

The Friar Flyer



St. Joseph of Cupertino Province

Special Edition

Conventual Franciscan Friars

News around the Province and Beyond



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—The feast as it was celebrated in Hermosa Beach (top), Castro Valley (upper right) & San Antonio (right)



Activities of the Friars



Friar Joseph Long, a student at the Seraphicum, from our Vietnamese Mission is part of a group of friars who regularly hit the streets of Rome with song and outreach as part of the New Evangelization



Friar Joseph Martin, who is currently studying in San Antonio, describes his ministry:

I have been working at Haven for Hope for six months. My ministry consists of spiritual companionship to people who are homeless and without jobs. Every Friday I join with a group to sit and to listen to them share their stories about the struggles in their lives. Their stories are often sad, and I listen with an open heart and try to provide them with consoling words and help bring peace to their lives. I also participate with the St. Vincent De Paul Society in providing lunch to them with the hope of nourishing their body and Spirit.

A new feature of the Collaborative Postulancy instituted this past December was for the postulants to return to their home provinces in order to experience ministry within their respective provinces.

Postulant **Chris Garcia** and Postulant **Angel Garcia** spent their time with the friars at Holy Family and Our Lady of Grace.

After their experience they had the opportunity celebrating Christmas with their families in Southern California.

They both returned to Chicago on December 31st to resume the second half of their postulancy along with three postulants from Our Lady of the Angels Province.



Into the New Year



Friar Francis Bao Nguyen professed his First Vows into the hands of our Minister, Fr. John Heinz, on January 13, 2016. The ceremony took place in our parish of St. Paul in Pismo Beach. Many friars, both Conventual and Capuchin, attended along with many parishioners from our two St. Paul parishes in Pismo Beach and San Pablo.

Many Blessings upon you, Bao, as you continue your journey with us.



Prayers and Condolences are offered to **Fr. Paul Gawlowski** and his family as they prepare for the funeral of his mother. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace!



While this picture of **Fr. Tom** was used in an earlier issue, it serves as a reminder to keep praying for an end to abortion as well as supporting the various pro-life activities endorsed by the Church.