

# SPRING BENEFACTORS APPEAL 2024



**Capuchins of Central Canada**  
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*Pray for Ukraine*



Dear Friends;

*March 2024*

What if the purpose of the Incarnation and Resurrection was not so we could go somewhere else, but rather so we, with God, could create a new Earth? Have you ever imagined what a new Earth a new Heaven would be like? The first thing that comes to mind is that Heaven and Earth are not separate places <sup>[1]</sup>, earth may not be a place where we start out with hopes of getting to Heaven. Perhaps, earth is the place where we create Heaven. On this new Earth, we will turn our weapons into plowshares. On this new Earth, no one will go hungry. On this new, Earth there will be no barriers separating us, we will welcome the stranger. On this new Earth, we will not destroy the environment.

There will be a covenant between God, us, our descendants, and all living creatures. On this new Earth, we will not be living in mansions while others live on the streets. “If your brother or sister becomes poor and cannot maintain themselves with you, you shall support them as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live among you.” On this new Earth, abortion will not be an issue, but because every child will be welcomed and cared for from conception to natural death regardless of their circumstances. On this new Earth, we will not be waiting to go to heaven, we will create heaven.

In his book *The Universal Christ*, Richard Rohr says: “The true and essential work of all religion is to help us recognize and recover the divine image in everything.” Think about how wondrous, how awesome this new Earth would be if everyone that looked at you saw the Imago Dei and you saw the image of God in every blade of grass, every bird, every person from the destitute homeless person to the Pope.

Perhaps we complicate our faith, believing that we are too small to understand. We have to have volumes of rules on how to pray and hold our hands. Whether we should stand or kneel. We think if we don’t follow these mysterious rules that we do not truly understand and we will not go to Heaven. Jesus made it very simple he says: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” If we saw the image of God in everything, how could we not love every creature, every person? St. Angela of Foligno, a 13th century Franciscan mystic, said:

***“My soul in an excess of wonder cried out: ‘This world is pregnant with God!’”***

As we celebrate Easter’s Resurrection and later Pentecost, instead of sitting around waiting for Jesus to come and create this new Earth maybe we could reflect on this image of a new Earth pregnant with God? Then, reflect on what you can do with God to be a

co-creator of the New Earth, creating the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth. Perhaps this is also a part of what Resurrection means?



[1] CCC 326, 1024



In Christ, Francis & Clare  
Bro Alan R. Gaebel, ofm, cap

# CAPUCHIN BURSE REPORT



January–December 2023

Burse#	Name	\$ Amount	Donations
203	Gilda & Raffaele Gaglione Family Burse	\$ 170.00	(4)
22	Bro David Connolly Burse	\$ 280.00	(5)
230	St Philip Neri Burse	\$ 50.00	(1)
299	Bro Alan Gaebel Burse	\$ 370.00	(5)
389	Barry & Theresa McLeod Memorial Burse	\$1,000.00	(1)
411	Joseph & Bridgett Heffernan Memorial Burse	\$ 350.00	(7)
416	St Alphonsus Parish Burse	\$ 180.00	(4)
418	Harvey Corriveau Memorial Burse	\$ 2,000.00	(2)
460	St Anthony Burse	\$ 100.00	(1)
476	Bro Paul Duplessie Burse	\$ 600.00	(5)
477	Fr Ladislaus Council #7744	\$ 200.00	(2)
480	Francis J La Madrid Memorial Burse	\$ 700.00	(2)
483	Bro Louis Mousseau Burse	\$ 675.00	(8)
489	St Jude Burse	\$ 50.00	(1)
500	Padre Pio Burse	\$ 355.00	(6)
505	Seminarians Burse	\$ 14,688.77	(87)
520	Bro John Corriveau Burse	\$ 10,150.00	(3)
523	Sr Muriel Williams, OFS Burse	\$ 100.00	(1)
524	Bro Michael Mascarenhas Burse	\$ 20.00	(1)
528	Bro Peter Poel Burse	\$ 600.00	(2)
533	Bro Sunil D'Costa Burse	\$ 100.00	(1)
534	Bro Martin Ngo Burse	\$ 4,080.00	(5)
540	Sr Bette Ann Kuehn, OFS Burse	\$ 460.00	(7)
545	Fr Terrence McKenna Burse	\$ 20.00	(1)
546	Maria Van Massenhoven Burse	\$ 100.00	(1)
547	Angus Legere, OFS Burse	\$ 50.00	(1)

January–February 2024

505	Seminarians Burse	\$ 320.00	(4)
520	Bro John Corriveau Burse	\$ 25,000.00	(1)

***E-Transfers*** may be made to [CapFoundation@capuchins.ca](mailto:CapFoundation@capuchins.ca)  
(auto deposit, no passwords required)

**We Capuchin brothers remain ever grateful for your ongoing support both in prayer and through your donations which support the formation and education of the men who are discerning their vocation to our Capuchin Franciscan way of life. We currently have four men in contact with our Vocation Director who are discerning their vocation to our Capuchin life!**



God is always calling, are YOU listening?



Capuchin life can be Habit Forming...

PLEASE PRAY FOR CAPUCHIN VOCATIONS AND FOR OUR BROTHERS IN STUDIES AND FORMATION!



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### OUR CAPUCHIN BURSE PROGRAM

The Capuchin Burse Program exists to fund our participation in the Capuchin Initial Formation Programs. These programs consist of three elements, Postulancy, Pre-Novitiate and Novitiate, in which our men receive their initial training and education in the Capuchin Franciscan way of life. Our Postulancy Program is a collaborative effort between the Capuchin Provinces of St. Joseph (Detroit), St. Mary (New York) and ourselves, and is currently based in Milwaukee, WI. The Novitiate program is international, with the Capuchin provinces of the United States, Australia, Canada (English), and Guam sending their novices to our Intercontinental Novitiate in Santa Ynez, CA. During this time our novices begin studying the life of St. Francis of Assisi as well as our Capuchin and Church history. Our Initial Formation Programs provide a solid religious foundation for our men, which is world-class, informative, and enlightening. Our programs emphasize that their vocations are not only to the local, but also global Church.

The current costs of these programs is approximately \$120,000.00 (CDN) per person. Every donation YOU make to our Capuchin Burse Program directly enables our men to participate in these Capuchin Formation programs providing our Catholic Church with brothers who are well formed in Capuchin Franciscan spirituality and prepared for a life of ministry in our Church.

### OUR CAPUCHIN LEGACY PROGRAM – What will YOUR LEGACY be?



As Christians one of the most important tasks we have is that of faithful stewardship. This is beautifully expressed in St. Francis' "Canticle of the Creatures" which gives thanks for our interdependent relationship with all of God's creation, in which we all share. This same spirit also finds contemporary 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 stewardship that you can do is to make certain that you have a current will. It is your loving remembrance for others and your love is returned a hundred-fold in your reaching out and assuring "new life" for others.

### REMEMBER...

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

For further information contact our Provincial Office.

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