

WINTER 2022 BENEFACTORS APPEAR



One of the many Christmas Crèche scenes at Santuario di Greccio in the Rieti Valley of Italy. It was on this site where St Francis of Assisi began the Christmas Crèche custom with his living crèche in 1223, as recorded by St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio



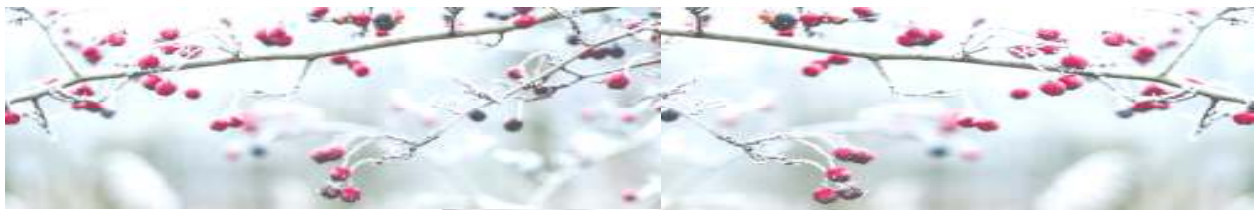
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*Warmest Blessings for a very
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
from the Capuchin Brothers of the Province of
Mary Mother of the Good Shepherd!*



Pray for Ukraine



Winter 2022

Dear Friends;

With Advent upon us and Christmas just around the corner I thought it would be nice to share a Christmas story, "The Candymaker's Witness", which came across my desk a few years ago...

Many years ago, a legend has it, that in Indiana a Candymaker wanted to make a candy which would also be a witness, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy to celebrate the Virgin Birth and sinless nature of Jesus. It was hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and the firmness of the promises of God.

The Candymaker maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Saviour. It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which he reached down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep have gone astray.

Thinking that the Candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.

Unfortunately, the candy which he had made became known as the "Candy Cane" - a meaningless decoration seen at Christmastime. But the meaning is still there for those who "have eyes to see and ears to hear". When we look upon the Candy Cane on our tree or mantel let us recall and witness To The Wonder of Jesus and His Great Love that came among us at Christmas, that Love which remains the ultimate and dominate force in the universe today.

We recently accepted Mr. Dominic Woodbury from Victoria BC into our Candidacy Program at St Crispin's Friary in London Ontario. Bro Peter Poel continues to progress in his formation program and with his ministry at Poverello Charities.

Always, we remain ever grateful for your generous financial gifts enabling us to provide for the Capuchin Franciscan formation of these men who are discerning to be part of our Capuchin life. We remain thankful for your ongoing prayerful support for them and those in our formation programs.

Feliz Naviad!
Buon Natale!
Frohe Weihnachten !

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

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Capuchin Bourse Report

01 January 2022 to 07 December, 2022

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u># OF DONATIONS</u>
19 Blonde Family Bourse	\$ 5.00	(1)
203 Gilda & Raffaele Gaglione Family Bourse	\$25.00	(1)
22 Bro David Connelly Bourse	\$ 500.00	(6)
299 Bro Alan Gaebel Bourse	\$ 415.00	(8)
398 Bro John Juhl Bourse	\$100.00	(1)
411 Joseph & Bridgett Heffernan Memorial Bourse	\$ 375.00	(7)
416 St Alphonsus Parish Bourse	\$ 80.00	(2)
418 Harvey Corriveau Memorial Bourse	\$1,000.00	(1)
476 Bro Paul Duplessie Bourse	\$100.00	(1)
480 Francis J La Madrid Memorial Bourse	\$1,500.00	(4)
483 Bro Louis Mousseau Bourse	\$ 700.00	(4)
496 Gasperino & Elena De Gasperis Bourse	\$ 2,020.00	(4)
500 Padre Pio Bourse	\$ 40.00	(2)
505 Seminarians Bourse	\$12,546.23	(72)
518 Bro Guglielmo Corbo Bourse	\$ 65.00	(4)
520 Bro John Corriveau Bourse	\$ 4,110.00	(4)
523 Sr Muriel Williams, ofs Memorial Bourse	\$100.00	(1)
524 Bro Michael Mascarenhas Bourse	\$ 2,500.00	(2)
528 Bro Peter Poel Bourse	\$ 8,325.00	(6)
533 Bro Sunil DCosta Bourse	\$120.00	(1)
534 Bro Martin Ngo Bourse	\$ 3,750.00	(4)
540 Sr Bette Ann Kuehn, ofs Memorial Bourse	\$ 515.00	(5)
543 Chambers Family Bourse	\$10.00	(2)
544 Bro Joseph Lourdusamy Bourse	\$ 785.00	(8)
54591 St Conrad of Parzham Bourse	\$ 200.00	(1)



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Is God calling YOU to join our Capuchin-Franciscan Brotherhood?

Please Pray For Our Men In Formation



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Bro Sunil D'Costa
Solemnly Professed
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Bro Martin Ngo
Solemnly Professed
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Bro Peter Poel
Simply Professed
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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, California. 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 a local, but also a worldwide Church.

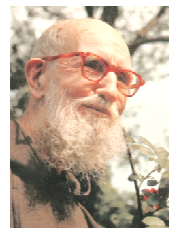
The current costs of these programs is approximately \$100,000.00 (CDN) per person. Your donations to our Capuchin Burse Program directly enable our men to participate in these Capuchin Formation programs providing our Catholic Church with men who are well formed in Capuchin Franciscan spirituality and prepared for a life of ministry in our Church.

THANK YOU for your generous Financial Support and Prayers!

OUR CAPUCHIN LEGACY PROGRAM

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.



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Have YOU considered what YOUR LEGACY might be?