Be praised Good Lord for Brother Sun who brings us each new day.

Be praised for Sister Moon: white beauty bright and fair, with wandering stars she moves through the night.

Be praised my Lord for Brother Wind, for air and clouds and the skies of every season...

Be praised my Lord for the gift of life; for changing dusk and dawn; for touch and scent and song...

“Canticle of Creation,”
Franciscan Sisters, Clinton, Iowa.

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Peace and Good to all our Capuchin Friends!

While I was in Rome for our General Chapter, I thought of how Saint Francis had come to the Eternal City early in the life of his order, seeking Pope Innocent III's approval.

Francis came to Rome knowing the Church in his time faced many problems and needed reform, but he believed in Jesus' promise to be with His Church “even to the end of the world.”

Inspired by Francis, we strive to be instruments of God's love and mercy.

Knowing our own limitations, we seek the aid of God’s grace as well as the help of wonderful co-workers and benefactors like you. Together we pray and work for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

As we come to the end of the year, we thank you for your support and pray that you and your family may enjoy many blessings of Peace and Goodness this Christmas season from our loving Savior.

Fr. Harold Snider, OFM Cap.
Provincial Minister
At the Local Level
As the Order grew in numbers, it also expanded to other towns and cities. Smaller units were called jurisdictions and eventually called provinces.

Each province has a friar in charge known as the minister provincial or provincial minister. Fr. Harold currently fulfills this ministry for the Province of Our Lady of Angels, also known as the Western America Province.

There are also some smaller jurisdictions, called custodies, like the Custody of St. Juan Diego in Northern Mexico. As head of the custody, Fr. David Beaumont is called the custos.

Each friary or house where friars reside has one friar appointed to be in charge minister. This reminds him of his duty to guard and preserve the well-being of the friars, their ministry, and the religious life they live together.

Finally, our provincial chapter, involves all the friars of Our Lady of Angels Province, and meets every three years to elect the provincial minister and his council.

I hope this is helpful in understanding how our order works. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Mission Santa Inés (P.O. Box 408, Solvang, CA 93464—805-688-4815) or email me at brbarbato@yahoo.com.

God bless and keep you!

Br. Bobby Barbato, OFM Cap.

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The ordinations took place at our Capuchin Parish “La Santísima Trinidad” (Most Holy Trinity) in Ciudad Benito Juarez, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. There are 45,000 parishioners on the register. Lots of pastoral work for our friars!

Congratulations to our newly ordained Capuchin friars!

On Saturday, October 13, 2018 Bishop Heriberto Caravazos Perez, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Monterrey ordained Br. Jose Luis (Pepe) Villarreal Montemayor OFM Cap. and Br. Adan Gómez Martinez OFM to the priesthood and Br. Javier Garza Ontiveros OFM Cap. to the diaconate. These young men have accompanied Fr. David on his yearly visits to Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame.

Top: Fr. Adan’s first Mass; Middle: Bishop Perez instructs the candidates; Bottom: Fr. David and Fr. Pepe.

Amig@s joined Fr. David and his colleagues Alejandro and Roberto at his left.

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The artwork at left appeared on the Ordination invitations from the Capuchin friars in Northern Mexico.

The picture shows Christ the suffering Good Shepherd encouraging the newly ordained priests to “Feed my sheep” John 21:7.

The verse below reads: “If you remain faithful to my word, you will truly be my disciples. You will know the truth and the truth will set you free” John 8:31-32.

-- José Armando Leyva Martínez, OFM Cap.
Fr. Jesús Morales Vela, a native son from South Central Los Angeles, was one of eight children born to Jesús Vela and Julieta Morales. Jesús graduated from California State University of Los Angeles with a BSc degree before entering the Capuchin Order on August 15, 1991. He professed perpetual vows on January 27, 1996, obtained a Masters in Divinity, and was ordained a priest on June 13, 1998.


Fr. Jesús always extended a helping hand. He loved his ministry as a parish priest: celebrating the Sacraments, answering sick calls to comfort the dying at home and in hospitals, consoling parents whose children had been killed in gang-related shootings, and spending time—day or night—counseling youth and couples.

As a chaplain for the LAPD, he supported families of fallen officers, comforting them in their loss. Fr. Jesús answered each and every call with two simple words, "No problem."

He lived the words of Christ as found in Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you did for me."

As a brother in community, Jesús was just as charitable and giving. Whether it was using his well-honed technology skills to help another friar, or offering a ride (or his car, if need be) Jesús was there! His six years as vicar provincial kept him in contact with the friars and the needs of individual friaries. He epitomized the words, "It is in giving that we receive." As many a friar remarked, "He didn’t have a mean bone in his body."

Fr. Jesús was buried in the Capuchin cemetery of San Lorenzo Seminary in the Santa Ynez Valley.

---Fr. Matt Elshoff, OFM Cap.

World Meeting of Families, Dublin, Ireland

Pope Francis greets Homeless Families at Capuchin Care Centre

Brother Kevin Crowley, OFM Cap., founder of the Capuchin Day Centre, Dublin welcomes Pope Francis. The Pope greeted the homeless families and had dinner with them on Saturday afternoon, August 25, 2018.

Pope Francis addressed the families, “Dear brothers and sisters, I thank you for the love and the trust that you have for the Capuchin brothers... Thank you because you come here with trust! Let me say one thing to you. Do you know why you come here with trust? Because they (the Capuchins) help you without detracting from your dignity. For them, each of you is Jesus Christ..."
The 26th Annual Capuchin Golf Tournament 2018
September 24, 2018 * Green Hills Country Club * Millbrae, CA

Capuchin Cup Winners with Fr. Michael: Willy and Sandy Ostertag

Registration: L-R  Norel Regnier, Jean Flanagan, Cathy Vennemeyer

Championship Trophy Winners: L-R Victor Sobrepena, Bill Mason, Bill Benton, Brendan Lund

CAPUCHINS ON THE GREEN

Special thanks to all the Capuchin friends, golfers, supporters, sponsors, and volunteers who participated in this year’s Capuchin Golf Tournament at Green Hill Country Club in Millbrae. Thanks to Golf-Tee Hole sponsors and prize donors for this fabulous event:

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Raymond Gier         Willy Ostertag
Anne Hahn            Lauren O’Sullivan
Greg Hahn            Michelle Privitera
Jerry Hahn           Norel Regnier
Dawnell Keller       Kerrie Ronan
Mary Alice Lewis     Pat Stecher
Diane Magner         Cathy Vennemeyer

Registration Table 2: Joanne O’Malley, Connie Nguyen, Diane Magner, and Pat Casey

Fr. Donal Cup Winners: L-R: Ernie Ferrari, Paul Grech, Dan Mahoney, and Walter Skaggs

Event Co-Chairs: Bill Mason, Chris Ronan, and Roy Nickolai

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The 27th Annual Capuchin GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 23, 2019
Green Hills Country Club, Millbrae

Jerry Hahn, Matt Nejasmich, Greg Hahn prepare a WELCOME for the golfers.
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For more than a century, the Capuchin Franciscans have played a vital part in the history of the West Coast of the United States. The Capuchin Franciscan Order of California has been blessed with many individuals and families that have been a very important part of the Capuchin’s mission. For years, countless individuals have demonstrated their commitment to the Capuchin ministries by contributing time, energy, and financial support. Many have committed to the goals and core values of the Capuchins.

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Fr. Donal Burke OFM Cap. (V. P. for Advancement)
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WHO ARE THE CAPUCHINS?
They are 10,000 priests and brothers inspired by the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi who serve God’s people in 106 countries.

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OUR GOAL

The goal of the Capuchin Development Office is to fund the domestic and international mission of the Capuchin Franciscans Western America Province. That mission ranges from support for our own Provincial members ministering in California’s Western America Province of Our Lady of Angels, and its Custody in Northern Mexico.

The Capuchin Franciscan Province of Western America also generates support for the works of justice and mercy undertaken by Capuchin Friars across the globe.

If you are interested in supporting our mission, please contact our Capuchin Development Office at 650-347-1505.

LET US KNOW:
The Capuchin West Newsletter is our way of illustrating how the Western America Province fulfills its mission. You, as part of our community, share this vision of service to those in need.

Through this publication, we demonstrate how we use resources that you generously provide to us and hope the contents of Capuchin West will convey a sense of the work we do and how valuable your contributions are to this work. Please feel free to write us with your comments or suggestions at: ofmcap@comcast.net. Many thanks for your continued support.

Fr. Donal Burke, OFM Cap.
Vice President for Advancement
Capuchin Franciscans Western America Province

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As Capuchin Franciscans, we follow St. Francis of Assisi as brothers, living the Gospel in prayer, fraternity and ministry, while witnessing simply to Jesus Christ and the Church as a joyful presence of hope and salvation to all, especially to those most in need.