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WELCOME TO OUR NEW NOVICES

By Br. Robert Stewart, OFM, Cap.



As Novice Director, and on behalf of the Novitiate formation team and the North America Pacific Capuchin Conference (NAPCC), I want to welcome our new class of Novices for the 2018-19 year of Novitiate.

Last year's group (2017-18) completed their novitiate with the profession of Br. Austin from the California Province at Old Mission Santa Inés on Saturday, July 14th. It was a wonderful celebration with Austin's family, his Provincial, friars from his province (Our Lady of Angels) and all his fellow novices. We then said farewell to them all as they headed back to their own provinces for their profession of vows. They have all now made their professions and are starting a new stage of formation, Post-Novitiate, in their respective Provinces. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of formation with the Capuchins.

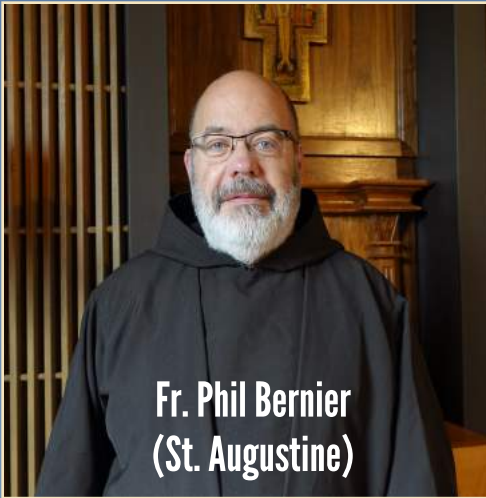
We welcomed our new group of novices only a week later, on Friday evening, July 20th,

as they arrived from their road journey of five days from St Louis to San Lorenzo. We had a short welcome ceremony in the chapel to officially begin their Novitiate that same evening. On the following Sunday during Evening Prayer, they received the habit of probation, which they will wear during this year of their novitiate.

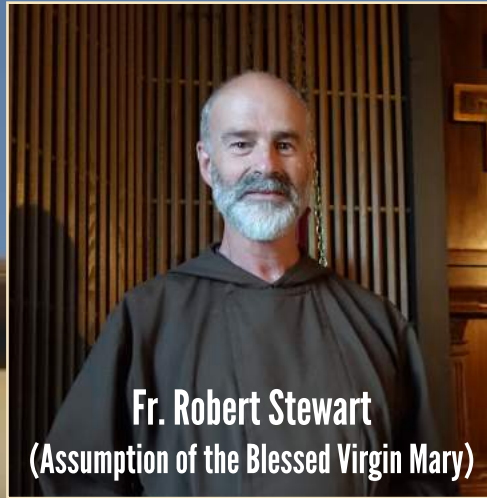
During the ceremony, they announced that "moved by Divine inspiration, we wish to share our life in the brotherhood of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin". They also asked to be tested during this year, so they may learn how to take on their shoulders the yoke of the Lord, living the gospel of Jesus Christ in love and joy, following the example of St. Francis.

It is called a "Habit of Probation" as the novices are not yet full members of the Order. Their full membership into our Order will happen once they have completed the Novitiate year and make their Simple Profession of vows. The habit of probation has a Caperone (hence the title of this magazine), a loose scapular front and back, that they will wear throughout the year. At their profession, this Caperone is removed to symbolize both the completion of their probation and their acceptance as a member of the Order. Please keep our new novices, who you will all meet below in this issue, in our prayers as they journey through their Novitiate year.

MEET THE FORMATORS



Fr. Phil Bernier
(St. Augustine)



Fr. Robert Stewart
(Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)



Fr. Bill Talentino
(St. Augustine)

PROFESSED COMMUNITY



Br. Lance Love
(Our Lady of Angels)



Br. Alex Rodriguez
(Our Lady of Angels)



Br. Joe Slominski
(Our Lady of Angels)

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PROVINCE OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

(PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA)



BR. SETH DWYER

Hometown: Orono, Maine

Hobbies: Basketball, sports, beach, being with nature, reading, eating.

Favorite Saint: St. Mary Magdalene

Hope for the Novitiate year: To always remain in interior peace and to grow in love for all those around me.



BR. LUKE KIM

Hometown: Seoul, South Korea

Hobbies: Walking, working-out, reading books, listening to classical music.

Favorite Saints: St. Pio of Pietrelcina, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Rita di Cascia

Hope for the Novitiate year: To take in this beautiful place with prayer and my brothers.



BR. JOSEPH MORTON

Hometown: Horsham, Pennsylvania

Hobbies: Singing, Bowling, Basketball, Playing boardgames/cardgames, Hanging with the brothers.

Favorite Saint: St. Therese of Lisieux "The Little Flower"

Hope for the Novitiate year: To grow in my confidence of vocal prayer and to work out to keep away the pounds!

PROVINCE OF SAINT CONRAD

(DENVER, COLORADO)



BR. JESSIE QUINTANILLA

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Hobbies: Hiking, mountain biking, playing instruments.

Favorite Saint: Chiara "Luca" Badano

Hope for the Novitiate year: To use the environment at our Novitiate to dig deep into my spirituality like a tarantula digs the earth around us to create life; I too seek inner life in God.

PROVINCE OF SAINT JOSEPH

(DETROIT, MICHIGAN)



BR. FRANCISCO JAVIER RODRIGUEZ

Hometown:

Manati, Puerto Rico
Hobbies: Reading, movies, sports, politics, writing.

Favorite Saint: San Francisco Javier

Hope for the Novitiate year: To continue my personal, emotional and spiritual growth through my time of discernment and my experiences here.

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PROVINCE OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CENTRAL CANADA)



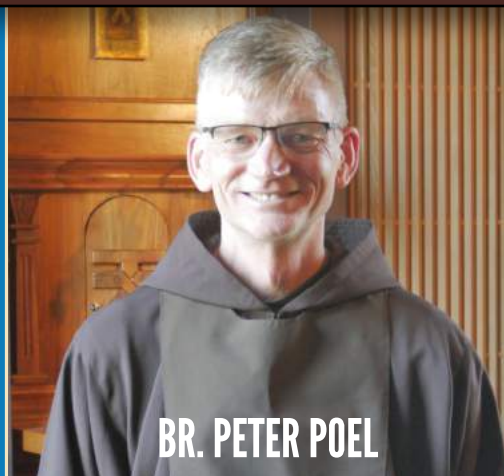
BR. MARTIN THIEN TRIET NGO

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Hobbies: Going for walks, watching movies, playing cards/board games.

Favorite Saint: St. Martin de Porres

Hope for the Novitiate year: To get a better understanding of who God is in my life, to deepen in our relationship, and to grow in my relationships with my brothers and others.



BR. PETER POEL

Hometown: London, Ontario, Canada

Hobbies: Walking, reading, playing pool.

Favorite Saint: St. Francis of Assisi

Hope for the Novitiate year: To grow closer to Jesus through knowing St. Francis more, through shared life with the brothers, and through ministry to people in need.

PROVINCE OF OUR LADY OF ANGELS (CALIFORNIA - OREGON)



BR. NICK PEARCE

Hometown: Folsom, California

Hobbies: Playing guitar and singing, crossfit, watching and playing pretty much any sport, reading.

Favorite Saint: St. John Paul The Great

Hope for the Novitiate year: To discern more my vocation; To grow in prayer, and to learn more about our Capuchin way of life and our many saints.

PROVINCE OF THE STIGMATA OF SAINT FRANCIS (NEW JERSEY)



BR. LUIS VALLHONRAT

Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina

Hobbies: Hiking, reading, studying ancient history and film theory, theology and philosophy.

Favorite Saints: Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Edmund Campion

Hope for the Novitiate year: To hear God's voice and to be able to grow closer to Him.



BR. PIO CORNELIO

Hometown: Madera, California

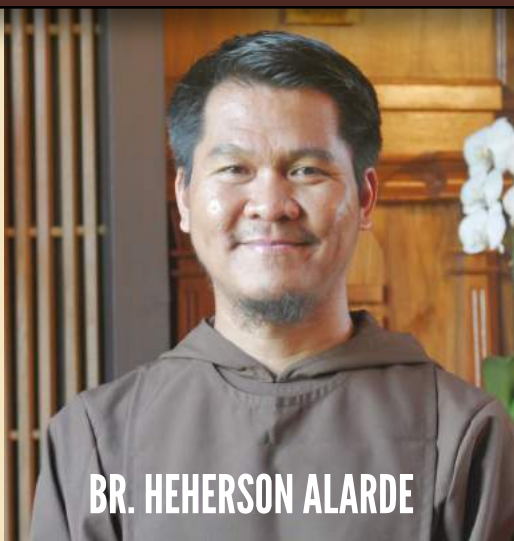
Hobbies: Watching movies, going for walks, swimming.

Favorite Saint: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Hope for the Novitiate year: To see if God is calling me to the Capuchin way of life.

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PROVINCE OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (AUSTRALIA)



BR. HEHERSON ALARDE

Hometown: Sydney, Australia

Hobbies: Reading, singing, listening to music, travelling, swimming, running.

Favorite Saints: St. Joseph, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Anthony of Padua

Hope for the Novitiate year: To grow in love and knowledge of God and myself and my neighbor in simplicity and humility.



BR. BRENDAN BOURIZK

Hometown: Sydney, Australia

Hobbies: Recently, I've taken up the hobby of rosary-making.

Favorite Saints: Our Blessed Mother, the Queen of all Saints, St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Hope for the Novitiate year: To come to understand this Capuchin vocation but at the core of it, to understand my Baptismal vocation and respond generously to it.



BR. ALDRAE CRUZ

Hometown: Sydney, Australia

Hobbies: Doing outdoor adventures, rosary-making, watching movies, sports, gym.

Favorite Saint: St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Hope for the Novitiate year: To learn and grow in our faith, and to cultivate my gifts and talents so that I can bring God's word and be a gift of myself to others.



BR. JARRED ELBAGHD

Hometown: Sydney, Australia (family is from Hadchit, Lebanon)

Hobbies: Trying new foods, singing, spending time with the brothers, iconography, learning Lebanese/Syriac history, and comedies.

Favorite Saint: St. Ephraim The Syriac

Hope for the Novitiate year: To go from being a 'Pray-er' to a Prayer - that is to become a living prayer. In a world where what we 'do' is almost idolized, with a contemplative heart I would simply learn how to 'be'.



BR. DUY TRAN

Hometown: Pooraka, South Australia

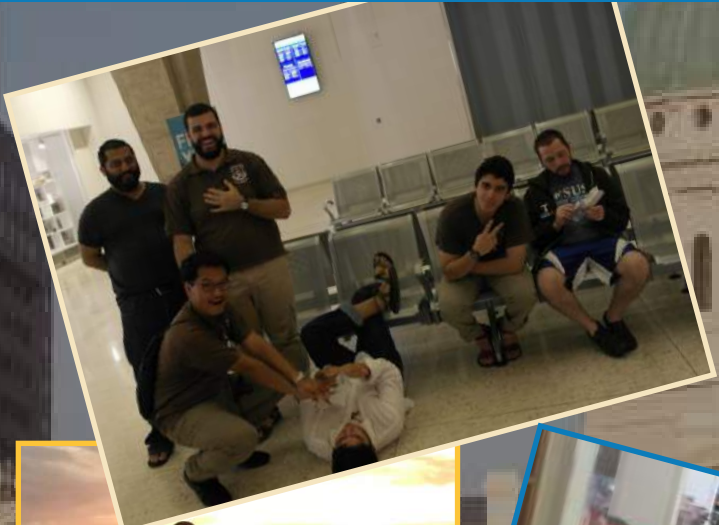
Hobbies: Gardening, household maintenance, playing soccer and tennis.

Favorite Saints: St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Joseph

Hope for the Novitiate year: To have a deeper love and awareness of God so that a living prayer becomes a reality in Capuchin fraternity and service of others.

BEFORE ARRIVING IN SANTA YNEZ

For seven weeks the novices-to-be spent some fraternity building time in St. Louis, Missouri, during the Inter-Provincial Postulancy.



ROAD TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

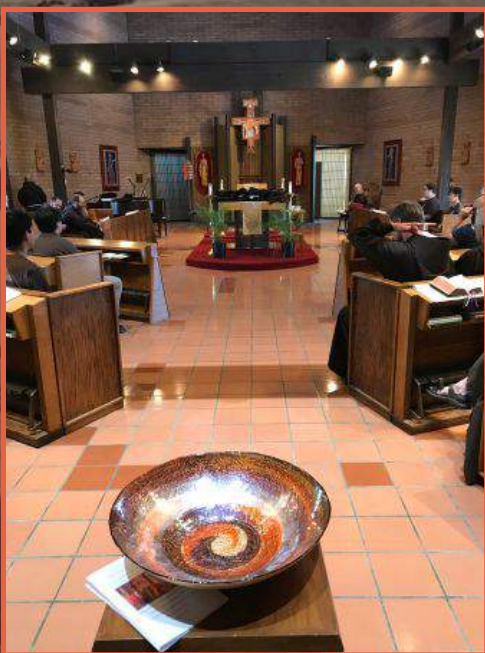
The postulants traveled through 6 states (some through 7!) during the last week of IPP on their way to the Novitiate in California. Thanks to our formators who guided us through these weeks: Br. Jim Froehlich (SA), Br. Bill Gillum (SA), Br. Miguel Ramirez (SSF), Br. M.J. Groark (SJ), Br. Andrew Corriente (SA) and Br. Brandon Berg (SC).



SINCE ARRIVING

Since arriving at San Lorenzo the Novices have been very active...

Investiture on July 22



San Lorenzo Foundation Welcome Dinner



Some fun as well...



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the OFM and Conventual Novices



BLESSED OF THE MONTH

By Br. Brendan Bourizk, OFM, Cap.

Blessed Agathangelus and Cassian

Memorial Day: August 7



These two Capuchin martyrs served in parts of the Middle East and in Ethiopia as missionaries.

Agathangelus came in contact with the Capuchins at a young age in a town near Paris, France. Coming from a distinguished family and having received an excellent education, he joined the Novitiate at the age of 20. After his ordination, he was sent on mission to Syria, Lebanon (where he served the local Maronites), Egypt and finally to Ethiopia, where he bore witness to Christ by his death.

Gonzalvo came from a Portuguese merchant family. Having a deeply religious life, he began to frequent the local Capuchin friary and from a young age felt the pull towards the Capuchins. At the age of 15, he asked his parents for permission to enter the Order, but they were a little reluctant. However, two years later he entered the novitiate and took the name of Cassian. After a short period serving the sick and poor after the plague that hit France in 1631-32, he was sent to evangelize Ethiopia.

Recently, I have been thinking a lot about the witness of the martyrs throughout the history of the Church. Perhaps, because I have now been invested in my habit of probation, and have become a public witness for the Church and the Order. However, I understand that with our lives we are witnesses to Our Lord in the world; but all the martyrs, including our friars here, witness to Jesus with their deaths. The limit of our humanity is death, and the martyrs bore witness to the love of Jesus and expressed their love for Him to the limits of who they are, by giving themselves totally to God and His Church. This, to me, is very heroic, for we are called to have the love of the martyrs, not necessarily with our deaths, but in our daily lives, always giving ourselves to God in trust and moving forward.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

8 - Birth of Mary (F)

13 - Br. Peter Poel (B)

14 - Triumph of the Cross (F)

15 - Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis (F)

18 - St. Joseph of Cupertino (F)

21 - St. Matthew, Apostle (F)

29 - Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (F)

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