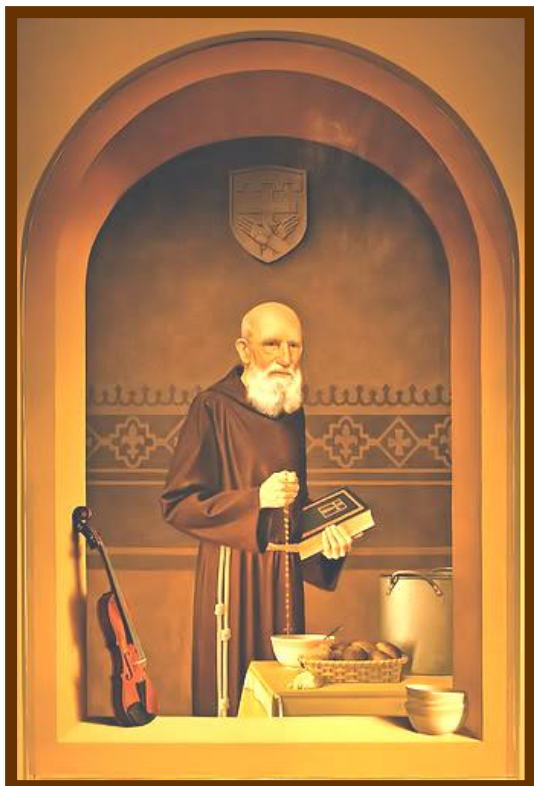


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Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey, ofm, cap.
b:1870 d:1957

O God, I adore You. I give myself to You.
May I be the person You want me to be,
and may Your will be done in my life
today.

I thank You for the gifts You gave to
Father Solanus. If it is Your Will, bless us
with the beatification of Venerable
Solanus so that others may imitate and
carry on his love for all the poor and
suffering of our world.

As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans,
I ask You, according to Your Will, to hear
my prayer for . . . (your intention)
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Blessed be God in all His designs.”

Imprimatur: +Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit
March 31, 2007 © F.S.G. 3/07

Bernard Casey was a Capuchin friar from the province of St. Joseph based in Detroit. We Capuchins of Central Canada have enjoyed a close friendship with our brothers of the St. Joseph province over the years and would like to introduce you to Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey, ofm, cap. and the cause for his beatification.

As a young boy, though physically weak, he was strong spiritually. As a teenager, he saved a man from drowning, believing that the help of Our Lady made it possible. As a young man several difficult incidents brought him even closer to God: the ending of a relationship with a girl whom he loved, and being a witness to a murder. Barney decided that he wanted to devote his life to God, as a priest. The next eight years were a difficult journey towards priesthood. In 1892, Bernard was admitted to a German seminary, but the officials at the seminary believed he did not have what it takes to be a priest. Due to the language, he did poorly in his classes. Barney went to a Capuchin seminary in 1896, and was given the name of Solanus, Father Solanus was ordained a simplex priest, which meant that he could not hear confessions nor preach homilies. Nonetheless people waited in lines in order to speak with Solanus and they noticed the power of his prayers, a man with great faith in God. Soon reports of healings and conversions became everyday occurrences in the Capuchin church. Even with the pain and suffering he experienced before his death, he thanked God. His last words before dying were: "I give my soul to Jesus" and on July 31, 1957, Father Solanus died.

To learn more about Ven. Fr. Solanus Casey or to obtain a prayer/relic card
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While others say the Church is struggling with declining vocations to religious life, we remain grateful that God continues to send young men who seek our Capuchin way of life. Currently we have four friars and one layman as students in our Formation Programs, with the promise of yet more men who are inquiring.

With your help, one of these men may become a saint, perhaps another Ven. Solanus Casey?



Bro. Michael Mascarenhas
Professed Solemn Vows
June 24, 2016
London, ON



Bro. Akram Esho
1st year Post Novitiate
Professes Simple Vows
July 19, 2016
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Santa Ynez, California



Bro. Sunil D'Costa
Novice
San Lorenzo (Novitiate)
Santa Ynez, California



Mr Joseph Lee
Postulant
St Conrad Friary (Postulancy)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Capuchins of Central Canada also known as Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd Province is unique among other Capuchin Provinces worldwide in that we are a very multi-cultural province. Bro. Akram Esho comes to us via Syria and Mr. Sunil D'Costa comes via India.

While we ask for your prayerful support of these new men, we also need your financial assistance as well. As Franciscans we are asked to make our needs known and to depend upon providence (God and YOU!).

Our needs are great; we are blessed to have these men to form and to educate into our way of life, so that they will be well rooted in the Church's history and teachings and prepared for professional ministry. This is an expensive endeavor which costs an average of \$100,000 per person! Please be as generous as you can, ask your friends and family to join you in your support of the Capuchin Franciscans of Central Canada by sending in a donation.

Tax Receipts from the Capuchins are issued annually.

Please pray for all of our men in the various phases of Capuchin formation as they prepare themselves for a lifetime of service in the Church and among the people of God.

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