



Province of Saint Mary elects new Provincial Leadership Team

On Thursday, 26 May 2011, the brothers attending the Twentieth Ordinary Chapter of the Province of St. Mary elected their new Provincial Leadership:

[Standing left to right]:

James Peterson- fourth councilor
Joseph Yakimovich- second councilor
Mark Schenk- general councilor
Michael Connolly- third councilor

[Sitting left to right]:

Michael Marigliano- Vicar Provincial Minister
Francis Gasparik- Provincial Minister

Francis Gasparik, O.F.M. CAP.
Provincial Minister

Francis Gasparik, a native New Yorker, was born in 1958 in New York City. He attended St. Ann's Elementary School [Flushing NY] from 1964-1972; St. Mary's Seminary High School [Garrison NY] 1972-74; Cathedral Prep [Elmhurst NY] 1974-76; St. John's University [Queens NY] and St. Anselm College [Manchester NH] receiving his BA [Sociology/Social Work] in 1981.

Francis entered the Capuchin Franciscans in 1979 [Milton MA] and pronounced his final vows in 1985. He attended Maryknoll School of Theology [Ossining NY] receiving the Masters in Divinity degree in 1985. During his diaconate year [1985-86], Francis ministered in the Capuchin parish of St. Pius X [Middletown CT].

Francis was ordained to the priesthood by the late Most Rev. Joseph Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn at Sacred Heart Church, Yonkers NY on 31 May 1986.

For the next five years, Francis served in Vocation Ministries, recruiting candidates for the province. He resided at St. Anthony Friary [Manchester NH] 1986-88; Blessed Sacrament Friary [Manchester NH] 1988-90; and St. Michael Friary [Brooklyn NY] 1990-91.

In 1991, Francis was appointed pastor and guardian of the local friar community of St. John the Baptist Church/Friary 210 West 31st Street, New York City until 2002. From 1996 to the present, Francis also served as a provincial councilor.

In 2002, Francis was appointed Director of the Capuchin Franciscan Mission and Development Office of the province organizing fund-raising efforts for the recruitment, education, training, preparation and sending of friars for service in the ministries of the Catholic Church.

Francis is also well-known for his tireless efforts in support of the Capuchin Food Pantries Programs with his creative fund-raising activities such as the Doodle for Hunger, Women of Valor Tea and The Annual Capuchin-Franciscan Golf Outing which all supported the economically poor and disadvantage.

Francis celebrated his 25th Priesthood Jubilee at Saint John the Baptist Church on Sunday, 05 June 2011.

Michael Marigliano, O.F.M. CAP.
Vicar Provincial Minister

Michael Marigliano was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1955. The Marigliano's were parishioners of the Capuchin parish of St. Michael in Brooklyn, New York. He attended St. Michael Elementary School from 1961-1969; St. Mary's Seminary High School [Garrison NY] 1969-1971; Most Holy Trinity High School [Brooklyn NY] 1971-72; and Christ the King High School [Middle Village NY] 1972-73. Michael also attended Pace University [New York NY] from 1973-1978 and received his BA in Social Science in 1980.

Michael entered the Capuchin Franciscans in 1978 [Milton MA] and made final profession in 1982. He attended Maryknoll School of Theology [Ossining NY] receiving his Masters in Divinity in 1983.

During his diaconate year [1983-84], Michael ministered at St. Timothy Church in Norwood, MA. He was ordained to the priesthood by the late John Cardinal O'Connor in St. Patrick Cathedral, New York City, on June 2, 1984.

Following his ordination Michael ministered at Sacred Heart Church, Yonkers, NY [1984-85] as an associate pastor; vocation recruiter and member of the Novitiate staff [1985-87] residing at St. Francis Friary [Garrison NY]; director of the province's post-novitiate program [1987-88] residing at Mary Immaculate Friary [Garrison NY]; and then returned to recruitment [1988-89].

From 1989-2000, Michael ministered as co-director of the collaborative Novitiate Program, located at Mt. Calvary, WI. For twelve years he served as Prefect of Formation, coordinating the province's formation system. Also during this period he earned his Doctorate in Systematic Theology from Marquette University [Milwaukee WI], graduating in 2001.

Michael returned east and assumed the position of Director of Communications [2000-2005], residing with the friar community at the College of New Rochelle [New Rochelle, NY] with his office located in Yonkers, New York. From 2005 to the present, Michael has been active in his ministry of preaching and since 2008 serves as the co-coordinator of the province's preaching ministry program.



Joseph Yakimovich, O.F.M. CAP.
Councilor

Joseph Yakimovich was born in New York City in 1955. Shortly after, his family moved to Woodhaven NY where he attended St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary [1961-69]; Bishop Loughlin High School [Brooklyn NY] 1969-1973; and CUNY Baruch College in New York City where he majored in accounting [1973-76].

Joseph entered the Capuchin Franciscans in 1978 [Milton MA] and made final profession in 1982. During his formation training he continued his college matriculation at St. Anselm College [Manchester NH] 1979; New Hampshire College [Manchester NH] 1979-1980; and while residing with the friar community of St. Conrad [White Plains NY], Iona College [New Rochelle NY] 1980-83 where he was awarded his BS in General Business.

During his stay at St. Conrad Friary he served the province as a provincial staff assistant and the assistant Secretary-Treasurer [1980-88]. Joe began his graduate studies at Iona College [New Rochelle NY] in 1987 and received his MS in Educational Computing in 1993.

From 1988-1993, he resided with the friar community of Our Lady Queen of Angels [New York NY] where he served as a parochial assistant, assistant principal of Our Lady Queen of Angels Elementary School, and teacher of computer science.

Joseph returned to St. Conrad Friary [White Plains NY] and for the next thirteen years served the province as the assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Business Manager [1993-2002]; guardian of the local friar community [2002-05]; and Director of Communications [2005-07].

At the Provincial Chapter of 2005, Br. Joseph was elected Councilor and served in that position until 2008. In 2007, he was appointed guardian of the post-novitiate community of San Lorenzo Friary [Jamaica Plain MA]. Joseph received his director of formation credentials from the Religious Formation Conference, located in Silver Spring MD. He continues to serve as the guardian of San Lorenzo Friary and a member of the post-novitiate formation team.

Pictured above: Conferral of the Office of Provincial Minister [Forefront] Newly elected Francis Gasparik and Matthew Elshoff, Chapter Facilitator and Installation Liturgy Presider

Michael Connolly, O.F.M. CAP.
Councilor

Michael Connolly was born in Boston, MA in 1950. He attended Gate of Heaven Elementary School [South Boston] 1956-1965 and Gate of Heaven High School from 1965-1969.

He entered the Capuchin Franciscan Novitiate of St. Lawrence [Milton MA] in 1969 and pronounced his final vows at Sacred Heart Church [Yonkers NY] in 1976. Michael attended St. Anselm College [Manchester NH] 1970-74, receiving his BA in Sociology. He attended Maryknoll School of Theology [Ossining NY] where he received his Masters in Divinity in 1977.

During his diaconate internship year, Michael ministered with the parochial community of St. Peter in Yonkers, New York. He was ordained by the late Terence Cardinal Cooke on May 27, 1978.

Following his ordination, Michael served as an associate pastor at St. Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue, NY [1978-1984] and later chaplain at Westchester County Medical Center and prison [1984-1997].

Michael received his Masters of Social Work from Fordham University in 1995 and Master Addiction Counselor Certification in 1996. He also served as an adjunct professor at Fordham University, Tarrytown NY Campus.

Michael returned to East Patchogue, NY and ministered as pastor of St. Joseph the Worker and guardian of the friar community [1997-2002].

In 2002, Michael joined the senior friar community of St. Clare Friary, Yonkers, New York as an associate director of the fraternity/health-care team. In 2005, he was appointed guardian of the senior friar community where he continues to serve.

James Peterson, O.F.M. CAP.
Councilor

James Peterson was born in Mt. Kisco, New York in 1971. He attended Brookside Elementary School, Yorktown, NY [1976-1984]; Mildred E. Strang Middle School [1984-86]; and Yorktown High School [1986-1990].

Jim attended Albright College, Reading PA [1990-94] where he received his BA in History. In 1998 he received his law degree from Villanova University School of Law in Villanova PA and was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey [1998] and in New York [2003]. Before entering the Capuchins, Jim was an associate attorney in two law firms.

James began his religious formation as a postulant at St. Michael Friary, Brooklyn NY in 2000. He was invested as a novice in 2001 at St. Felix Friary, Mt. Calvary WI. He pursued theological studies at the Weston School of Theology [2002-04] obtaining a masters degree in theological studies in 2004. He then served a one-year internship in the Archdiocese of Boston's Tribunal [2004-05]. He pronounced his perpetual profession at Sacred Heart Church, Yonkers NY on 10 September 2005.

Following his profession, James was invited to study canon law at The Catholic University of America [2005-07] and upon completion of his studies and his licentiate thesis, he was granted the licentiate in Canon Law in 2007.

Residing with the community of St. Francis Friary [Jamaica Plain MA], Jim was appointed assistant to the moderator of the curia and the vicar general for canonical affairs of the Archdiocese of Boston where he served until 2010.

In September, 2010 James returned to his studies at The Catholic University of America [Washington DC] pursuing a Doctorate [JCD] in Canon Law.

