

## Candidate Discernment Weekend September 7-9, 2018



CYFM Alumni

**Ben Reale**  
20 yrs. old  
Verbank, NY



**Brett Montminy**  
22 yrs. old  
Vernon, CT



**Christopher Woods**  
28 yrs. old  
Wantagh, NY



**Gabriel Zapata**  
18 yrs. old  
Copiague, NY

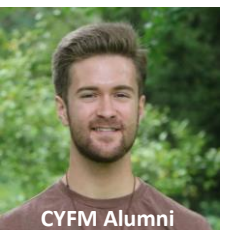


**Israel Kidda**  
34 yrs. old  
Harlem, NY



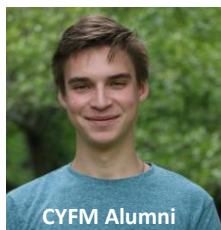
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**Regis O'Neil**  
22 yrs. old  
Middletown, CT



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**Vincent Stifano**  
18 yrs. old  
Middletown, CT



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**Zbynek Gold**  
20 yrs. old  
Somers, NY

\* Regis O'Neil and Vincent Stifano are from our parish St. Pius X.

**Connections, conversations, card games, a cook out,** and learning about the Capuchin Charism's were all a part of the first Candidate's Weekend held on September 7-9, 2018 at the Capuchin Youth & Family Ministry Center in Garrison, New York.

Joining us were ten young men who traveled from across New York State, Connecticut and Pennsylvania for the first of three Candidate "Come and See" Weekends planned for 2018-2019. The setting was ideal for the gathering, since historically Garrison has always been a place of formation and inspiration for our Province.

The candidates participated in presentations and a small group sharing on the Capuchin Charisms, making use of Fr. Jack Rathschmidt's workbook that many of us had used in formation.

We are so grateful for the presentations given by Bro. John Koelle, Fr. Michael Ramos, Fr. Will Tarraza, as well as for Fr. Erick Lenhart and Fr. Fred Nickle sermons and presiding at Liturgy.

We offer our thanks to our friars currently in formation, who were able to join us: Bro. Scott Leet, Bro. Francisco Serrano, Bro. Victor Russak, and Bro Arnold Joseph Lezcano. While some cooked, others lead the discussion groups and shared with the candidates their personal stories answering any and all questions.

Bro. Anthony Zuba also joined us for the weekend as well as Fr. Bob Abbatiello, Bro. John Shento and Fr. Bob Phelps for parts of the weekend.

A special word of thanks to Annie, who welcomed, cooked and cleaned up after us, as well as the support of the CYFM Staff.

We are looking forward to the next weekend that is scheduled for November 16-18, 2018 at San Lorenzo Friary in Boston, as well as the third Candidate Weekend, slated to take place at St. Michael's in Brooklyn.

Fraternally,  
Marvin and Paul