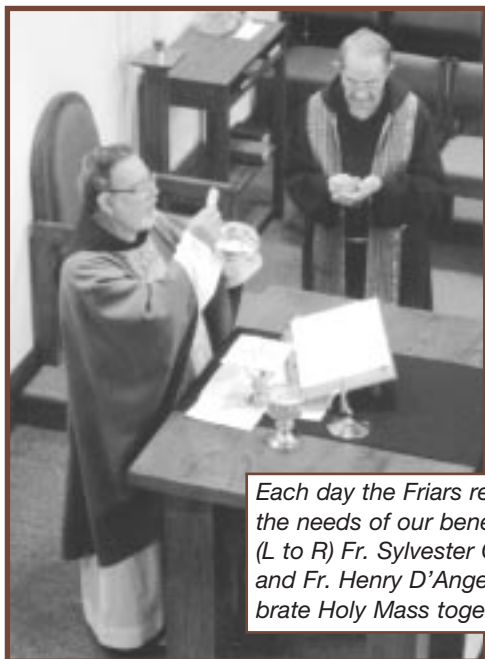


Br. Michael Ascione and Br. Jose Rojas discuss fraternal life on the road leading to St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, N.Y.

The Capuchins were founded in 1528 to live the dream of St. Francis, who longed for a world of peace, goodness and charity. Today the Friars continue to embrace the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church and live simply, serving the poor and needy. In this tradition of service, we find inspiration, hope and joy.



Each day the Friars remember the needs of our benefactors. (L to R) Fr. Sylvester Catallo and Fr. Henry D'Angelis celebrate Holy Mass together.

The future of our ministry and service truly depends on your charity and support. Your gifts to the Capuchins help educate and train young Friars preparing for pastoral ministry and the priesthood. Your financial support provides care for our elderly and infirm Friars who have labored for the Church long and well. Your offerings enable Friars to work among the poor for no salary. Your generous contributions support our missionary activities in foreign lands. Every day the Friars pray for the health, happiness and well-being of all our benefactors.

Br. Robert Williams assists the poor by insuring that hungry families have needed food supplies.

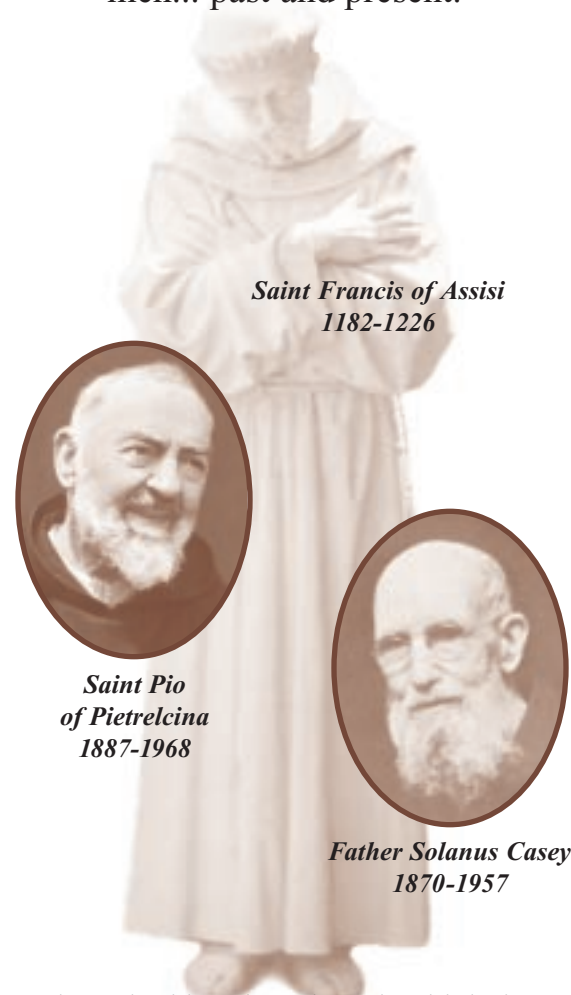


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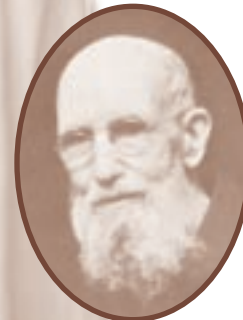
The Capuchin Franciscans:
 serving God and the Church
 in the spirit and example
 of great saints and holy
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*Saint Francis of Assisi
 1182-1226*



*Saint Pio
 of Pietrelcina
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 1870-1957*

“The only thing the Friars should desire is to have the Spirit of God work within them...”
 — the Franciscan Rule of 1223

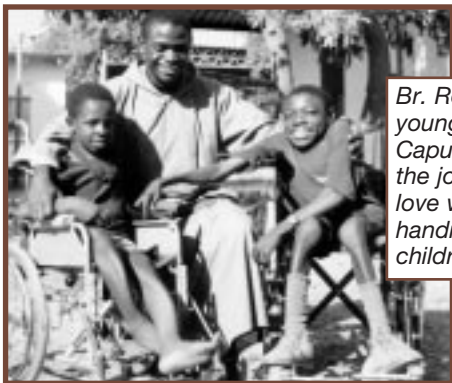
YOU Help Us Make Christ Present in the World Today...

Capuchin Friars live and work in big cities and small towns across the United States and around the world. We follow Jesus Christ in the way of life begun by St. Francis of Assisi. Today we are one of the largest religious orders in the Catholic Church.



(L to R) Fr. John Corriveau, Minister General of the Capuchin Order, greets Fr. Tom Crangle and Br. Kellen Mears, on a visit from Rome.

Our life celebrates the traditional religious values of poverty, chastity and obedience. Our ministry focuses on service to the poor everywhere, the oppressed, the infirm, the troubled and the forgotten. **Your contributions put Friars in places where they are able to feed, clothe, and care for children, teenagers, adults and the elderly who are most in need.**



Br. Ronald, a young Zambian Capuchin, shares the joy of Christ's love with two handicapped children he serves.



Fr. Ed Henning, a Capuchin missionary in Mexico, offers comfort and hope to those who are lonely, ill and afraid.

The Friars respond to the urgent needs of the Church in diverse ways: preaching God's Word, serving in parishes, caring for the sick and aged, teaching job and life skills, operating soup kitchens, food pantries and shelter homes for the hungry and the homeless, ministering to migrants and their families, providing hospice care for persons with HIV/AIDS, and wherever there is a need.



Br. Francisco Arredondo shares the joys and the power of reading with inner-city pre-school children.

We are chaplains, missionaries, pastors, writers, cooks, preachers, counselors, mechanics, educators, youth ministers and social workers. The needs of the poor and the call of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shape our life and our work. **We rely on your contributions to create meaningful, positive changes in the lives of our least sisters and brothers.**

We live in Franciscan brotherhood, supporting and challenging one another in our shared Catholic faith and in our religious vocations. By working and praying together, we encourage each other to fully live the Gospel, in the spirit and example of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Father Solanus Casey, and many other holy Friars, past and present.



(L to R) Br. Jose Rojas, Fr. Bob Yurgel, and Br. John Paul Russo lead the Friars in prayerfully praising God in song.

Capuchins wear the traditional habit of St. Francis of Assisi, sandals on our feet, ropes around our waist, rosary beads at our side, as an outward sign of belonging to a Franciscan Brotherhood. However, it is living habits of service to God and others that are at the heart of our Capuchin life and community. **We are deeply grateful for your donations, and your Friars promise to honor your sacrifices in our prayers and Masses each day.**

...YOU Help Us Bring Hope and Healing to Others.