

The Clarion



Newsletter of the Brothers of Christian Instruction

Pope Francis: What a good choice!

On the occasion of the election of Card. Jorge Bergoglio on the evening of March 13, Br. Yannick Houssay, Superior General, published the following: We are living in joy since yesterday evening's news of the new successor to Peter. He has presented himself to us with the simplicity of a poor person like "Francis" wanting to follow Jesus and inviting us to follow him. We share in the joy of our Argentinean confreres, and we pray for our new Pope. May the Lord sustain him and help us to accept the one whom He has called to be His witness before the world.



This photo of Pope Francis at his Easter Mass was taken by Br. Jerome Lessard who just happened to be in Rome when the election and installation of the new pope took place. Long before Pope Benedict's resignation was announced, Br. Jerome had booked his flight to attend the gathering of major superiors in Rome the second week of March. His decision to stay on to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in Rome enabled him to closely witness the changeover. Though most events were better watched on television, Br. Jerry did attend along with 250,000 faithful Pope Francis' Easter celebration.

Reactions from throughout Notre Dame Province

On hearing who this man is and what he stands for, I sense the Spirit has given us a pope who will change the direction of the church. Thank God. (Br. Ray Fortin, Plattsburgh, NY).

Praise the Lord. May we return to the Church of the New Testament, to the spirit of Vatican II: the Church as People of God, of collegiality and subsidiarity. (Br. Marcel Sylvestre, No. Canton, OH).

Having been associated with over one hundred Jesuits for most of my adult life, I was elated when the College of Cardinals elected one of these for the papacy. They are well-educated men who think for themselves. The Church is in good hands. (Br. Andre Millette, Alfred, ME).

The Holy Spirit always surprises us. How true again! (Br. Guy Roddy, No. Canton, OH).

When Pope Francis walked on that balcony. I knew then that I would love him because of his easy smile. (Br. Mark Couture, Plattsburgh, NY).

What a good blend of talents we see in Francis. Trained in Ignatian spirituality, experienced as a novice director and provincial superior, an educator, and a greatly esteemed archbishop with hands-on pastoral involvement in South America. I expect he will lead the Church by example. (Br. Jerome, Alfred, ME).

I was surprised and delighted and thanked God. (Br. Ernest Paquet, No. Canton, OH).

The Church today needs a "Francis of Assisi". May God make him an instrument of his peace. (Br. Henry Monday)

NDI Br. Robert Michaud's comment summarizes all of these sentiments quite appropriately: What a good choice!

The Brothers profess total submission to the Pope, their foremost superior by virtue of their vow of obedience (Rule of Life, Constitutions #4)

Walsh U. Volunteers bring their enthusiasm to NDI



Sixteen generous Walsh University students traveled the 730 miles from their campus in No. Canton, OH to spend 5 full work days (May 2-7) on the Notre Dame campus. WU Asst. Dean of Students, Bryan Badar saw to the general preparation of this second annual event. The six men and eleven women were assigned various duties at the N.D. Spiritual Center, scraping and painting the two decks and ramp, washing windows, curtains and valences, cleaning fans and painting window sills. Chaperone Becky Badar and her crew washed windows in the various residences on the campus. Under the direction of Br. Jerome much time was spent clearing brush and debris in and around Cemetery Lane, including the two cemeteries -that of the Brothers and of the Shakers - as well as the Br. George Memorial Park and Anthony Rd. Longtime friend of the Brothers and Enrollment Manager for the main campus SPS Division, Karen Pergola spent time and money in campus beautification by planting flowers in various strategic locations. The students began each day with an active participation in the Brothers' 7 a.m. Lauds and Mass and in the 5 p.m. evening praise. They shared meals with the Brothers and they got to hear some very inspiring personal histories, which

elucidate the mission of Walsh U. One morning several worked at packing and distributing food at the food pantry operated on campus by York County Shelter Programs, enthusiastic help greatly appreciated by the YCSP staff.

Sunday was a day for rest and relaxation as the group toured various sites and coastal locations in southern Maine, lunching on lobster. An evening stroll on the Marginal Way in Ogunquit proved to be a highpoint of the week. After spending hours at the lakefront raking and carting off debris to the campus burn pile, painting, putting up the picnic table tarp and getting the raft in the water, they got to enjoy the canoes and kayaks, several taking an unintended dip in the cold water.

When the two vans of the Walsh contingent left early that Wednesday morning, most said that they would return the following year, even if graduated, for another exciting week of work with and for the Brothers. We look forward to their return in May 2014.

Br. Ted Letendre

Congratulations to...

Fr. Patrick Martin native of Limestone, ME who will be celebrating the following anniversaries in San Antonio, TX, July 25-26, 2013:

- 60th of his blindness from Meningitis on June 25, 1953.
- 50th on becoming "Brother Pat" with the FICs on Aug. 22, 1963.
- 35th of his priestly ordination in Norwich, CT on Oct. 7, 1978.
- 70th birthday, born March 18, 1944.

Ogdensburgh **Bishop Terry LaValley** as he celebrates his 25th year as a priest.

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Please remember The Brothers of Christian Instruction in your will.

Another reason to visit Alfred this summer

On Aug. 10 The Friends of the Alfred Shaker Museum will be staging a music festival commemorating the 165th anniversary of the popular Shaker hymn *Simple Gifts* composed in Alfred by Joseph Brackett during the summer of 1848. Musician Andy Happel and Irish conductor John Page will partner for this event which will also feature the Alfred Shaker Museum Singers. Come and enjoy the fun.

2013 Brothers Service Award

Barbara Turkeltaub of Canton, OH is a person who is spontaneously and naturally inclined to be



Br. Jerome, Provincial, presents award to Barbara Turkeltaub

of service to others. As a nurse she is a professional, yet whether she is at home or at work, she genuinely enjoys helping others, immediately discerning how she is lovingly able to attend to the sick, willing to help

anyone in need, even for years. In addition to the help that she willingly provides to those in need, for example, for more than ten years while her husband Joseph lingered from the consequences of long years in Nazi slave labor camps, she cared for him patiently and lovingly, extending his life many years.

But not only is Barbara a devoted nurse and caregiver, she is also an excellent cook, recognized so throughout the neighborhood for her culinary skills and generosity in sharing her talents. She is always graciously ready to offer anyone in need a sumptuous meal.

In addition, our award recipient is an excellent teacher who readily volunteers her services to her community and at her synagogue, even at times when it is inconvenient for her to serve. She loves to teach the Hebrew language.

Few are the individuals so qualified to receive the Brothers of Christian Instruction Service Award, and few are the individuals who have served so freely for so many years. The Brothers Community at Walsh University is especially grateful for her loving and compassionate care of the sick Brothers, notably Brother Joseph Power, in their final days.

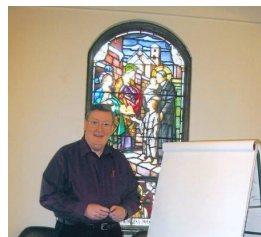
May God continue to bless Barbara for the many blessings that she has extended to so many, blessings that continue to flow from her hands and from her heart.

Alfred, ME, May 19, 2013

Ongoing Formation Never Ends

Two significant events took place on the Notre Dame campus typifying the Brothers' commitment to ongoing formation, an aspect of religious life as the 2012 General Chapter emphasized.

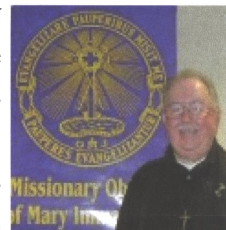
The first event was a one-day workshop entitled: Meeting God in Times of Change and Transition-The Elder Years. The April 30 event was directed by



Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, U.S. Assistant Regional Superior for the Maryknoll community. The main focus was on the spiritual implications of life's changes for religious men and

women. Seventeen religious women from 5 communities based in southern Maine shared in this experience. Both men and women expressed gratitude for the material covered during the day's informative and thought-provoking sessions.

This year's annual province retreat was held the week of May 19, Pentecost Week. As is customary, all the Brothers gathered for this requirement (Constitutions #47b). Fr. Ronald Meyer OMI preached two conferences a day and delivered a brief homily at the daily Mass. His enthusiastic lectures on "The Next Best Step... From Here to Heaven" were supplemented with handouts for greater prayerful reflection during the week's days spent in silence. Fr. Ron's year-round retreat ministry is based at Immaculate Retreat House in Willimantic, CT.



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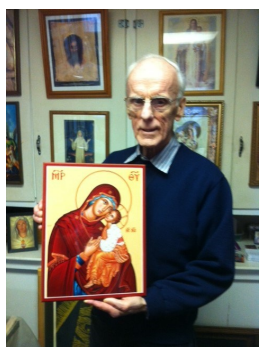
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Br. Donald's Marian Icons Travel to Ohio



Featured in the Walsh University Philosophy/Theology Symposium held in the Birk Center for the Arts in April 2013 was a showcasing of Christian iconography with several pieces from Br. Donald Lapointe's esteemed



Marian collection housed in Maine. The exhibition was installed by three Walsh U. Museum Studies students with interpretive text by Dr. Katey Brown, Director of M.S. and Asst. Professor of Art History. WU's Janet Howard and Br. Jerry Lessard were instrumental in coordinating the delivery to Walsh from Alfred,

Maine of Br. Donald's generous loan. The exhibit continued until after the May 5 graduation increasing accessibility to guests during the commencement weekend.

Friends from Uganda visit the NDI campus

In May, Mennaisian Daughter of Providence Sister Emma Mudrik (right) briefly visited Br. Francis Blouin with whom she worked at Kisubi Brothers University (KBU) in Uganda. She was driven by Sr. Huguette Provost fellow Canadian and regional superior for our sisters in Quebec Province.



Ugandan James Kyeyune spent three weeks on the Alfred campus, resting, reading and enjoying contacts with his school's benefactors. While attending classes at KBU, James met Br. Francis and through him Mr. Richard Gagne. In 2006 Richard took on as his personal project James' school - Mbabaali Memorial School for Orphans. Richard travels from his home in



Beaumont, TX twice a year to visit the school which is located in the village of Ndejje off the highway connecting Kisubi to Kampala. MMSO's four buildings sit on a mere one acre parcel and accommodate 264 students grades K through 7, ages 3-14. James' father

founded the school in 2000, but died in 2002 barely able to solidify his project. James at the age of 28 took on the challenge of moving ahead with the school. Much fundraising is needed because the few extern students who do pay a minimum tuition do not cover the operating cost. James, his wife and three children reside near the school campus.

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