



Conventual Franciscan Friars Saint Anthony's Newsletter

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Fr. David

Dear Friend,

I greet you on behalf of all the Conventual Franciscans with wishes for a happy and blessed new year. It seems strange to begin writing "2008" on this letter already! Yet, it's a refreshing feeling too because it's a time to start over. And we do welcome the opportunity to begin anew, to renew our hope and make a positive change in the world.

Our new year's resolutions are grounded in a fundamental **hope** in life, which is fed by the gospel. There is a basic goodness about life, and an urge in each one of us to make a difference! Our resolutions are about being part of that great urge to bring goodness into our world.

In this issue of your *St. Anthony's Newsletter* I've included the financial report for our last fiscal year. We do appreciate your generous and ongoing support of us Friars and our ministries. We want to be good stewards of your gifts, and



that includes accountability. In this issue you'll see a *financial report* of the income and expenses of this office over the past year. We attempt to keep our expenses low and to ensure all your generous donations are making a difference.

This past year we began accepting donations through our web site at: franciscansusa.org. Just click the "Make a Gift" button. Credit cards are acceptable. It's easy and it will save you a stamp.

Finally, we have attractive Easter cards available for you to send. Just complete the coupon on the back of this newsletter and we'll be happy to send you some.

With and through the intercession of St. Anthony, I wish you again many blessings as we begin our new year.

Fr. David, OFM, Conv.

Eternal Rest Grant To Her, O Lord.

The Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation express their deepest thanks to the following individual who so graciously supported our work through a bequest in her Will.

Helen Bober

A Growing Church

By: Fr. Juniper Cummings, OFM Conv.

You have heard from us about the growth of the Church in Zambia. 76 years ago there was no Catholic Church or Mission in the whole northwest part of Zambia. Then your Franciscan Friars came to work and today there are 2 Dioceses with almost 1,000,000 Catholics in what is the "Copperbelt" and the "Northwest Province". Isn't that wonderful?

This summer I was in LaGrange and Steuben County in Northeast Indiana. I was pleased, thrilled, and edified by the growth of the church in that territory. Your Conventual Franciscans settled in this area when there was no Catholic Church and few Catholics living in the area. They founded a Friary with a Novitiate in 1930. Friars served these few Catholics plus the Catholic students at Tri-State College and the "lake folks" who came during the summer to St. Anthony Catholic Church. They now have more than 600 families and are planning a new church to replace the Butler building they are currently using.

Early on, a couple of Catholic families in LaGrange County invited the Friars to come over and have Mass at Hank Burns hotel in LaGrange, 20 miles away. The Catholic families grew in number and eventually a little Protestant church was bought. It became St. Joseph Catholic Church. In time, with Fr. George Schroeder as pastor, property was acquired on the east end of town. Now there stands quite a plant on this property. The 250 families have a very active parish life.

One of the very Catholic and beautiful things is that both Angola's St. Anthony and LaGrange's St. Joseph parishes have welcomed the growing Hispanic population into the parish community. Among other things, these parishioners, as part of their Catholic tradition, present a Passion Pageant during Lent. The entire Catholic community shares this impressive religious enactment and even some of the protestant neighbors attend.

LaGrange is a town where the Amish have a very notable presence and the town hall has a hitching post for their horses. The neighboring town of Howe houses the renowned military high school, once an all male institution but now co-ed. A good portion of the students are Catholic. The parishioners of St. Joseph welcome them also.



Pictured above is the original St. Anthony Friary and Novitiate founded in 1930.

The Friars currently living at St. Anthony Friary in Angola, IN include (L-R) Fred Pasche, Phil Schneider, Jesus Grajeda and Mark Weaver.



St. Paul Church, "the outstation", serves the Clear Lake settlement just 25 miles from Angola. This Franciscan parish was established in 1941 and has grown to 165 families. The parishioners have been very active in helping to establish the mission banana plantation in Zambia.

For over 30 years, the ladies from Angola have been sending 40 to 60 bags of good used clothing to the poor of Zambia. Rising US postage costs and the ever more complicated and costly Zambian customs have caused this project to be discontinued. These generous ladies are not abandoning the people in our Zambian mission for they are now sending the proceeds from their rummage sale which makes a difference there.

The people of these three parishes have been promoters of the Franciscan Mission Association out of Carey, Ohio, as well as readers and donors of this St. Anthony Newsletter. I had not been to LaGrange or Angola for years (I made my novitiate there in 1945). I am so proud of our Church and Friars as well as grateful to God and the people for what is happening there – you can be also.

Friends,

Please take a moment to look over the annual report from this office – and then congratulate yourselves! **Because of your great generosity, all of us together, are able to do so much good.** Blessings on you, and our deepest gratitude.

Your Franciscan Friars

ANNUAL REPORT Development Office – Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007

INCOME

Bequests	\$ 508,029.79
General Donations	511,572.70
Specified Donations (Missions, Poor, and Friars)	262,381.57
Missions	15,651.35
Retired Friars	19,053.61
Masses	21,576.55
Education of Friars	14,517.74
Miscellaneous	18,201.41
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,370,984.72

EXPENSES

Development:	
Donations to Province general fund	\$ 632,277.09
Specified Donations (Missions, Poor, and Friars)	262,381.57
Missions in General	37,227.90
Retirement Fund	19,053.61
Education Fund	14,517.74
Publishing	77,217.84
Development Apostolate	184,303.32
Development Subtotal	\$ 1,226,979.07
Support Services:	
Administration, Salaries, Building maintenance	\$ 136,592.45
Office equipment, Supplies, Misc.	7,413.20
Support Services Subtotal	\$ 144,005.65
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,370,984.72

GIFT ANNUITIES received in fiscal year 2006-2007:
4 new Gift Annuities – \$54,506

(These gift annuities are not represented in the Annual Report figures above.)

† Brother Don Hart, OFM Conv.
1945-2007

A member of the Franciscan family for more than 35 years, Br. Don Hart died on October 10, 2007 at the age of 62. Brother Don was residing in Morristown, TN.



Born in Charles City, Iowa, Don was the son of Anna Catherine (Schmitt) and Albert E. Hart. In 1969 he began his formation program at St. Bonaventure Friary in St. Louis, MO. He entered the novitiate in Auburn, IN, in 1971; and professed solemn vows at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, OH on August 22, 1975.

Brother Don served the Franciscan Order in many ways: as Secretary of the Province, Vocation Director, and as Administrator of Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center. He was also a parish associate at St. Cecilia Parish in Ames, Iowa and choir director of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Don was known as a gifted musician and a brilliant composer of music. He began learning piano at the age of 7.

In college he triple-majored in voice, piano and organ. He was a percussionist in the orchestra, but piano was his favorite instrument. He composed over 200 pieces of liturgical music.

Brother Don had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. One of his most inspiring hymns was written in 1978: “Hear Us, Loving Mother”. The text reveals his strong devotion to Our Lady: *“Hear us loving Mother, hear us as we pray. Be our guide and consolation, be with us today... Teach us always to turn to Jesus; pray with us, lead us to Him.”*

After experiencing some devastating health setbacks during the last years of his life, Brother Don passed into the arms of God. We have started a **BURSE in his memory and to honor Br. Don**. Any memorial donations to that burse will go toward the care of our senior and infirm Friars. It is an appropriate tribute to a man who loved being a Franciscan Friar.

As Brother Don received great consolation at the Shire of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio; may Mary the Mother of Jesus warmly embrace him now and for all eternity.

Dear Friars,

Here is my offering for our Franciscan missions, the poor, our Franciscan students, and for the care of our elderly and sick Friars.

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In Thanksgiving

2008 Easter Card

Please send me: _____ Easter Cards
of Cards



I have enclosed an additional offering as a memorial-burse in honor of **Brother Don Hart**.

\$ _____



Please use the enclosed envelope and return to the Conventual Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation.

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Please pray for those here, and all your Franciscan family, for their intentions:

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Mary Craven
Robert Gonzalez
Louis Canedeo
M/M Dennis Barrett
James Drzemiecki
Maud Rothman
John Eller
Mary Dore
Dorothea Christian
Bertha Lopez
Louise Lorusso

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Click on "Requests" to have a Mass said for someone or your special intention, select a perpetual enrollment for a friend or loved one to honor their special occasion or to remember someone who has died. Don't forget to complete the request for a card to be sent to the recipient or the family of the deceased.

Your gifts are acknowledged and cards are sent to the recipient within a 24 hour work week.

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