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Easter 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis of Assisi,

"Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion". Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life" -Pope Francis.

With this message from Pope Francis I would like again this year to wish you all the experience of time of grace anew, with joy and in truth.

With all that is going on around in the world that scares and saddens us there is always hope when we look at the blessings that God has poured upon us. God has been good to us through the kind generosity of known and unknown donors. May God reward you as He promised; a hundred fold. We Capuchin brothers always pray for you and keep your prayer intentions by the alters in the chapels dedicating a day to pray for your intentions.

Our hope has increased by seeing the progress made by our brothers in formation. Br. Michael Mascarenhas is doing very well in the seminary. Michael has two and half more years to complete his seminary formation in preparation for his ordination to priesthood. Our post novice Br. Sunil D'Costa is getting ready to begin his seminary formation beginning in August 2018. Martin Ngo is excelling as our postulant. The arrival of two new candidates is assuring us that the work of evangelization done by capuchin brothers is bearing fruit.

The work of evangelization to the poor and the work of attracting young men to live the spirit of St. Francis is possible only through the generous support you give to us. We are immensely thankful for your generous financial support. We also need the support of your prayers to continue the education and formation of these young men as they prepare to enter religious life as Capuchin Friars.

Above all, I urge you to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God, who constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew!

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds".

With affection and the promise of our prayers for all of you,
we send you our blessings. Please do not forget to pray for us.

Br. Henry Alva, Capuchin

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Minister Provincial





ST CONRAD OF PARZHAM, OFM CAP.

Feast Day– April 22

St Conrad of Parzham, whose baptismal name was John, was the son of the devout and honest couple George Birndorfer and Gertrude Niedermayer. He was born on a farm near the town of Parzham in Bavaria in the year 1818.

St Conrad of Parzham was inflamed with great love for the Blessed Virgin, and each day fervently recited the rosary. On feast days he frequently made a journey to some remote shrine of the Mother of God.

Having spent his youthful years on the farm, St Conrad of Parzham decided at the age of 31 to bid farewell to the world. After disposing of a very large inheritance, he received permission to be admitted as a lay brother among the Capuchins. Immediately after his profession he was sent to the convent of St. Anne in the city of Altötting, Bavaria. This place is especially renowned among all others in Germany for its shrine of the Mother of Mercy, and because thousands of the faithful come there daily the duty of the porter at the friary is a very difficult one. On April 21, 1894, the Capuchin porter heard the sound of the Bell for which he had so patiently waited. For the last time he ran to the Door. But this time the Door was literally his Christ. His heroic virtues and the miracles he performed won for him the distinction to be ranked among the Blessed by Pope Pius XI in the year 1930. Four years later, the same pope, solemnly inscribed his name in the list of saints.

ST FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, OFM CAP.

Feast Day– April 24

Franciscan Capuchin martyr. He was born Mark Rey in Sigmaringen, Germany, in 1577. A practicing lawyer, he traveled across Europe as a tutor to aristocrats but then started defending the poor. In 1612, he became a Franciscan Capuchin monk, taking the name of Fidelis.

A missionary to Grisons, Switzerland, Fidelis was so successful that local Protestants claimed that he was a spy for the Austrian Emperor. Fidelis was stabbed to death in a church in Seewis. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIV, in 1746. Fidelis served also as the head of the Congregation for the Spreading of the Faith.



Answering God's Call - Candidacy

(Your donations at work for the Church)



Mr Matheos Kidanemariam comes to us from his hometown of Ottawa, ON. Matheos is from a family of six and the second of four siblings. He graduated from Carleton University in 2015 with a major in film, and it was his objective to work in the film industry. As Matheos says "perhaps that will come to fruition later, if God wills it."

He describes himself as a huge movie and music junkie and loves sports. Growing up soccer was his favorite sport but he grew to love many other sports.

Matheos has a high level of curiosity, if there is something new to learn, he wishes to learn it! This should benefit him greatly as he considers life as a Capuchin Franciscan friar!

At St. Anthony Friary on Sunday February 11th, 2018 a number of the Toronto area brothers gathered to welcome Mr Mateos Kidanemariam to our Candidacy Program. Mateos will be under the direction of Bro John Frampton over the next few months as he gets to know the brothers and some of our various ministries.

WELCOME MATEOS! WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AMONG US AS YOU DISCERN YOUR VOCATION TO THE CAPUCHIN - FRANCISCAN WAY OF LIFE!





Please Pray For.....

Our Men In Formation



Br Michael Mascarenhas
Solemnly Professed
in Priestly Formation
London ON



Br Sunil D'Costa
Simply Professed
Blenheim, ON



Mr. Martin Ngo
Postulant
Milwaukee, WI



Mr. Matheos Kidanemariam
Candidate
Toronto, ON





Capuchin Burse Report 01 January, 2017— 04 December, 2017



Name	Amount
100 St Philip Neri CWL Burse	\$500.00 (3)
110 Volpe & Russo Burse	\$25.00 (1)
112 William J Whyte Sr Memorial Burse	\$150.00 (3)
19 Blonde Family Burse	\$25.00 (5)
203 Gilda and Raffaele Gaglione Family Burse	\$125.00 (3)
207 St Anthony Burse#6	\$100.00 (2)
250 Christine Wilcox Memorial Burse	\$100.00 (1)
258 Romanelli Family Burse	\$120.00 (2)
277 Br John Corriveau Burse #2	\$500.00 (1)
316 Br Khai Huu Tran Memorial Burse	\$200.00 (1)
319 Br Henri Van Offen Burse #7	\$100.00 (1)
322 Frank Kominek Memorial Burse #2	\$50.00 (1)
334 Marie Van Bostel Memorial Burse	\$100.00 (1)
382 Klein Family Burse #2	\$150.00 (2)
411 Joseph & Bridget Heffernan Memorial Burse	\$545.00 (25)
416 St. Alphonsus Parish Burse #5	\$178.00 (5)
426 Br. Paul Duplessie Burse#7	\$500.00 (1)
451 L. Tersigni Family Burse #2	\$300.00 (1)
472 Karl & Mary Pirhalla Family Burse #2	\$250.00 (1)
476 Br. Paul Duplessie Burse #8	\$1,225.00 (4)
477 Fr. Ladislaus Council #7744 Burse #4	\$225.00 (2)
478 Gordon Brush Living and Deceased Family	\$500.00 (1)
479 Br Aurele Prefontaine Memorial Memorial Burse #5	\$200.00 (2)
480 Francis J La Madrid Memorial Burse	\$800.00 (4)
483 Br. Louis Mousseau Burse #6	\$260.00 (6)
484 Br. Otger Devent Memorial Burse#3	\$130.00 (5)
489 St Jude Burse #3	\$170.00 (3)
496 Gasperino and Elena De Gasperis Burse #	\$2,200.00 (7)
497 Maria Van Massenhoven Memorial Burse #2	\$296.50 (4)
498 Charles P. Sherree Memorial Burse #2	\$224.13 (5)
500 Padre Pio Burse #4	\$140.00 (5)
504 St Philip Neri CWL Burse #2	\$150.00 (7)
505 Capuchin Legacy Program Burse (please see back page for details)	\$334,965.08 (164)
514 Devotees Of Daily Mass & Rosary	\$250.00 (4)
515 Brengman Family	\$500.00 (1)
91 St Conrad of Parzham Burse	\$100.00 (1)
95 St Joseph Burse #2	\$100.00 (2)
General Campaign	\$540.00 (1)

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when making your donation?**



Capuchin Burse Report 01 January, 2018— 02 February, 2018

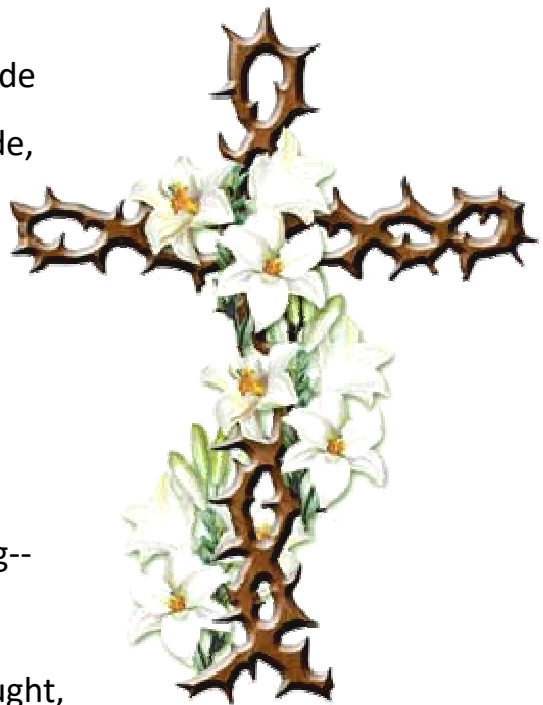


Name	Amount
19 Blonde Family Burse	\$5.00 (1)
299 Br Alan Gaebel Burse	\$10.00 (1)
382 Klein Family Burse #2	\$100.00 (1)
389 Barry McLeod Memorial Burse	\$50.00 (1)
40 Br John Frampton Burse	\$20.00 (1)
411 Joseph & Bridgett Heffernan Memorial Burse	\$50.00 (4)
416 St. Alphonsus Parish Burse #5	\$40.00 (1)
418 Harvey Corriveau Memorial Burse	\$550.00 (2)
496 Gasperino and Elena De Gasperis Burse #	\$300.00 (1)
504 St Philip Neri CWL Burse #2	\$20.00 (1)
505 Capuchin Legacy Program Burse (please see back page for details)	\$82,450.29 (10)

An Easter Offering

~ *Blanche Burbank*

I watched a lily through the Lenten-tide;
From when its emerald sheath first pierced the mould.
I saw the satin blades uncurl, unfold,
And, softly upward, stretch with conscious pride
Toward the fair sky. At length, the leaves beside,
There came a flower beauteous to behold,
Breathing of purest joy and peace untold;
Its radiance graced the Easter altar-side.
And in my heart there rose a sense of shame
That I, alas, no precious gift had brought
Which could approach the beauty of this thing--
I who had sought to bear the Master's name!
Humbly I bowed while meek repentance wrought,
With silent tears, her chastened offering.



<http://poem4today.com/easter-poem.html>

THE CAPUCHIN LEGACY PROGRAM



As Christians and Catholics one of the most important tasks we have is that of faithful stewardship. This is beautifully expressed in **Pope Francis' "Laudato Si"** which gives thanks for our interdependent relationship with all of God's creation, in which each one of us shares.

This same spirit also finds resonance in a quote by Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM, Cap (d.1957) who stated, *"The only science that gives purpose to every other science is the science of religion – the science of our happy relationship with, and our providential dependence on God and our neighbour."*

One of the most important and faith filled acts of this stewardship that you can do; is to make certain that you have a current Will and Power's of Attorney in place. This is YOUR loving remembrance for others and an act of love that is returned a hundred-fold in your reaching out

Have YOU considered what your legacy will be?

Our Capuchin Saints and Blesseds

Not only can you leave a gift of financial remembrance but gifts of Life Insurance, Stocks, Bonds or Property may also be gifted through your will.

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