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Our Culture of Safeguarding

List of friars with substantiated accusations

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- *Updated following the death of Leopold Gleissner.*

In 2013, the Province underwent an independent audit. At that time, the Province decided to publicly release the names of current, former, and deceased friars with substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor. A substantiated claim is one that is confirmed through the friar's own admission, or through the findings of an administrative or criminal justice process. This is not a decision that we made lightly. It was the product of years of periodic reflection, conversation, deliberation and prayer.

1. We hope that the release of these names might help some victims/survivors by validating their experiences and encourage them and others to come forward for help.
2. We hope that along with the transparency in the audit report itself, greater openness about our brothers who have confirmed allegations of sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable adults can underscore the seriousness of our efforts to prevent and better respond to abuse and thus aid the process of healing and the restoration of trust.
3. We hope that releasing these names may aid in accountability and community support, and thus lower the risk of reoffending.

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Current members

(Fr.) Arthur Cooney

Current members

Assignment History

- Member of Retreat Team, Queen of Angels Retreat Center, Saginaw, MI 1980-1981
- Missioner (transfer to Vice-Province, 1981 1985
- Itinerant Preacher/Diocesan Ministry, Saginaw MI, 1985-1986
- Administrative Leave/Jemez Springs, NM 1986-1986
- Pastoral Ministry, St. Anthony Parish/Saginaw MI, 1986-1990
- Itinerant Preaching/U.S. & International, 1990-1997
- Itinerant Preaching Ministry/St. Joseph Parish/Saginaw MI – 1997-2002
- Sabbatical/Saginaw MI, 1998-1999
- Itinerant Preaching/St. Anthony Parish/Saginaw MI -2002-2005z
- Staff/Monte Alverno Retreat Center, Appleton WI-2005-2009
- Removed from public ministry - 2009 to present
- St. Joseph Center Development Office, Detroit 2009-2024
- Retired 2024-present

(Fr.) Joseph Smetana

Assignment History

- Mary Immaculate Friary/Garrison, NY, 9/50-6/52, Formation
- St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN, 7/52-7/53, Formation
- St. Anthony Friary/Marathon, WI, 7/53-5/57, Studies
- St. Benedict the Moor Friary/Milwaukee, WI, 8/57-7/58, Pastoral Ministry/Teacher
- St. Joseph Friary/Appleton, WI, 7/58-6/60, Pastoral Ministry/Director: Third Order
- St. Benedict the Moor Monastery, Milwaukee, WI, 6/60-6/65, Pastoral Ministry/Teacher/Chaplain County Jail
- Catholic University/Ponce, Puerto Rico, 6/63-8/63, 6/64-8/64, Spanish studies/Pastoral Ministry Help Out
- Nicaragua, 9/65-8/97, Missioner
- Administrative Leave, Jemez Springs, NM, 7/87-3/88
- St. Francis Community, Milwaukee, WI 8/97, Temporary Resident
- St. Bonaventure Monastery, Detroit, MI, 1/98-9/98, Staff: Mission Office
- Casa San Jose, Tucson, AZ, 9/98-9/99, Staff
- Nicaragua, 4/99-5/99, visit
- St. Francis Friary, Milwaukee, WI, 9/99-2/01, Staff/Help-Out Ministry
- Nicaragua, 6/00-6/00, visit
- Casa San Jose, AZ, 2/01-5/01, Help-Out Ministry
- St. Francis Friary, Milwaukee, WI, 5/01-7/01 Staff/Help-Out
- St. Henry Parish, Eau Galle, WI, 7/01-9/01, Help Out Ministry
- St. Henry Parish, Eau Galle, WI, 12/01-9/02, Parochial Administrator
- Casa San Jose, Tucson, AZ, 9/02-5/04 Staff/In Residence
- St. Crispin Friary, Washington, MI 6/04 – 5/11

(Fr.) James Wolf

Current members

Assignment History

- Novice/St. Felix Friary/Huntington IN-1949-1950
- Cleric/Mary Immaculate/Garrison, NY-1950-1952
- Cleric/St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN-1952-1954
- Cleric/Student Priest/St. Anthony Friary/Marathon, WI-1954-1958
- Ministry Formation/Supply Work/St. Elizabeth Friary/Milwaukee WI-1958-1958
- Pastoral Year/St. Francis Friary/Milwaukee, WI-1958-1959
- Assistant Third Order Director/St. Bonaventure Friary/Detroit, MI-1959-1963
- St. Fidelis Friary, Marquette MI January 1964
- Assigned by Bishop of Marquette to work on the Cause of Bishop Baraga. Named Postulator1967-1975
- Local Minister/St. Fidelis Friary/Marquette, MI-1966-1970
- Local Minister/St. Fidelis Friary/Marquette, MI-1971-1976
- Assigned to North American College, Rome 1973-1975
- Pastor/St. John Evangelist Parish/Vicar/Detroit MI-1976-1980
- Chaplain/Siena Center/Racine WI-1980-1987
- Sabbatical-1987-1988
- Administrative Leave/St. Louis MO-1987-1987
- Colstrip, MT-1988-1994
- Administrative Leave/Jemez Springs AZ-1994-1995
- Friary Staff/St. Bonaventure Friary/Detroit, MI-1994-2003
- Director: Provincial Archives/St. Bonaventure Friary/Detroit, MI-1995-2003
- Retired/Restricted in Ministry - 2005-present

(Fr.) Robert Harrison

Assignment History

- St. Bonaventure Friary, Detroit, Novice, 8/31/1955 – 9/2/1956
- St. Felix Friary, Huntington IN, Cleric in Studies 9/2/1956 – 6/23/1959
- St. Mary’s Seminary, Crown Point IN, Cleric in Studies, 6/23/1959 – 6/10/1960
- St. Anthony, Marathon WI, Cleric in Studies 6/14/1960 – 6/9/1964
- St Francis, Milwaukee WI, Summer Help/Pastoral Course 6/23/1964 – 8/1965
- St. Benedict the Moor, Milwaukee WI, Assistant 8/1965 – 10/1967
- St. Francis Friary, Milwaukee WI, Counselor: Carmelite Boys Home, 10/8/1967 – 5/1978
- Residence in Bloomington, IN, Student at University of Indiana, 6/1978 – 1978
- New York, New York, City of NY Board of Corrections/Helpouts, 1978
- St. Charles Borromeo, NY, NY, Administrator/Basketball Leadership Program, No dates given
- Pierre Toussaint Residence, NY NY, No dates
- Cardinal Hayes High School, Bronx, NY, Teacher, 1990 – 12/2015

(Fr.) Gus Cops

Current members

Assignment History

- Sacred Heart, Baraga, MI, Novice, 8/21/58 - 6/24/59
- St. Felix, Huntington, IN, Novice, 6/25/59 - 9/2/59
- St. Mary, Crown Point, IN, Cleric in studies, 9/2/59 - 6/12/62
- Sacred Heart, Baraga, MI, Novice, 7/27/62 - 8/2/63
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI, Professorium, 8/3/63 - 4/20/64
- St. Elizabeth, Milwaukee, WI, Porter/Maintenance, 4/22/64 - 8/13/64
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI, Professorium, 8/13/64 - 10/7/65
- St. Joseph, Appleton, WI, Assistant, 10/7/65 - 5/66
- St. Francis Brothers School, Mt. Calvary, WI, , Prefect/Cook/Counsellor/Maintenance, 5/66 - 8/70
- Christian Commune House, St. Clair, MI, Retreat Team, 8/70 - 8/73
- St. Bonaventure, Detroit, MI, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 8/73 - 9/77
- Boston House, Detroit, MI, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 9/77 - 1981
- Sabbatical, 1981-1982
- St. Fidelis Friary, Appleton, WI, Ministry Formation/Sacred Heart School of Theology, 6/15/82 - 10/16/86
- St. Justin Parish, Chicago, IL, Associate Pastor, 7/15/86 - 6/1/88
- Blessed Sacrament Parish, Lame Deer, MT, Associate Pastor, 6/1/88 - 6/15/90
- St. Elizabeth Parish, Milwaukee, WI, Associate Pastor, 6/15/90 - 1993
- Sabbatical, 1/1/95 (3 months)
- St. Charles/St. Anthony/Our Lady of Sorrows, Detroit, MI, Associate Pastor, 7/1/95 - 3/6/00
- St. Charles COmmunity, Detroit, MI, Healing Ministry, 3/6/00 - 3/1/04
- San Damiano Community, Madison, WI, In-residence/retired, 3/20/04 - 1/15/15
- St. Francis Friary, Milwaukee, WI, In-residence/retired, 1/15/15 - 1/20/20
- St. Fidelis Friary, Milwaukee, WI, In-residence/retired, 1/21/20 - present

Deceased members

(Fr.) Benedict Adams (Died 15 April 2002)

Deceased members

Assignment History

- St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN 8/1950 – 9/1951
- Mary Immaculate/Garrison, NY 9/1952 – 6/1952
- St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN 7/1952 – 6/1954
- St. Anthony Friary/Marathon, WI 7/1954 – 5/1958
- St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN 6/1958 – 9/1958
- St. Francis Friary/Milwaukee, WI 9/1958 – 6/1959
- St. Elizabeth Friary, Milwaukee, WI 6/1959 – 6/1960
- St. Lawrence Retreat House, St. Clair, MI 6/1960 – 11/1961
- St. Bonaventure Friary, Detroit, MI 11/1961 – 6/1962
- St. Joseph Friary, Appleton, WI 6/1962 – 6/1963
- Queen of Angels, Saginaw, MI 9/1963 – 7/1964
- St. Bonaventure Friary, Detroit, MI 7/1965 – 1969
- St. Clare Capuchin Retreat, St. Clair, MI 8/1969 – 1973
- St. Anthony/Marathon, WI 6/1973 – 1975
- St. Anthony Retreat Center/Marathon, WI 1975
- Queen of Angels, Saginaw, MI 7/1981- 1982
- Capuchin Retreat, Washington, MI – 4/1984
- Capuchin Retreat, Washington, MI – 7/1984
- St. Clare Retreat House, St. Clair, MI – 7/1987
- St. Fidelis Friary 12/1998

(Fr.) Baldwin Beyer (Died 2 January 1999)

Assignment History

- St. Felix Friary, Huntington, IN 3/1945 – 9/1946
- Mary Immaculate, Garrison, NY 9/1946 – 6/1950
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI 6/1950 – 6/1954
- St. Elizabeth Friary/Milwaukee, WI 6/1954 – 7/1958
- St. Bonaventure Friary/Detroit, MI 7/1958 – 8/1959
- St. Joseph, Appleton, WI 8/1959 – 9/1961
- St. Felix Friary/Fort Wayne, IN 10/1961 – 1/1965
- Queen of Angels Retreat/Saginaw, MI 1/1965 – 8/1967
- St. Francis Bros. School/Mt. Calvary, WI 8/1967 – 11/1969
- St. Bonaventure Friary/Detroit, MI 11/1969 – 5/1972
- 1046 Meridian Road, Sanford, MI – 5/1972 (Alcoholism Counselor)
- Sanford, MI 1974 – 9/1985 (Alcoholism Counselor)
- Queen of Angels, Saginaw, MI – 10/1985
- St. Bonaventure Friary – 12/1986
- Jefferson House, Detroit, MI - 1987
- Saginaw Retreat Center, Saginaw, MI – 12/1992
- Our Lady of Solitude, Palm Springs, CA – 7/1993 – 7/1996
- Blessed Sacrament Parish, San Bernardino, CA – 07/1996

(Fr.) James Buser (Died 21 December 1979)

Assignment History

- Huntington, IN (Novitiate)
- St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, WI (only assignment throughout his Capuchin career)

Deceased members

(Fr.) Leopold Gleissner (Died 12 June 2025)

Assignment History

- St. Felix Friary, Huntington, IN 7/45 – 8/46, Novice
- Mary Immaculate, Garrison, NY 8/46 – 7/49, Cleric
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI 7/49 – 6/53, Cleric/Student Priest
- St. Bonaventure Friary, Detroit, MI 6/53 – 6/54, Assistant Third Order Director
- St. Francis, Milwaukee, WI 6/54 – 9/56, Director of the Third Order
- Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, 9/56 – 5/57, Missionary Orientation
- Bluefields, Nicaragua, 5/57 – 9/57, Seminary Professor
- Rama, Nicaragua, 9/57 -10/57, Supplier (5 weeks)
- Siuna, Nicaragua, 10/57 – 4/59, Assistant
- Bonanza, Nicaragua, 4/59 – 7/64, Assistant (Third Order Franciscans)
- Bluefields, Nicaragua, 7/64 – 12/64, Supplier as Assistant Procurator
- Bluefields, Nicaragua, 12/64 – 2/67, Assistant: Cathedral (T.O.F. Commissary)
- Siuna, Nicaragua, 2/67 – 8/69, Second Assistant
- Siuna,Nicaragua, 8/69 – 9/72, Quasi Pastor
- Cristo Rey Center, Racine, WI, 10/72 – 8/74, Pastoral Team
- St. Bonaventure Friary, Detroit, MI, 8/74 – 1/75, Assistant Secretary to the Missions/Pastoral Team
- St. Anne Parish, Broken Arrow, OK and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tulsa OK, 1/75 – 6/77, Associate Pastor and Pastor respectively
- St. Francis of Assisi, Los Angeles, CA, 6/77 – 12/78, Associate Pastor
- Our Lady of Soledad Parish, Coachella, CA, 1/78 – 6/82, Associate Pastor
- Capuchin Community, Warren, MI, 6/82 – 7/83, Health Care
- Sacred Heart Church, Willcox, AZ, 7/83 – 9/83, Help outs waiting for assignment
- St. Joseph Church, Hayden, AZ, 10/83 – 5/88, Pastor Victory Knoll Sisters, Huntington, IN, 8/88 – 9/89, Chaplain
- St. Patrick Church, Ft. Wayne, IN, 9/89 – 4/90, Parochial Vicar/Chaplain/Spiritual Assistant
- Panama, Nicaragua, 4/89 – 6/90, Visit
- St. Paul Parish, Ft. Wayne, IN, 6/90 – 8/91, Hispanic Ministry, Parochial Vicar/Chaplain
- Agnesian Sisters, Nazareth Heights, Fond du Lac, WI, 8/91 – 6/93, Chaplain/Nursing Facility

(Fr.) Clarence Grosser (1989)***

Deceased members

Assignment History

- Detroit, MI – 1928 – 1929 (Novice)
- Marathon, WI – 1929 – 1936 (Cleric)
- Mt. Calvary, WI – 1936 – 1940 (Prefect & Prof)
- St. Elizabeth, Milwaukee, WI – 1940 – 1942 (Asst.)
- Sacred Heart, Yonkers, NY – 1942 - 1945
- St. Michael’s, Brooklyn, NY – 1945 – 1948
- St. John’s, New York City, NY – 1948 – 1956
- St. Anthony, Hudson, New Hampshire – 1956 – 1958
- Garrison, New York – 1958 – 1959
- St. Francis, Springfield, MA – 1959 – 1961
- St. John’s, New York City, NY – 1961 – 1974
- St. Lawrence, Milton – 9/1974 – 11/1979
- St. Lawrence, Abington – 10/1979

(Fr.) Mel Hermanns (2021)

Assignment History

- Sacred Heart Friary, Baraga, WI 8/31/57 - 9/1/58 Novice
- St. Felix Friary, Huntington, IN 9/58 - 6/59 Cleric
- St. Mary’s Seminary, Crown Point, IN 6/59 - 6/61 Cleric
- St. Anthony Friary, Marathon, WI, 6/61 - 8/65
Cleric/Student/Priest
- St. Francis Friary, Milwaukee, WI, 8/65 - 6/66 Pastoral Ministry
- St. Bonaventure Friary, Detroit, MI, 6/66 - 7/74 Assistant Vocation Director
- Boston House, Detroit, MI, 7/74 - 7/75, Assistant Vocation Director (Resident Mode)
- Lemay Street, Detroit, MI
- 8/75 7/76 Vocation Ministry/ Local Superior /Formation Team
- St. John’s/Detroit, MI 8/76 5/77 Director of Pre-Novitiate Team
- St. Bonaventure Friary/Detroit, MI 5/77 8/81 Local Superior/Formation Team
- 1st Street/Milwaukee, WI 8/81 12/1/85
- 1/84 3/84
- Preaching Ministry
- Short Sabbatical
- Institute of Religious Formation/St. Louis, MO / /85 6/86 Student
- Ashland, MT 6/86 8/15/86 Visiting
- St. Elizabeth Parish/Milwaukee, WI 8/15/86 4/14/93 Pastor
- Administrative Leave/Jemez Springs, NM 4/14/93 11/12/93
- Monte Alverno Retreat/Appleton, WI 12/1/93 7/1/99 Preaching Ministry/Maintenance
- Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish/Chicago, IL, with residence with St. Kevin’s Community 7/1/99 71/08 Pastor/Semi-Retired
- Sabbatical 7/1/08
- Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish/Chicago, IL Pastor/Semi-Retired

(Fr.) James LaReau (1987)

Deceased members

Assignment History

- St. Bonaventure, Detroit 8/1952 – 9/1953
- St. Anthony, Marathon 6/1957 – 6/1961
- St. Francis, Milwaukee 8/1961 – 6/1962
- St. Lawrence, Mt. Calvary 6/1961 – 8/1981
- Queen of Angels, Saginaw 9/1981 – 2/1985
- St. Anthony, Fargo, ND 3/1985 – 8/1986
- San Damiano, Madison 8/1986 – 4/1987
- St. Lawrence, Mt. Calvary 4/1987 – 7/1987

(Fr.) Gale Leifeld (Died 22 June 1994)

Assignment History

- Huntington, IN - Novice – 8/1947 – 9/1948
- Garrison, NY – Post Novitiate – 9/1948 – 6/1951
- Marathon, WI – student priest – 6/1951 – 6/1955
- St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, WI – 6/1955 – 7/1976
- St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, WI – 7/1976 – 7/1982 (appointed rector 6/1/1977)
- Milwaukee, WI – sabbatical – 7/1982 – 1/1984
- St. Robert, Shorewood, WI – 1/1984 – 6/1984
- Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI – 7/1984 – 1/1993
- Removed from public ministry - 01/1993
- Medical leave – Jemez Springs, NM – 1/1993 – 7/1993
- Medical leave – Dittmer, MO – 7/1993 – 10/1993
- Achilles street, Milwaukee, WI – in residence – 10/1993 – 5/1994
- St. Fidelis, Appleton, WI – Retired – 5/11/1994

(Br.) Matthew Migan (Died 27 February 1958)^{***}

Assignment History

- St. Bonaventure, Detroit, MI – 6/1933 – 4/1934
- St. Felix, Huntington, IN – 4/1934 (novitiate)
- St. Bonaventure, Detroit, MI – 10/1934 – 3/1937
- St. Benedict the Moor, Milwaukee, WI – 3/1937 – 9/1940
- Nicaragua – 10/1940 – 4/1942
- St. Francis – 1942 – 1945
- Appleton, WI – 1945
- Mt. Calvary – 1945
- (Record is illegible) – 1946 (was a cook)
- St. Fidelis, Appleton, WI – 11/1949
- Mary Immaculate Friary, Garrison, NY – 11/1949 – 9/1951
- Our Lady Queen of Angels, New York, NY – 9/1951
- Our Lady of Sorrows, New York, NY – 9/1952 – 8/1953
- Mary Immaculate, Garrison – 8/1953 – 12/1956
- Our Lady Queen of Angels, New York, NY – 12/1956 – 2/1958

(Fr.) Carl Pulvermacher (Died 29 May 2006)^{*}

Deceased members

Assignment History

- St. Felix Friary, Huntington, IN 7/11/44 - 8/9/1945 (Novice)
- Monastery of Mary Immaculate, Garrison, NY 8/10/1945 - 06/1949 (Cleric)
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI 6/1949 - 6/1953 (Cleric and student)
- St. Labre Mission, Ashland, MT 6/27/1953 - 6/1965 (Assistant Pastor)
- St. Xavier Mission, St. Xavier, MT 6/1965 - 8/15/70 (Pastor)
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI 8/1970 - 1972
- Capuchin General Custody of Australia 1972-1976
- Left the order 1976

(Fr.) Austin Schlaefer (Died 19 June 1992)

Assignment History

- St. Felix, Huntington, IN – 8/1943 – 6/1944 (novice)
- Mary Immaculate, Garrison, NY – 6/1944 – 6/1948
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI – 6/1948 – 6/1952
- Holy Cross, Mt. Calvary, WI – 6/1952 – 7/1952
- St. Francis/Milwaukee, WI 6/1952 – 7/1955
- St. Joseph/Appleton, WI 7/1955 – 6/1956
- St. Francis/Milwaukee, WI 6/1956 – 6/1963
- St. Mary Sem/Crown Pt, IN 7/1963 – 2/1965
- St. Elizabeth/Milwaukee, WI 2/1965 – 1970
- St. Bonaventure/Detroit, MI 6/1970 – 6/1973
- St. Benedict/Milwaukee, WI 6/1973 – 8/1977
- St. Lawrence, Mt. Calvary, WI 8/1977 – 7/1978
- Blessed Sacrament/Midland, MI 7/1978 – 5/1979
- DePorres Cap Fraternity/Chicago, IL 7/1979 - ?
- St. Justin, Chicago, IL – 7/1981 – 1/1983
- Queen of Angels, Saginaw, MI – 1/1983

(Fr.) Wendelin Shafer (Died 9 October 2005)

Assignment History

- Bluefields, Nicaragua 8/1947 – 1950
- Bonanzo, Nicaragua 1/19/1950 – 1953
- Siuna, Nicaragua 3/5/1953 – 1955
- Rama, Nicaragua 1955 – 1957
- Rio Coco (Lower River Catechetical School) 1957 – 1967
- Rio Grande – La Cruz (Central Nicaragua) 1967 – 1977
- USA 1977 – 1978
- Waspam 1978 – 1981
- Wisconsin University extension, Milwaukee – 1979 (courses in int’l relations/diplomacy)
- Member of the vice province of St. Felix of Cantalice (remains member POSJ) – 11/1/2000

(Fr.) Hilary Zach (Died 22 March 1997)

Deceased members

Assignment History

- St. Felix Friary, Huntington, IN – 1941-1942 (novice)
- Glenclyffe, Garrison, NY – 1942-1946 (cleric)
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI – 1946 – 1950 simplex priest
- St. Lawrence/Mt. Calvary, WI – 1950 – 1958
- St. Felix Friary, Huntington, IN – 6/1959 – 1968
- St. Benedict/ Milwaukee, WI – 1968 – 1970
- St. Lawrence/ Mt. Calvary, WI – 1970 – 1978
- St. Agnes Hospital/Fond du Lac, WI – 1978 - 3/1997 (chaplain until his death)

(Fr.) Bertold Ascher (Died 20 May 1967)

Assignment History

- Detroit, MI 4/1915 – 5/1916
- St. Francis/Milwaukee, WI 5/1916 – 12/1916
- St. Michaels, 12/1916 – 7/1921
- Marathon, WI 7/1921 – 4/1929
- St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN 4/1929 – 5/1939
- St. Anthony/ Marathon, WI 5/1939 – 4/1942
- St. Labre Mission/ Ashland, MT 4/1942 - ?
- St. Felix/ Huntington, IN 4/1947 – 1951
- St. Anthony/ Marathon, WI 12/1951 – 7/1952
- St. Bonaventure/ Detroit, MI 7/1952 – 2/1956
- St. Labre/ Ashland, MT 4/1956 – 5/1967

(Fr.) Roman Ament (Died 11 January 1984)

Assignment History

- Holy Cross/Mt. Calvary, WI 7/1934 – 1936
- St. Bonaventure/Detroit, MI 7/1936 – 7/1937
- St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN 7/1937 – 1/1938
- St. John’s/New York 1/1938 – 3/1938
- St. Joseph’s Friary/Appleton, WI 4/1938 – 8/1938
- St. Lawrence/Mt. Calvary, WI 8/1938 -7/1939
- Nicaragua 10/1939 – 5/1952
- St. Lawrence/Mt. Calvary, WI 5/1952 – 7/1955
- St. Francis/Milwaukee, WI 7/1955 – 10/1956
- Saudi Arabia 10/1956 – 6/1968
- St. Francis/Milwaukee, WI 6/1968 – 1/1969
- St. Vincent DePaul/Pontiac, MI 1/1969 – 2/1971
- St. Benedict/Milwaukee, WI 2/1971 -4-1971
- St. Patrick, Beaver Dam, WI 4/1971 – 7/1973
- St. Mary’s Seminary/Crown Point, IN 7/1973 – 6/1974
- St. Francis/Milwaukee, WI 9/1974 – 4/1979
- Scottsdale AZ, St. John’s Indian Mission (no date)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish/Guadalupe 4/1979 -1/1984

(Br.) Francis Mary Sparacino (2015)

Deceased members

Assignment History

- St. Bonaventure Monastery/Detroit, MI 9/5/49-3/21/52
Candidate/Novice
- St. Anthony/Marathon, WI 3/21/52 – 2/16/58 Professional Tailor
- Sacred Heart/Baraga, MI 2/16/58 – 6/24/59
Professorium/Cook/Baker
- St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN 6/25/59 – 5/20/60 Professional Cook
- St. Joseph/Appleton, WI 5/23/60 – 12/19/60 Cook/Sacristan
- St. Bonaventure/Detroit, MI – 12/19/60 – 6/1/65 Friary Staff/Cook
- St. Felix Friary/Huntington, IN 6/1/65 – 8/1/71 Friary Staff/Prov. Tailor/Cook
- St. Lawrence Friary/Mt. Calvary, WI 8/1/71 – 5/1/79 Prov. Tailor
- St. Patrick Parish/St. Paul, MN 8/1/79 – 5/1/81 Parish Team/Cook/Sacristan
- Assumption Parish/Fargo, ND 9/81 – 5/82 Parish Team/Cook
- St. Lawrence Seminary/Mt. Calvary, WI 5/82 – 8/22/83
Staff/Study Hall Supervisor/Prov. Tailor
- De Porres Capuchin Community/Chicago, IL 8/22/83 – 1/1/84
Cook
- Sabbatical 1/1/84 -1/1/85
- St. Joseph Friary/Appleton, WI 1/1/85 – 10/15/92 Parish Staff
- St. Patrick Friary/St. Paul MN 10/15/92 – 1/15/95 Parish Staff/Cook for Fraternity
- Living alone, attached to Monte Alverno Community/Appleton, WI 1/15/95 – 6/30/04 Senior Citizen Ministry
- St. Fidelis Friary/Appleton, WI 6/30/04 Retired
- St. Paul Nursing Home/Appleton WI present, No public ministry

(Fr.) Elmer Stoffel (Died 2 December 1992)

Assignment History

- St. Elizabeth/Milwaukee, WI 9/1939 – 9/1940
- Sacred Heart/Yonkers, NY 9/1940 -9/1942
- Novice Director/Huntington, IN 9/1942 – 9/1958
- St. Anthony/Saginaw, MI 9/1958 -9/1964
- Holy Cross/Mt. Calvary, WI 9/1964 – 9/1967
- St. Bonaventure/Detroit, MI 9/1967 – 9/1968
- Queen of Angels/Saginaw, MI 9/1968 – 9/1970
- Sacred Heart/Baraga, MI 9/1970 – 9/1971
- St. Catherine/L’Anse, MI 9/1971 – 1/1982
- Retired 1982

Former members (deceased)

(Fr.) Jude Hahn (2008)

Former members (deceased)

Assignment History

- Novice/Huntington, IN and St. Bonaventure Detroit, MI 8/1951 – 9/1952
- Student/Huntington, IN 9?1952 – 6/1955
- St. Anthony Friary/Marathon, WI 6/1955 – 5/1959
- St. Francis/Milwaukee, WI 9/1959 – 6/1960
- Holy Cross/Mt. Calvary, WI 6/1960
- St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, WI – 1981 – 1984
- Transfer from St. Lawrence to Brindisi House – 6/1984
- Director of Development 2/1989
- Living with Mother – 4/1989 – 12/1989
- Dispensation from Rome - 1993

(Fr.) Emmett Hoffman (Died 01 February 2013)

Assignment History

- St. Felix/Huntington, IN 2/1945 – 8/1946
- Mary Immaculate/Garrison, NY 8/1946 – 6/1950
- St. Anthony/Marathon, WI 6/1950 – 7/1954
- St. Labre Mission/Ashland, MT 7/1954 – 6/1977
- Leave of Absence/Floral Park, NY 6/1977 – 7/1978
- St. Anthony Church/Culberson, MT 7/1978 – 6/1979
- St. Bernard Church/Billings, MT 6/1979 – 6/1982
- Incardinated Great Falls, MT 5/1994

(Fr.) Kenneth Stewart (2023)

Former members (deceased)

Assignment History

- St. Felix/Huntington, IN 7/1959 – 9/1960
- Capuchin Seminary of St. Mary/Crown Point, IN 9/1960 – 7/1964
- St. Anthony/Marathon, WI 7/1964 – 6/1968
- St. Francis/Milwaukee, WI 9/1968 – 6/1970
- St. Boniface/Milwaukee, WI 6/1970 – 1/1973
- St. Bonaventure/Detroit, MI 1/1973 – 6/1973
- Queen of Angels/Saginaw, MI 6/1973 – 7/1974
- National Office of Black Catholics/Washington, DC 7/1974 – 5/1976
- St. Lawrence/Mt. Calvary, WI 7/1976 – 8/1977
- Pierre Toussaint Residence/New York, NY 9/1977 – 6/1979
- St. Fidelis/Milwaukee, WI 8/1980 – 3/1981
- House of Peace/Milwaukee, WI 3/1981 – 5/1982
- St. Fidelis/Milwaukee, WI 5/1982 – 8/1982
- Saudi Arabia 8/1982 – 7/1987
- Administrative Leave/St. Louis maybe treatment? 10/1987 – 6/1988
- St. Bonaventure/Detroit, MI 1/1988 – 6/1988
- Capuchin Community/Warren, MI 6/1988 – 6/1989
- Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center/SanFrancisco, CA 8/1989 – 1990
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish/Cruz Bay, Virgin Islands 9/1990 – 2/1993
- St. Bonaventure/Detroit, MI 9/1994 – 7/1995
- Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish/Detroit, MI 7/1995 – 6/1999
- Sabbatical 6/1999 – 9/1999
- St. George/Chicago, IL 9/1999 – 1/2003
- Capuchin Retreat/Washington, MI 1/2003 – 2004
- St. Fidelis Friary/Appleton, WI 2004, restricted and then left Order

Former members

(Br.) Thomas Gardipee

Assignment History

- St. Felix, Huntington 1978 – 1979
- Capuchin Community, Boston Blvd, Detroit 1979-1981
- St. Lawrence, Mt. Calvary 1981 – 6/1982
- St. Conrad, Milwaukee 6/1982 – 8/15/1983
- St. Lawrence, Mt. Calvary 8/15/1983 - 1992
- 06 April 2001 – Dispensation from Rome

(Br.) Leonard Gibeault

Former members

Assignment History

- St. Felix, Huntington, IN 8/5/1978 – 8/14/1979
- Capuchin Community, Boston Blvd., Detroit 8/28/1979 – 8/1/1980
- St. Lawrence, Mt. Calvary, WI 8/1/1980 - 1993
- Medical leave 1993 – 29 September 1997
- Dispensation from Rome – 18 March 1998

(Br.) James Anthony Gleason*

Assignment History

- Sacred Heart, Baraga, MI 1964-1965 (Novice)
- Seminary of St. Mary, Crown Point, IN 3/20/1965 - 1/14/1968 (Professorium)
- Holy Cross Friary, Mt. Calvary, WI 1/14/1968 - 5/6/1969 (Bookkeeper)
- St. Felix Friary, Huntington, IN 5/6/69 - 5/1970 (Tailor)
- St. Elizabeth Parish, Milwaukee 9/5/70 - 9/2/72 (Porter)
- St. Lawrence Friary, Mt. Calvary, WI 9/3/72 - 8/1/73 (Vocation Office)
- House of Prayer, New Franken, WI 8/2/1973 - 6/4/74 (Core member)
- House of Prayer, Wisconsin Dells, WI 6/4/74 - 9/1/75 (Core member)
- San Damiano Friary, Madison, WI 9/1/75 - 4/27/77 (Core member)
- St. Labre Indian Mission, Birney/Ashland, WI 4/28/77 - 1979 (Hermitage)
- St. Labre Indian Mission/Birney Day School/Birney Post, Birney/Ashland, WI 1979 - 1983 (Pastoral work)
- St. Fidelis Friary, Appleton, WI 1983 - 1984
- St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, WI 1984 - 1987 (Teaching staff)
- Maryknoll Institute, Bolivia 1987-1988 (Spanish course)
- Chepo, Panama 1/1988 - 7/1988 (Missionary)
- Servants of the Paraclete, Jemez Springs, New Mexico 11/1988 - 6/1989
- St. Bonaventure Monastery, Detroit 1989-1991 (Studies)
- Capuchin Community, Warren, MI 9/1/91 - 9/15/92 (Studies)
- San Damiano Friary, Madison, WI 9/15/92 - 9/15/95 (Hispanic ministry)
- Servants of the Paraclete, Jemez Springs, New Mexico 9/15/1995 - 6/11/1996
- Our Lady Queen of Angels, Saginaw, MI 6/11/96 - 5/1/1998 (Retreat ministry)
- Servants of the Paraclete, St. Louis 5/1/98 - 9/1/98
- Leave of absence 9/1/98 - 8/21/2000
- Dispensed from religious vows 8/21/2000

(Fr.) Donald (John Baptist) Kurcz

Former members

Assignment History

- St. Felix Monastery, Huntington, IN – 7/1944 – 8/1945 (novice)
- Mary Immaculate, Garrison, NY – 8/10/1945 – 6/1949
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI – 6/1948 – 6/1953
- St. Francis, Milwaukee – 6/1953 – 1/1954
- St. Bonaventure, Detroit, MI – 7/1954
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI – 12/1954 – 2/1955
- St. Elizabeth – 2/1955 – 7/1958
- Holy Cross – 7/1958
- Dispensation from Rome – 12/15/1973

(Fr.) Robert Spader

Assignment History

- St. Bonaventure, Detroit 8/1954 - 9/1955
- St. Felix, Huntington, IN 9/1955 - 6/1959
- Marathon, WI 6/1959 – 6/1963
- Detroit, MI 6/1963 – 8/1963
- St. Elizabeth, Milwaukee 8/1963 – 4/1964
- St. Anthony, Marathon, WI 4/1965 – 5/1964
- St. Francis, Milwaukee, WI 6/1964 – 8/1964
- Mexico City, Mexico 8/1964 – 1-/1964
- Bluefields, Nicaragua 10/1964 – 1976
- Bocana de Paiguas, Nicaragua 1976 – 1978
- St. Bonaventure, Detroit 8/1978 - 1981
- Vice Province of Central America – 10/1982 (missionary)
- Redford, MI (counseling ministry) 1/1982 – 12/1982
- Nicaragua 1/1983 – 1/1988
- Jemez Springs, MN – medical leave – 8/1988 – 5/1989
- Los Angeles, CA (counseling ministry) 1/1990 – 12/1990
- Downey, CA (counseling ministry) 1/1990 – 12/1991
- Los Angeles, CA (counseling/social service) 1/1/1991 – 12/1992
- Back in Province of St. Joseph – 12/15/1992

(Fr.) Dennis Druggan

The finding regarding Dennis Druggan was made upon a preliminary investigation by the Province (2013). Dennis Druggan left the Order prior to a penal administrative process occuring. Upon leaving, he maintained his innocence.

Former members

Assignment History

- St. Felix Friary/ Huntington, IN, Novice - 1976 to 1977
- Detroit, MI, Formation, Post Novitiate – 1977 to 1979
- St. Labre Friary/Ashland MT, Formation, Post Novitiate – 1979 – 1981
- DePorres Capuchin Community, Chicago, IL, Theology Student – 1981- 1982
- St. Justin Capuchin Community, Chicago, IL, Ministry Formation – 1983 – 1984
- St. Labre Parish/Ashland, MT, Pastor/Co-Director - 1984 – 1990
- Boston, MA, Studies, 1990
- St. Labre Parish/Ashland, MT – Co-Director/Local Minister - 1990 – 1991
- St. Lawrence Seminary/Mt. Calvary, WI, staff - 1992 – 1994
- St. Lawrence Seminary/Mt. Calvary, WI Rector/Pastor/Chief Exec. Officer– 1994 - 2012

* These allegations arose during the 2018 bankruptcy proceedings of the [Diocese of Great Falls-Billings](#).

*** In 1952 the Province of St. Joseph split into two provinces. A new province, The [Province of St. Mary](#), was created out of the eastern territory of the Province of St. Joseph. This friar transferred to the newly-formed Province of St. Mary in 1952 at the time of the split. The Provincialate, or main office, of the Province of St. Mary is in White Plains, New York.

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