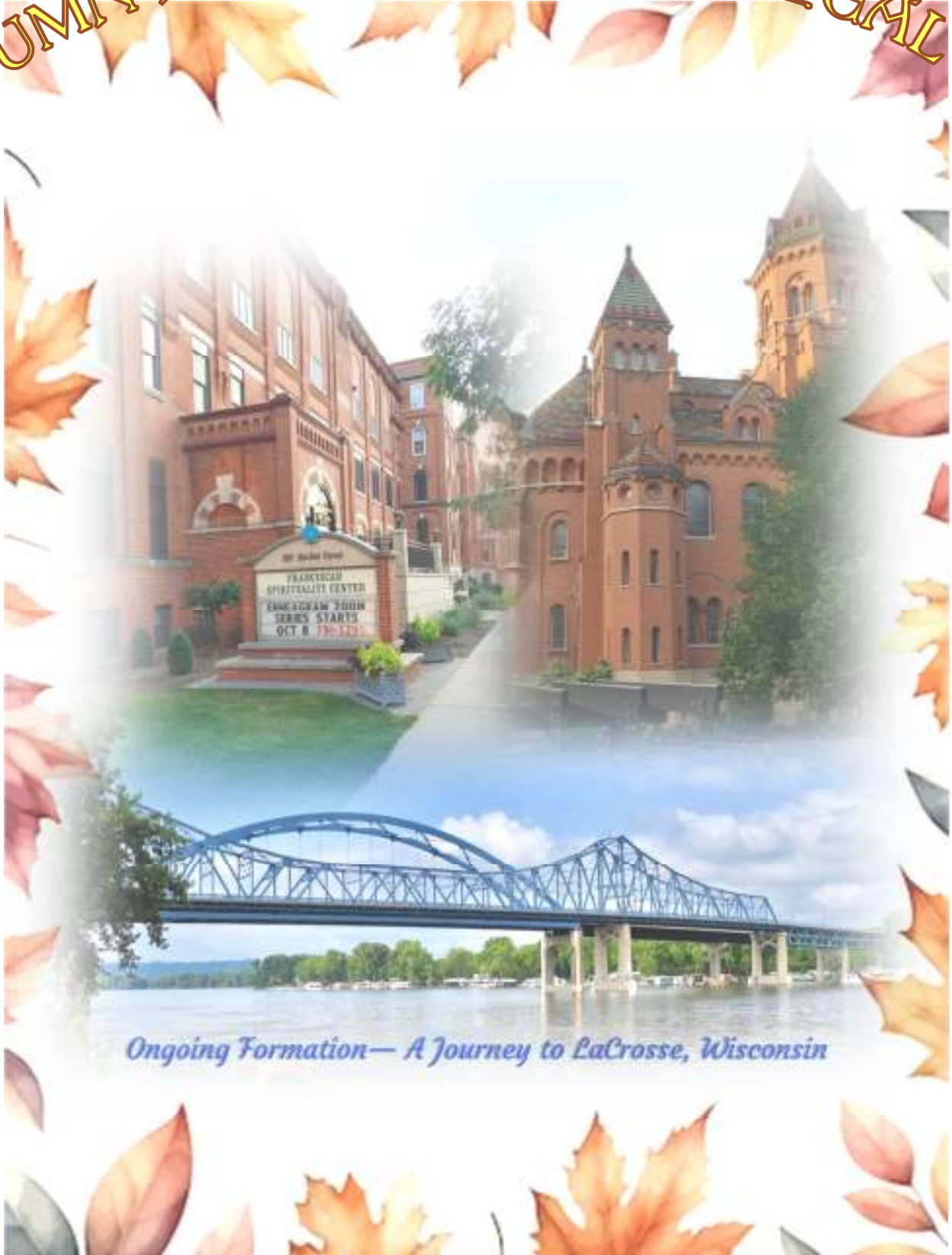


# AUTUMN BENEFACTORS APPEAL 2024



*Ongoing Formation— A Journey to LaCrosse, Wisconsin*



**Capuchins of Central Canada**  
2100 Jane Street, Toronto, ON M3M 1A1



*Pray for Ukraine*



Dear Friends;

*September 2024*

***Peace and All Good!***

In past issues of our Benefactor’s Appeal we have been sharing the progress of our brothers in Initial Capuchin formation including their Priestly formation and ordination. Our Bro Martin Ngo, continues in his studies now as a transitional Deacon. We joyfully anticipate Bro Martin’s ordination to the priesthood in the coming year (2025).

Ongoing Formation in Capuchin Life

We also would like you to know that your support not only assists those men who have discerned a vocation to our Capuchin life and initial formation but also assists brothers with Ongoing Formation. Which allows brothers to engage in courses, programs and cross cultural experiences for both professional and personal growth including Sabbaticals. Enabling them to broaden their skill-sets preparing them for ministry in new and different directions as they continue to serve the Church and her mission.

In September, Bro Stephen Van Massenhoven and I began a three year Spiritual Direction Preparation Program offered by the Franciscan Spiritual Center located in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The Franciscan Spiritual Center is a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration located in this small city in western Wisconsin along the banks of the Mississippi River. We are part of their 18th cohort of participants who have taken this program which is a hybrid program, meaning that it requires our presence on-site in Wisconsin once each year with scheduled online weekends (via Zoom) throughout each of the three years. With a substantial bibliography there is much reading to be done, some of the content we will be studying includes:

- What is Spiritual Direction and where does it come from?
- A Brief History of Spiritual Direction
- The Ends and Means of Spiritual Life

Upon successful completion we hope to be able to include Franciscan Spiritual Direction to our skill-sets and in turn, offer this ministry of spiritual journeying to others seeking a better understanding of God’s desire in their lives as they seek a closer relationship with God. In other news from our Province; Bro Hoang Nguyen has recently returned to St Clare Friary in London following a cross cultural Sabbatical in Japan. Bro John Juhl, Provincial Minister also recently returned from our Order’s General Chapter of Elections which took place during late August in Rome.

Your generosity and prayerful support of our Capuchin Formation Programs and of our Ongoing Formation opportunities directly enables ourselves and our brothers the possibility to advance in our knowledge of God’s desire for us and the actions of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all who seek closeness with God. We Capuchin brothers are ever grateful for your generous financial assistance and prayers.



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

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# CAPUCHIN BURSE REPORT

January–September 2024

Burse#	Name	\$ Amount	Donations
19	Blonde Family Burse	\$35.00	(5)
22	Bro David Connolly Burse	\$150.00	(2)
299	Bro Alan Gaebel Burse	\$100.00	(1)
480	Francis J La Madrid Memorial Burse	\$500.00	(2)
483	Bro Louis Mousseau Burse	\$220.00	(3)
500	Padre Pio Burse	\$5,310.00	(6)
505	Seminarians Burse	\$2,761.37	(36)
520	Bro John Corriveau	\$25,000.00	(1)
524	Bro Michael Mascarenhas Burse	\$40.00	(1)
533	Bro Sunil D’Costa Burse	\$500.00	(1)
534	Bro Martin Ngo Burse	\$500.00	(1)
540	Sr Bette Ann Kuehn, ofs Burse	\$150.00	(3)
95	St Joseph Burse	\$150.00	(2)



*We wish for you hearts full of gratitude and thanksgiving  
for all the blessings God has given you!  
We wish for you a warm, colourful and blessed Thanksgiving  
with your families and friends.*

Photos Front Page: Franciscan Spirituality Centre (left) and St Rose of Viterbo Chapel (right)  
Bridge across the Mississippi River in La Crosse, Wisconsin  
Page 2: Autumn in Ranney Gorge, Ferris Provincial Park, Campbellford, ON  
Back Page: Capuchin Novices at our Novitiate, Santa Ynez, California

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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. Capuchins of Central Canada, 2100 Jane Street, Toronto ON M3M 1A1



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