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Message from the Dean ...
Michael F. Cusato, O.F.M.

On March 31, 2008, St. Bonaventure University was pleased to welcome to campus two distinguished groups of Franciscan men: Fr. José Rodríguez Carballo, O.F.M., Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, and all but one of the members of the General Definitorium of Friars Minor; and the members of the English-Speaking Conference of Friars Minor (ESC), consisting of all the provincials of North America as well as the two Canadian provincials (from Edmonton and Montréal), England, Ireland and Lithuania. The occasion for this august assembly was the University's celebration of the 150th Anniversary of its founding as St. Bonaventure College in 1858 by the Italian friar Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, O.F.M. and his small cohort of friar-teachers. Fr. Pamfilo's efforts also led to the foundation of several congregations of Franciscan religious sisters as well: the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, the Sisters of St. Francis of Rochester, MN, Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, OH and Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Joliet, IL.

The celebration had several different components to it. The first major event was a concert in the Quick Center for the Arts on the evening of April 1 which witnessed the world premiere of a cantata written especially for this event:



Cal Stewart Kellogg's *Canticle of the Creatures*, using the original Umbrian text, performed by the famous Antares ensemble and sung by the internationally renowned tenor, Kenneth Riegel, his final public concert.

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SBU CELEBRATES 150TH BIRTHDAY

St. Bonaventure University launched its 150th birthday celebration on April 1, 2008 with a ninety minute Academic Convocation attended by Bishop Edward Kmiec of Buffalo, José Rodríguez Carballo, general minister of the Order of Friars Minor, members of the OFM definitorium, members of the English-speaking Conference of the OFM, family and friends of the University's founders and benefactors, faculty and staff and graduating seniors.

Sister Margaret Carney, President of SBU, commented, "The anniversary convocation and 15-month celebration of our 150 years of service provide unique and tremendous opportunities for us to celebrate the past as we prepare for a future full of hope. As we honor the legacies of our founders, Nicholas and Mary Devereux, Fr. Pamphilus da Magliano, and Bishop John Timon, we also ask all those associated with SBU to consider the legacy that they will leave for future generations. This sets the stage for us to dream great dreams for an extraordinary future for SBU, just as our founders dreamed some 150 years ago."

Upcoming anniversary events include the Feast of St. Bonaventure, July 13-15, 2008; Fall Convocation, August 2008; Bonagany Family Weekend, September 19-21, 2008; St. Francis Week, October 3-5, 2008; Universal Bonaventure Nights and the Regional History Symposium in October, 2008. The anniversary celebration concludes in May, 2009.

From left, counterclockwise: Sister Margaret addresses the Convocation; Br. Ed Coughlin, Sister Margaret, Nicholas Kernan and his family watch as Provost Michael Fischer unveils a commissioned painting of Devereux Hall, a gift to the descendants of Nicholas and Mary Devereux, benefactors who donated the land for the college; Dr. Patrick Casey leads the assembly in the recessional; Sister Margaret congratulates Sister Margaret Eletta Guider, O.S.F. who delivered the keynote address; Fr. José Rodríguez Carballo, general minister of the Order of Friars Minor, accepts an honorary degree from Sister Margaret.



FOUNDING FAMILIES CELEBRATE SBU LEGACY

Attending the kick-off ceremonies of the University's celebration of its 150th birthday are relatives and descendants of the founding friars and benefactors. Traveling from Abruzzi, Italy, more than 20 members of the Pietrobattista family came to campus to be part of the commemorative events. The entire program was translated into Italian for them by Jean François Godet-Calogeras, associate professor of Franciscan Studies, using wireless headsets.

SBU alumnus Andrew Kernan, great-great-great-great-grandson of Nicholas and Mary Devereux, who donated the land for the college, attended the ceremonies along with his wife, parents and two aunts. "Everyone at the university has just been wonderful, making these past couple of days as exciting and enriching for us as possible," said Kernan, a 2001 graduate of SBU.

More than 300 members of the class of 2008, including Franciscan Institute graduates, donned commencement robes and were honored with 150th Anniversary medallions.

As Sr. Meg Guider concluded her keynote address, "We are here today because seven generations ago, those whom we remembered dared to dream about us and for us. As descendants of theirs – by blood, by vow, by appointment, by affection, by inspiration – we have realized their dream."

Pictured, from left (counterclockwise): Members of the Pietrobattista family, descendants of Fr. Pamphilo da Magliano, listen to the translation of the convocation proceedings while recording pictorial memories to take with them when they return to Italy; Dennis Frank, University archivist, shares university records of Fr. Pamphilo with the Pietrobattistas; Jean François Godet-Calogeras addresses the assembled Pietrobattista family in the University Club of the Hickey Dining Hall; Fr. Dominic Monti leads a tour through the Café LaVerna; Sister Margaret presents the commissioned painting of the university campus to the Pietrobattista family. In the center is the medallion struck to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of St. Bonaventure University.



THIRD ORDER REGULAR FESTIVAL

More than 230 Franciscans representing forty-five congregations gathered in April, 2008 at St. Bonaventure University to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Third Order Regular Rule. St. Bonaventure President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F. and Franciscan studies professor Jean François Godet-Calogeras were pivotal figures in the process which resulted in the new Rule, supplanting the 1927 modification of the Rule of Life, first approved in the thirteenth century (1289). Many who lent their voices to the evolutionary process more than two decades ago attended the event and contributed to the environment which was part reunion, part celebration and part re-commitment to the Rule generated by that life-giving process.

The weekend included social, educational, and spiritual time, according to Sr. Suzanne Kush, C.S.S.F., director of SBU's Franciscan Center for Social Concern and who coordinated the event. The gathering included several presentations and small group discussions. James Puglisi, S.A. presided at the celebration of the Eucharist which took place in the University Chapel.

Pictured below, beginning in the center and moving counterclockwise: The procession from the University Chapter to the Quick Center for the Arts; Festival celebrants gathered in the University Chapel for prayer; an enlarged copy of the Volterra Document displayed next to the Paschal candle in the Chapel; morning break in the atrium of the Quick Center for the Arts, following presentations and preceding the small group discussions.



HISTORY OF THE THIRD ORDER REGULAR RULE

As early as 1973, Thaddeus Horgan, S.A. was discussing the need to revise the Third Order Regular Rule with Roland Faley, T.O.R., but it wasn't until early in 1980 that it was recognized that the revised Rule of Life should include both sisters and brothers of the Third Order. Although Thaddeus Horgan celebrates this anniversary from heaven, Roland Faley was present for the anniversary celebration, as keynote speaker, to bring a fresh awareness of how the Rule of 1982 developed.

Sister Margaret Carney's interest in learning all she could about Third Order history led to her nomination to represent North American sisters at the TOR Rule meetings, as well as to the development of a Franciscan Institute course on TOR history.



Seated from left to right: S. Margaret Carney, Roland Faley, T.O.R., General Minister Michael Higgins, T.O.R.; standing, from left to right: Paul McMullen, T.O.R., Jean François Godet-Calogeras, General Minister James Puglisi, S.A., Alcuin Coyle, O.F.M.

Between 1969 and 1973, French, Dutch, German and American congregations – independently of each other – developed projects to modify the Rule of 1927 in efforts to adapt it to their own expression of Franciscan life. By the time of the Madrid Statement of 1974, the need to collaborate on a unified vision of the Third Order Rule of Life led to international cooperation and resulted in the Rule of 1982. Thanks to the inclusive involvement of nearly 200 major superiors who represented 35 countries and more than 200,000 TOR members, the Rule of 1982 more clearly than ever before presents Francis's proposal for TOR life: a life of total and continuous conversion to God through literal

living of the Gospel. A letter to TOR brothers and sisters from Pope John Paul II, dated April 30, 1983, states: "Since we know how diligently and assiduously this Rule of Life has traveled its path ... and how fortuitously it arrived at the desired convergence of different points of view through collegial discussion and consultation ... we trust that the longed-for fruits of renewal will be brought to full realization."

"For me," Sister Margaret says, this weekend celebration "was a fabulous family reunion. This event, offering a venue to reconvene people who contributed to this effort, generated a great deal of excitement. This new rule has been the motor that's driven Franciscan renewal the last twenty-five years.



Participants at the Anniversary Celebration of the Third Order Rule express appreciation for the work of the international representatives whose dedicated collaboration resulted in the TOR Rule of 1982.

Sister Suzanne Kush, C.S.S.F., Sister Margaret Carney, O.S.F. and Jean François Godet-Calogeras, Ph.D. have completed work on a book titled *The Third Order Regular Rule: A Sourcebook*. The book includes the historical documents, in original languages and English translation, the full text of the Rule of 1982, the presentations made to the major superiors at the Rome Assembly and contemporary, as well as modern, commentaries on the Rule.

ASSOCIATE FELLOW OF OXFORD CENTRE FOR ANIMAL ETHICS: ANDREA BARONE

Ms. Andrea Barone has been appointed Associate Fellow by the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics in Oxford, England. The Centre, the first international academy of its kind in the world, is dedicated to encouraging academic research into animal ethics, and improving public debate on the subject. It believes there is a strong rational case for the respectful treatment of animals, and that academics should be in the forefront of making that case.

The Centre's Associate Fellows are academics and researchers of all disciplines with a record of publication in the field, or who are currently in the process of making such contributions. Fellows are supported by the Centre and each other in their publication and teaching missions, take part in international conferences and seminars, and have access to the Centre's unique library and databases.



The Director of the Centre is the Rev. Andrew Linzey, an Anglican priest, theologian, and the first theologian to hold a post in Animal Theology at Oxford University. A prolific author, Linzey has been in the forefront of pioneering a bill of rights for animals in the U.K. In June 2001, he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity by the Archbishop of Canterbury for his "unique and massive pioneering work in the area of the theology of creation with particular reference to the rights and welfare of God's sentient creatures." It is the highest award the Archbishop bestows, and the first time it has been awarded for work involving animals.

Appointment as a Fellow is by invitation or nomination only, and selections are made only after a rigorous selection process. Ms. Barone was nominated personally by Linzey after their mutual discussions about her particular interest in exploring a contemporary understanding of animals as it relates to the Franciscan mission of "Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation."

Ms. Barone is a Secular Franciscan and the Educational Coordinator for the School of Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure University. It is part of the Franciscan Institute, an international leader in the field of Franciscan teaching, research, and publication. She holds a B.A. in English from St. Bonaventure, and Master's degrees in both English and Humanities from SUNY Buffalo and Fredonia, both awarded summa cum laude. Her articles, interviews and poetry have been published in journals that include *The Cord, Array, Metropolitan*, and *St. Andrew's Press*. She has held teaching appointments in English and Humanities at Strayer University in Washington, D.C., and numerous colleges throughout New York State.

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2008 FRANCISCAN INSTITUTE GRADUATES



On Sunday, May 11, 2008 St. Bonaventure University celebrated the commencement of more than 700 graduates including the graduating students from the Franciscan Institute pictured above. From left to right, front row: Graduates Stephen King, O.F.M. Conv., Sister Shefy Kuzhickattumyalil, F.C.C., Edith Feuerstein Schrot, Courtney Elizabeth Hull; Dean and Director of the Franciscan Institute, Michael F. Cusato, O.F.M., Faculty members: Alison More, Ph.D., Jean François Godet-Calogeras, Ph.D.; in the back row: Doyno Visiting Professor Dr. Luigi Pellegrini, O.F.M. Cap. (partially hidden by Sr. Shefy's cap), and Graduates Br. Phillips Robinette, O.F.M., and Geoffrey Omondi-Muga, F.M.H.

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IN MEMORIAM

With sadness the Order of Friars Minor, Conventuals share the news of the death of Rev. Daniel Pietrzak following a short illness at St. Joseph Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Fr. Daniel (Thaddeus) Pietrzak was born in Buffalo, New York on March 12, 1939, the son of the late Thaddeus and Stella (Cybulski) Pietrzak. He attended Queen of Peace School in Buffalo and St. Francis High School in Athol Springs, NY.

Fr. Daniel entered the Conventual Franciscan Friars in 1956 and made his profession of vows on August 15, 1957. He was ordained a priest in Rome on December 29, 1964. Fr. Daniel attended St. Hyacinth College and Seminary in Branby, MA where he received his B.A. in Philosophy, Seraphic College in Rome where he received his S.T.L. in Theology, the University of Southern Connecticut where he earned a Masters Degree in French and Fordham University where he earned a Ph.D. in Psychology.

Fr. Daniel taught at Kolbe High School in Bridgeport, CT and at St. Hyacinth College in Granby, MA where he also served as Registrar, Academic Dean, and then President.

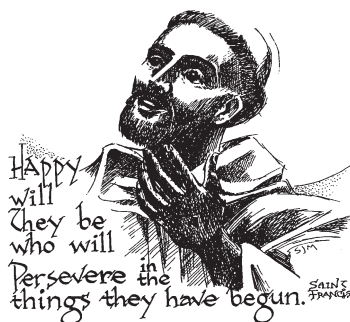
He served the Order as Assistant General in Rome and as Rector of the Seraphic College in Rome. Fr. Daniel was elected Provincial of St. Anthony of Padua Province of the Conventual Franciscan Friars and served in that capacity from 1982 until 1991. He also served as Custos of Australia from 1995 to 2001. Recently, he served as Secretary of Formation for the entire



Conventual Franciscan Order. He was also a member of the Board of Commission for the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition (CFIT).

Besides his brothers in religion, Fr. Daniel is survived by his brother, Paul Peters, his sister-in-law, Kathy Peters, and two nieces, Lisa Peters and Rachel (James) Razza.

Visitation for Fr. Daniel Pietrzak was held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Athol Springs, Wednesday, June 18, 2008, from 4-9 P.M. with a Franciscan Wake Service at 7:30 P.M. Interment was in the Franciscan Friars Plot at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Cheektowaga, NY.



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The formal convocation celebrating the 150th anniversary of the University was held the following afternoon in the Reilly Center. It featured an opening video montage of highlights in the storied history of St. Bonaventure University, honorary degrees being bestowed on both Fr. José Carballo and Mr. Kenneth Riegel, and the awarding of all the graduates of the class of 2008 (including our Institute students) a special commemorative medal of the anniversary. Sister Meg Guider, O.S.F. professor at Boston College (and one of the Institute's professors during the Summer Session of 2008), delivered a keynote address melding the ideals of Bonaventure's famous prologue to the *Itinerarium* with the purpose of a university education. Lastly, the celebration was graced by the presence of about twenty-five members of the da Magliano family from Italy, as well as descendents of the Nicholas and Mary Devereux family (founding patrons of the University).

On the morning of April 2, I was honored to give a formal presentation to the General Definitorium and English-Speaking Conference on the history, programs, publications and current projects of the Institute. A small booklet was prepared to facilitate communication about our three primary areas of work: research, teaching and publication. Each also received a packet which contained our Academic Program Booklet, Sabbatical information, brochure for the Franciscan Forum VIII, Scotus Congress poster and publications catalogue. This was the first opportunity the Institute has ever had to explain our work to these two important representative bodies of the Order of Friars Minor and to publicly thank them for the support they have given to us in the past: the Definitorium, for its support of the BTTS publication project; and several of the provinces in a variety of capacities.

Dr. Paul Spaeth, Director of the Friedsam Library, concluded the formal presentation with a display of materials from the Rare Books Collection, highlighting selected volumes from each of the collections donated by several of the American provinces. The members of the Definitorium and ESC were then given a brief

tour of the Institute offices and circulating collection of our Library. A momentous and festive event in the life of the Franciscan Institute!

SISTER ROSIE REPORTS FROM ETHIOPIA

Editor's Note: Sister Rosie Brooks is a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary of the Province of East Africa. For the last fifteen years she has worked as a nurse in a 76-bed Health Centre in Ethiopia. Rosie was in the Franciscan Institute Sabbatical Program of 2007.

"Surprise greetings from Ethiopia! It has taken me quite a while to readjust to Bushulo / Ethiopia. When I arrived back we were in a drought ... but just as soon as the land could be plowed and seeded the rains were exceedingly heavy and severe flooding has killed 111 ... (with ten people killed by crocodiles when the rivers flood their banks.) The food situation will be coming to a peak in the next month. We are already getting increasing numbers of malnourished children. The prices of food from the markets are soaring. People are unable to buy even the basics. We are trying to plan how we can respond in our own area.

I miss Bona and everyone. Really, it was the best year. I'm still reading all those wonderful books I shipped ahead of me ... that's all for now." Rosie Brooks, F.M.M.

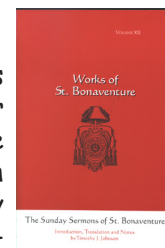


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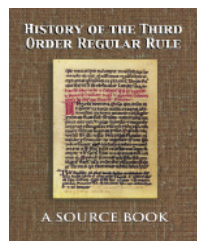
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Edited by Margaret Carney, O.S.F., Jean François Godet-Calogeras, and Suzanne M. Kush, C.S.S.F. The work that produced the approved text for the Rule and Life of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis in 1982 has several sources. The energy and enlightenment that gave rise to this first international collaboration in TOR history was fed by multiple streams and the most important are enumerated here. -- \$45.00

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THE 2008 BRADY LECTURE

The featured speaker for the Fifth Annual Brady Lecture, Dr. Alessandro Vettori, Ph.D., comes to us from the Department of Italian, at Rutgers University. Dr. Vettori's topic concerns "Dante and the Franciscans" and the presentation will take place on November 12, 2008 at 4:00 PM in the University Chapel at St. Bonaventure University. The Brady Lecture is an annual event which celebrates the contributions of Ignatius Charles Brady, O.F.M. to the field of Franciscan Studies and is made possible through the generous endowment of the Friars of the Province of St. John the Baptist. The lecture and reception are open to the public.



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