by Bad Religion

Pep Talk to himself:

To paraphrase the great Yogi Berra, “Novitiate is 90% prayer and the other half is perseverance. So remember- it ain’t over till it’s over.”

Br Alex Prado
Province of Saint Mary
New York, New England



Day of Birth April 13
Place of Birth Queens NY
Height 5’4
Weight 205 lbs
Bats Right
Throws Right
100 yd dash Stupid fast, if da cops are after me
Theme Song “La Bamba” by Ritchie Valens

Alex’s Pep Talk to himself:
Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday dear Jesus
Happy Birthday to you

U-C&P:

When I’m on offense I kind of let the game come to me, I go with the flow. But when I’m in desolation, when I’m on defense, I try to take control of everything, analyze everything. And in desolation I try to remember what worked in consolation- not making big decisions, for example.

Br Akolla Etuge
Province of Saint Augustine
Pennsylvania



Day of Birth August 30
Place of Birth Bafoussam, Cameroon
Height 5’5
Weight 180 lbs
Bats Left
Throws Left
Theme Song “Zangalewa Dance”
(Waka Waka, This Time for Africa)
by Kocho Kocho Zangalewa Troupe

Pep Talk to himself:

Impossible n’est pas Camerounais.

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Br Gerard O'Dempsey
Province of Our Lady of the Assumption
 Australia



Mind if I play through? What? I'm sorry old sport, I can't understand a word you're saying

Day of Birth August 12
 Place of Birth Ipswich, Queensland, Australia
 Height 183 cm
 Weight 82.5 kgs
 Bats Pteropus Conspicillatus
 Throws Up (hurling)
 100 yd dash Depends on how long I stop to smell the road kill
 Theme Song ... "The Imperial March" (Darth Vader's Theme) from "Star Wars" by John Williams

Pep Talk to himself:
Use your mirrors when reversing.

Br Roger Dos Santos Soares
Province of Saint Lawrence Brindisi
 United Kingdom



"White? You cannot be serious!! They'll think I'm a Dominican!"

Day of Birth Monday
 Place of Birth Welkom, South Africa
 Height 1 m 78 cm
 Weight 68 kg
 Bats Right
 Throws Right
 100 yd dash 14.17
 Theme Song "For the Love of God" by Steve Vai

Roger's Pep Talk to himself:
Strengthen yourself for combat.

U-C&P:

When I think about novitiate in terms of sports, I feel like at the same time God is pushing me He's also carrying me, and I feel happy and elated. But I'm also wary because I feel that I can become too arrogant, too self-confident, and I'll fall- and I don't want to sin. You think you've got it all wrapped up, but the game's still on. The brothers who you live with keep you in your place, keep you down to earth, and also the ministry you do is quite humbling, and I suppose the other thing is the chores that you do. Because the chores are not something that you choose to do; they're something that someone has chosen for you.

Br Jason Salisbury
Province of Saint Joseph
 Midwest



Hey, I'm elevating my heart rate- this is a bowl game

Day of Birth May 11
 Place of Birth Fort Wayne IN
 Height 5'10
 Weight None of your business
 Bats Right
 Throws Right
 Theme Song "Free Fallin'" by Tom Petty

Pep Talk to himself:
"We're going inside of 'em, we're going outside of 'em -- inside of 'em! outside of 'em! -- and when we get them on the run once, we're going to keep 'em on the run... But don't forget, men -- we're gonna get 'em on the run, we're gonna go, go, go, go! -- and we aren't going to stop until we go over that goal line! And don't forget, men -- today is the day we're gonna win. They can't lick us -- and that's how it goes... The first platoon men -- go in there and fight, fight, fight, fight, fight! What do you say, men!" ~Knute Rockne

Br David Maldonado
Vice Provincia de San Juan Bautista
 Puerto Rico



David and Donald re-create the 'Miracle Mile' race at the 1954 Commonwealth Games in Vancouver BC

Day of Birth June 11
 Place of Birth Bayamon, Puerto Rico
 Height 5'11
 Weight 155 lbs
 Bats Right
 Throws Right
 Theme Song "Party Rock Anthem" by LMFAO

Pep Talk to himself:
There is time for everything and EVERYTHING has its time. This is the halfway point of novitiate. This is the halfway point of YOUR novitiate. The goal each day is approaching, and YOU have to go the extra mile. He who perseveres ... triumphs.

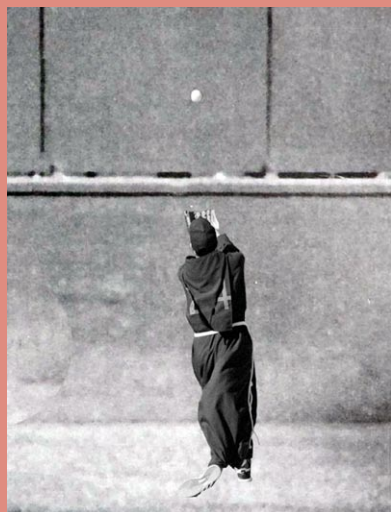
Br Obioma Odionyenma
Province of Saint Augustine
 Pennsylvania



Day of Birth Sunday
 Place of Birth Owerri, Imo, Nigeria
 Height 5'11
 Bats Right
 100 yd dash 13.88
 Theme Song .. My own composition: "Blood of Jesus Christ"

Obioma's pep talk to himself:
Notre Dame head coach Dan Devine said it in "Rudy": "No one, and I mean no one, comes into our house and pushes us around."

Br Edwin Zuluaga
Province of the Sacred Stigmata
New Jersey



Edwin re-creates Willie Mays' iconic catch from Game One of the 1954 World Series

Day of Birth September 18
 Place of Birth Passaic NJ
 Height 5'11
 Weight 162 lbs
 Bats Right/Left
 Throws Left
 100 yd dash 12.41
 Theme Song "Can't Stop" by Red Hot Chili Peppers

Pep Talk to himself:

From Mubammed Ali: "Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible IS NOTHING!"

U-C&P:

The Rosary helps me when I'm on defense. I call the special teams out, which is the brothers who pray the Rosary together, because it keeps me going. Saint John Vianney said for him to pass through sensual temptations he prayed the Rosary a lot, and he prayed to our mother Mary. And it's so true: the temptations will always be there but the Rosary helps me jump over the hurdle instead of knocking it down. I went on a pilgrimage to Lourdes last year with a group of the Haitian women from Miami. One of them, she grabbed me by the shirt and she said, "You better hold on to the Rosary, because that is going to be the key to Heaven." Even when I'm feeling lazy I feel like I have to go because I know it will help me in the overtime.

We end the Rosary with a litany of the saints, and it's like "Rookies vs. Pros"- I'm the rookie and the saints are the pros. When we call on them after the Rosary, it's like we're dragging the cross, and the saints, they come along and they say, "Come on, let's go, let's go to the goal line."

Defense? The devil doesn't care if you sin; the devil only cares when you're unhappy or discouraged. So I guess when I'm in desolation I try to find ways to love God more and not worry about my sins.

Br Christopher Silva
Province of Our Lady of the Angels
California



Chris assures us that there is a sanctioning body for Quidditch

Day of Birth June 1
 Place of Birth California
 Height 5'9"
 Weight 187 lbs
 Bats I'm not a beater, but whatever it takes to keep those bludgers away.
 Throws Just keep the Quaffle moving
 100 yd dash With or without broom.
 Theme Song we might have to leave that up to Lee Jordan

Pep Talk to himself:

Say what's in black; do what's in red.

Br Scott Surrency
Province of Saint Mary
New York, New England



God-speedo Brother Scott

Day of Birth A Friday
 Place of Birth Lakeland FL
 Height 5'11
 Weight More than I'd like to be
 Bats A few, in my belfry
 Throws An occasional tantrum (in private, of course)
 100 yd dash ... If nominated I will not run; if elected I will not serve
 Theme Song "Music for the Royal Fireworks" by GF Handel

Pep Talk to himself:

The personal motto of Blessed Junipero Serra: "Siempre Adelante."

Br Andrew Nguyen
Province of Saint Joseph
Midwest



Andrew on concessions. The spring rolls are a big seller

Day of Birth April 20
 Place of Birth Baria, Phuoc Tuy, Vietnam

Pep Talk to himself:
Do or die.

U-C&P:

Pray, through good times and bad.

Br Brandon Berg
Province of Saint Conrad
Mid America



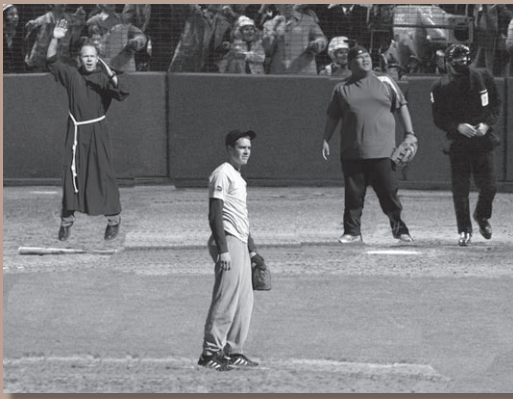
You should see the guy in the other order

Day of Birth August 20
 Place of Birth Lindsborg KS
 Height 5'9
 Weight 245 lbs
 Bats Right
 Throws Right
 100 yd dash On Disabled List
 Theme Song "Chilly Water" by Widespread Panic

Pep Talk to himself:

Brandon, listen to me. Look me in the eye. You have tried. You have fallen down. Get yourself up. Rub some dirt on it, walk off that injury and get back in there and play some smashmouth football. Aaaabhhgggh!

Br Jerry Johnson
Province of Saint Joseph
 Midwest



Day of Birth 1970
 Place of Birth Indiana
 Height 5'10 with the hair
 Weight Don't tell me
 Bats Tennis rackets
 Throws A wrench into things
 100 yd dash I smell bacon
 Theme Song "Breathless" by Nick Cave

Pep Talk to himself:

From the prophet Micah: "Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly."

Br Phil White

Province of Saint Augustine
 Pennsylvania



Day of Birth April 3
 Place of Birth Scranton PA
 Height 5'10
 Weight 250 lbs
 Throws I don't throw or catch; I'm a lineman
 100 yd dash Linemen don't run

Pep Talk to himself:

Son, do you really love Jesus? Because you haven't been playing like it on the field! Let me see your prayer face!! What is that? You'll never beat the Wiley Serpents with a prayer face like that! I don't see a single tear for the love of God. Don't you know our founder and first Hall of Famer Francis cried for the love of God so much that he nearly cried himself blind? So when you go back out there for holy hour I better see some serious tears!! Now let's go kick those Wiley Serpents off the field with the love of Jesus!!

Br Travis White
Province of the Sacred Stigmata
 New Jersey



Travis trusts in the LORD, but if it's his night to cook we might need the Costco card

Day of Birth February 17
 Place of Birth Boca Raton FL
 Height 5'7
 Weight 170 lbs
 Bats Don't like them
 Throws Every day
 Theme Song "Send in the Clowns"

Pep Talk to himself:

Memento mori, Tempus fugit.

U-C&P:

Offense to me is when overall I inwardly feel peace. I find myself spending more time in chapel, and I find myself more fruitful in prayer, not just falling asleep. On defense the peace is gone; I find myself getting stressed out much more, and very easily irritated. A special team for me is our Praise and Worship jam. I've always been able to pray easily with Praise and Worship music, and so having two other brothers (Brandon and Donald) to praise the Lord with has been such a great blessing, and every Wednesday night we get together to pray and praise the Lord, and regardless of what was going on prior to that, or after that, that's one of those staples that keeps everything together. I don't have to try to do anything; I can just simply be when I'm in praise and worship.

Br Robert Wotypka

Province of Saint Joseph
 Midwest



Robert emulates his idol Floyd Landis Tyler Hamilton Alberto Contador Maurice Garin

Day of Birth May 20
 Place of Birth Philadelphia
 Height 5'9
 Weight 175ish
 Bats Right
 Throws Collect dust and can fade in bright sun. Try tea candles or fresh flowers to brighten a room
 100 yd dash 15.43
 Theme Song "The Wait" by the Pretenders

Robert's Pep Talk to himself:

What are you doing in here? Get back out there and watch the Gatorade.

Br Chris George

Province of Saint Mary
 New York, New England



As "Chocolate Thunder"

Darryl Dawkins with the "In-Your-Face-Disgrace" two-banded dunk

Day of Birth March 25
 Place of Birth Hyannis MA
 Height 5'8
 Weight 1 metric tonne
 Bats Vampire
 Throws Right
 100 yd dash 14.86
 Theme Song "Gabriel's Oboe" (Theme from Roland Joffe's "The Mission") by Ennio Morricone

Pep Talk to himself:

"Come back carrying your cross, or on it."

Br Ernesto Sanchez

Province of Our Lady of the Angels
 California



We are also looking at Pax et Bonum Annus as a sponsor

Day of Birth November 16
 Place of Birth Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
 Height 5'5
 Weight 170
 Theme Song.....“We Will Rock You” by Queen

Ernesto's Pep Talk to himself:

Don't get discouraged. Trust in yourself. Trust in yourself because God is with you.

U-C&P:

Defense: When I waste my time instead of being busy with something I can do well. The best uses of my time are praying, reading a good book, sharing with people. Wasting my time is trying to find a good video on YouTube.

Br Freddy Avila

*Province of the Sacred Stigmata
 New Jersey*



Freddy tries out for the inter-galactic fencing team

Day of Birth June 15, a Wednesday, 11:15AM
 Place of Birth Mexico City, DF
 Height 5'8
 Weight 175
 BatsRight
 Throws Right
 100 yd dash 20 seconds
 Theme Song “Rock Lobster” by The B-52s

Pep Talk to himself:

The spiritual director of a classmate quoted this: “Humility is not thinking less of yourself. Humility is thinking of yourself less.”

U-C&P:

For “special teams” I would say working in the garden. There I realized it is important for me to be connected with nature, in order to know I am in a reflective stage. I am not just acting, I am thinking, I am meditating in the action. I have the time to think; the garden gives me the opportunity to see the presence of God reflected in nature, and it makes me feel useful. This is a challenge, because I see so much being given to me. If I don't recognize what I give- which is little in comparison to what I receive- then what I give gets lost in the cloud. And we have to realize that God is also acting through us- as we receive and as we give, even as little as we give. Defense for me is when I'm not praying.

Br Jerry Cornish

*Province of Saint Joseph
 Midwest*



Bull's eye, every time

Day of Birth Yesterday
 Place of Birth Fort Worth TX
 Height 7.5 ft
 Weight 100 lbs
 BatsTwo please
 Throws Never
 100 yd dash 9.35 secs- without dropping my cigarette ash or spilling my coffee
 Theme Song“Kung Fu Fighting” by Carl Douglas

Pep Talk to himself:

When the going gets tough, the tough turn to God.

Br Donald Rank

*Province of Saint Conrad
 Mid America*



Donald and David re-create the 'Miracle Mile' race at the 1954 Commonwealth Games in Vancouver BC

Day of Birth Feb 20
 Place of Birth Denver CO
 Height 6'4
 Weight 170 lbs
 100 yd dash 14.17
 Theme Song“Classical Gas” by Mason Williams

Pep Talk to himself:

Remember your goals.

U-C&P:

I'll use running metaphors. Consolation would be the end of the run; desolation would be

when the cramps come. Consolation would be when the endorphins are flowing. I see it as endorphins versus cramps. Even if you're in shape you still get cramps- we're not perfect.

Br Ryan Charfauros

*Vice Province Our Lady Star of the Sea
 Guam*



“The Chamorro Express”

Day of Birth April 29
 Place of Birth The beautiful island of Guam
 Height 5'11.5”
 Weight Fluffy
 Bats Right
 Throws Right
 Theme Song“Pour Some Sugar on Me” by Def Leppard

Pep Talk to himself:

Whether we win or lose, there's always next year..

Br Bobby Barbato

*Province of Our Lady of the Angels
 California*



Who says chess isn't a contact sport!

Day of Birth July 26
 Place of Birth Los Angeles CA
 Height 6'
 Weight Enough
 Bats In the belfry
 Throws Right, every time
 Theme Song Theme from “Indiana Jones” by John Williams

Pep Talk to himself:

In the words of our Seraphic Father Francis, “Great things we have promised, greater have been promised us ... so let's begin again.”

And Tonight, Singing our National Anthem...

Brother Gerard O'Dempsey



I quite like this next piece, by 'G. O'Dempsey.' Let's try it, shall we?

Each year a novitiate choir is formed and this year we are blessed with fifteen voices. We begin with auditions – and every year I brace myself for that event. Sometimes real gems are uncovered (and sometimes they need to remain covered!). But over the years I have been involved in this ministry I must say I never fail to be amazed by what the brothers are capable of doing. It may take the threat

of impending doom to obtain the harmony of voices and mind that a piece requires, but there is always great joy and satisfaction as a cantor renders a difficult psalm or reaches the high notes with agility and confidence, or the ensemble reach the end of a three-part motet with no bloodshed or crying.

Over the course of the novitiate year a variety of pieces are learnt and used to enhance our liturgical celebrations. To date we have learned three motets: *Panis Angelicus* by Claudio Casciolini; *Iustorum Animae* by Ciro Grassi; and *What Sweeter Music* by John Rutter. Claudio Casciolini was born in 1697 and died in 1760. He was director of the choir at the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Damasco, Rome. As well as his setting of the “Panis Angelicus” he is also noted for a three part *Missa Pro Defunctis*, and an eight part *Zacchee Festinas Descendes*.

Ciro Grassi was an Italian composer who produced a considerable number of pieces for the organ. He was born in Cavriana, Italy in 1868 and died in Padua in 1952. John Rutter was born in London in 1945, and in the years 1975-1979 was the Director of

Music at Clare College, Cambridge UK. Most recently he composed the anthem *This is the Day Which the Lord Hath Made* for the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton in Westminster Abbey.

As well as these special pieces, the novice choir also adds harmony by way of descants to Mass parts on feast days and solemnities. They have developed a particularly festive rendering of the Gloria from Peter Kolar's *Misa Luna* by including some percussion by way of djembe and maracas.

Right now the choir is gearing up for Easter with an arrangement of the *Ubi Caritas* by Maurice Duruflé and some other delightful works. But before we get to Easter we are preparing immediately for Australia Day on January 26th, with *Sing a New Song* by James McAuley and Richard Connolly, and *God of Peace* by Christopher Willcock. *Sing a New Song* was amongst the first Australian hymns composed for the liturgy after Vatican II, and *God of Peace* was composed for Pope John Paul II's first visit to Australia in 1986.

So every Monday night- take your places, books ready, deep breath and off we go!

Need Quick Energy? It's Within Your Grasp

Brother Brandon Berg

You know the story- God put man in an idyllic garden with all the plants and trees and gave him one instruction: eat of any of the trees except for this one. Then after God made all the animals and the woman to be his partner, well, it just wasn't enough. Man had to have some of that forbidden fruit. And thus it was that man and woman took the fruit and ate it. And God was upset and things were set in motion that we still suffer from today.

California's Central Coast is full of wonderful vistas but it's no Garden of Eden, and none of the fruit-bearing trees have been forbidden us. And thanks be to God, because there does not seem to be one that I have been able to resist.

Literally our first impression of California, when we drove to Santa Ynez after the pre-novitiate program in Kansas, was a checkpoint on the California-Arizona border where state officials asked whether we were carrying any fruits or vegetables. The state's scientists work to find and stop invasive insects that can harm its immense produce production. I knew about this, but I didn't expect was that so much fruit grows here in non-agricultural settings.

My ministry site, Old Mission Santa Inés, has two fig trees, and I've discovered that I very much enjoy fresh figs. They're packed with fiber, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and flavonoids. Besides being mentioned in the Old and New Testaments, the fig tree is in the Qur'an and is mentioned in Greek mythology. The Bodhi tree where Buddha achieved enlightenment is an old sacred fig tree. The trees at the Old Mission also bear lemons, oranges, and red and green apples, all of which I was encouraged to pick and eat by the brothers who live there.

Here at San Lorenzo the most interesting find is what the local calls the “pine-apple guava,” the *acca sellowiana* in binomial nomenclature. It is native to mountainous parts of South America, and there are three at the seminary, growing just outside the classroom in Marian Hall. The fruit is about the size of a small kiwi, though smaller ones are common, and they can be juiced, jellied or jammed. In the late summer and fall we

noticed them starting to fall from the trees. I'm a cook by (former) profession and adventurous about food, but it was with some hesitation that I picked one up, split it open in my hand, and tasted it. Though the skin is quite sour, the flesh and the seeds were sweet, tangy and delicious.

Since coming to San Lorenzo I see myself in closer relation to all these wonderful trees. If the Capuchin charisms grow in me, I will bear the fruits of prayer, ministry and fraternity. I pray that my years of formation in religious life will be seed that grows to produce fruit that can be easily picked and enjoyed by all who pass by. If they don't, I will not be able to blame California. As it says in Psalm 52, “I am like a growing olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.” Oh, right- olive trees. They're here too.

Brother Brandon had recent ACL surgery and will soon be off the disabled list.



In the Heavens You Have Made Them Bright, Precious and Beautiful

Brother Chris George



December and January brought two meteor showers, missed here because of cloud cover and the brightness of the moon. We turned up on the lawn and the hill, and though all the meteors were covered, a beautiful halo shone through the clouds around the moon.

As Christmas approached the three stars of Orion's belt traveled up the horizon in the east. Some of our Hispanic brothers have known these three stars since childhood, as "Los Reyes Magos" the Three Wise Men. They entered during Advent and are currently the center of a pageant of constellations which makes the winter sky a yearly favorite.

These three stars represent Orion the Hunter's belt, and those that frame this belt describe

his arms and legs. A line drawn through them to the left will lead to the brightest star, Sirius. Hard to miss, this star is in the constellation Canis Major, the big dog following at the heels of his master. Towards the right of Orion his arm extends holding his bow, an arc of faint stars visible to the eye under the good conditions often found at San Lorenzo.

Orion's bow is aimed directly at the large red star Aldebaran, which perched on the top of a v-shaped constellation is Taurus almost recalling the Chicago Bulls logo. Close by, as if they were being watched by Taurus, are the Pleiades, an unmistakable dipper shape of stars as attractive as jewels. Across the winter sky these are a familiar band of travelers, and one could create their own story of Zeus dispatching Orion to hunt the bull that threatened the Pleiades, his nieces.

In his book on the life of Saint Francis G.K. Chesterton says that European history had not redeemed what it had lost spiritually in the crumbling of the high civilization of antiquity and its pagan religion. Their myths, writ in the stars, had lost their connection to the human heart through moral decay and the collapse of civilization.

In time, St. Francis would preach to the birds and call the stars his sisters. For Chesterton, the conversion to Christ that Francis inspired let the stars keep their nature as the works of God's hands, and God as their author. Far from fixed points to explain mythology, it was in this that "the flowers and stars have recovered their first innocence."

On Sunday January 1, 2012

Michael Edgar Beaupré announced the conclusion of his vocation discernment with the Province of Central Canada. On January 5th he left novitiate and returned to his native Ontario, Canada. If this all sounds needlessly legalistic, that is because Beaupré was always so precise in his handling of data: open source, of course.



"Look at his place, he is not there"

Our classmate had a gift for being a brother to all. We saw him in many contexts- as a student; as a servant of God in ministry; in social situations; as a driver (*Eds.: perhaps the less said the better on that one*); in house chores, and in the choir as a bass. He put his spirit, talent, energy and humor into everything he did. It was our intention to include an audio clip here, but before he departed Beaupré filed copyright protection on all the choir recordings he made. Strange, no?

There was something rare about Beaupré, and not just the sightings of him at morning prayer. Perhaps he had more to teach us about living in community than he had to learn. His even-temperedness, generosity with his time and attention, and interest in the outside world helped keep the community both loose and connected. Beaupré will excel in whatever he does, and God will bless him. We are grateful for the time he was here, we pray for him, we believe in his bright future, and we miss him.

For his part Beaupré writes, "The only thing that I would like to say is a general thank-you to all the people I have met through the Capuchins and a request for prayer as I continue to transition into lay life."

Michael, no one has opened that can of maple syrup yet.

iSanto Chisme!

Br. Freddy Avila

