

# Padres Trail

## Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Franciscan Friars ❖ Albuquerque, New Mexico

# Still Dancing at 90!

*Brother Mark Schornack OFM celebrates his 90th birthday.*



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*by Larry Schreiber OFM*

I'm sure you have all said at one time or another: "Boy, do I feel old today." That is one phrase I have never heard Brother Mark say. Living at Casa Guadalupe Friary in Albuquerque, NM, Mark recently turned 90 years old.

Brother Mark is still very active, has a healthy appetite, is energetic and continues to do work in the yard or crushing cans to raise money for the Missions. To what does he attribute his health and being active: "I was brought up on a farm and had to do hard manual work." He has continued to do that.

Brother Mark celebrated his 90th birthday on February 6, 2005. As a testament to his vitality, he marked his special day with TWO BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS. The first he celebrated on Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, with the Felician Sisters at Rio Rancho after the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass.

"I was so surprised at the many gifts and cards I received from them," Mark said in my

interview with him. "Who told them it was my birthday?" (*Little did he know that I told them a couple of days before, and Pio O'Connor OFM announced it at Mass that Sunday morning.*)

The Felician Sisters feted Brother Mark because Mark used to work at St. Felix Pantry each week. This Pantry is an outreach ministry of the Felicians that helps the poor with food. **Cecil Kleber OFM** introduced Brother Mark to this ministry many years ago.

The second celebration took place at Casa Guadalupe Friary on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, when 15 friars from the nearby friaries came together to celebrate Mark's birthday. Cake was served up with a special ice cream – *spumoni* – procured by **Gordon Boykin OFM** for the occasion. As with all friar celebrations, stories abounded. The festivities were accentuated with balloons, fire crackers and banners.

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Two birthday celebrations for Brother Mark.

Besides crushing cans for the Missions, Mark enjoys working in the yard pulling weeds, beating Cecil at Pinochle and being

he is doing. Soon Mark will be getting eye glasses after having cataract surgery on both eyes. Watch out!



Friars gather at Casa Guadalupe Friary for Brother Mark's second celebration for his 90th birthday on Monday.

healthy. "I like everything," is one of his favorite sayings when asked what kind of food he enjoys. He attributes his long life to keeping active, eating slowly, and enjoying whatever



Mark Schornack makes a wish as he cuts his birthday cake.



Gordon Boykin & Larry Schreiber bring out the birthday cake for Mark.

We are looking forward to Mark's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration next year. Y' all come now. Mark it on your calendar, ya' hear. **PT**

"I like everything!"  
- Brother Mark

## First Profession of Robert Lentz

by Larry Schreiber OFM

The celebration of Christmas came to a fitting ending with the First Profession of **Robert Lentz OFM** as a Franciscan Friar in the Chapel at Curia Juan Diego.



Robert Lentz makes his first profession of vows before Ron Walters and Larry Dunham.

It took place Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Some twenty Brothers gathered to share and witness Robert's profession as a fellow Brother.

**Ron Walters OFM**, Novice Master from St. Michael Mission in Saint Michaels, AZ where Robert had previously been stationed, began the ceremonies with a reading from writings about St. Francis. He then reflected on how Francis gave up all in the following of Christ by embracing Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. Ron asked the assembly

to reflect on their own following of Francis in that same spirit.

**Larry Dunham OFM** thanked those assembled and asked that we embrace our new Brother and encourage him with our example of faithful living. Robert then knelt before the Provincial and stated his intention to be faithful to the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience which he freely took before all present.

Robert signed the necessary papers, with Ron and **Don Billiard OFM** as witnesses. The assembled brethren then embraced their Brother Robert. Refreshments and sandwiches were served following the profession. **PT**

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Robert Lentz OFM makes first vows December 26, 2004.

Novice Master Ron Walters OFM asks friars to reflect on their own following of Francis.

# Council News

January 20, 2005  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Provincial Council Meeting

## Friar Assigned to Jemez Pueblo

The Provincial Council officially assigned **Robert Lentz OFM** to San Diego Friary, Jemez Pueblo, effective immediately. Robert made his first profession on December 26, 2004 at Curia Juan Diego in Albuquerque, NM.

## Navajo Reservation Ministry

**Caron Vollmer OFM** has returned to St. Michaels Mission, AZ, following a bout with pneumonia several weeks ago. He is currently helping with Sacramental Ministry in Lukachukai and Chinle, AZ.

## Friar to Assist in Deacon Program

Archbishop Michael Sheehan wishes to appoint **Hilaire Valiquette OFM** to serve as Associate Director of the Native American Diaconate Formation Program. Hilaire will work in concert with Permanent Diaconate Director Deacon Donato Lucero, and the Director of the Diaconate Formation Program, Deacon Mark Bussemeier. The Provincial Council supports this appointment.

## 2005 Province Budget Approved

The Provincial Council approved the Proposed Province Budget for Calendar Year 2005.

## All Province Assembly (APA)

The **All Province Assembly (APA)** will take place at the Best Western Inn, Rio Rancho, NM from **Sunday evening, August 7, 2005 thru noon on August 10, 2005**. Additional information regarding the APA, as well as registration forms, etc., will be mailed out at a later date.

## Novice / Postulant / Friar Update

Our Novices: **Abel Olivas OFM, Andrés Hernández OFM, Joseph Gonsalves OFM, Marco Antonio Mendoza OFM**, and Postulants: **Antonio Gonzalez** and **Erasmó Romero**, all received favorable mid-year evaluations at the end of 2004. **Patrick Schafer OFM** and **Gonzalo Moreno OFM's** evaluations as *Temporary Professed* will take place in early February in San Antonio, TX.

## OFM Tsunami Relief Donation

The Provincial Council approved a grant in the amount of **\$10,000.00** which will be sent to the Minister General in Rome for distribution to Franciscans in Indonesia, Thailand, and India who are ministering to the victims of the Tsunami of December 26, 2004.

APA to take place August 7-10, 2005 in Rio Rancho, NM.

Hilaire Valiquette OFM will assist the Native American Diaconate Program in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

# African Stole for Archbishop

Since his return from New Orleans, **Gordon Boykin OFM** has been involved with the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community (AACC).

Black Catholics are scattered at various parishes throughout the archdiocese, and so a Mass highlighting their culture is celebrated four times a year in a designated location.

The January liturgy was celebrated at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Church in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan presided.

For the occasion, the AACC steering committee commissioned Gordon to design a **stole** for presentation to the Archbishop in tribute for his many years of interest and support of Black Catholic Culture within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

The major fabric used for the stole was white Kente cloth. Kente cloth is a centuries old weaving technique from Ghana. The cloth is

made by male artisans in 6-8" wide strips on looms 3-4 yards long. The strips are then sewn together by hand to form a large sheet/robe.

Both the colors and the designs woven into the fabric have cultural significance. For countless generations, the cloth was reserved for wear by tribal kings and queens.

Gordon received a kind letter from the Archbishop in appreciation for his work on the stole. **PT**



Gordon holds the African stole.

Gordon Boykin OFM is commissioned by the African American Catholic Community to make an African stole for Archbishop Michael Sheehan.

# BIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY

- 1 - Conall Lynch (83)
- 2 - Larry Bernard (65)
- 6 - Bruce Michalek (58)
- 6 - Mark Schornack (90)
- 25 - Ron Walters (54)
- 26 - Caron Vollmer (86)

## MARCH

- 3 - Pacian Meyer (87)
- 9 - Charlie Martinez (52)
- 20 - Joe Redinbo (72)
- 20 - Richard Rohr (62)
- 24 - Ricardo Garcia (63)

## APRIL

- 10 - Efrén Quintero (28)
- 12 - Michael Burns (44)
- 12 - Emeric Nordmeyer (78)
- 19 - Duane Torisky (59)
- 25 - José Rodriguez (43)
- 28 - Seán Murnan (62)
- 30 - Gonzalo Moreno (43)

*"When God gives life, it is forever."*  
- Pope John Paul II

Sister Death calls our brother John Lanzrath OFM on December 31, 2005.

# Hope for Future

Some thirty-five friars came from different corners of the country to spend time together with **Dismas Bonner OFM** and **Charlie Smiech OFM**, to pray and be healed of the low morale in the Church because of sexual abuse cases.



Dismas Bonner and Charlie Smiech shared their expertise and experiences working with priests and religious.

The retreat "Franciscans: Facing the Future in Hope," took place on January 3-7, 2005 at Holy Cross Retreat Center in Mesilla Park, NM.

Celibacy and sexuality were the central topics, along with sharing in small groups about these issues. **PT**

# Request for Prayers

Please pray for our sick and infirm friars, particularly **Gordon Boykin, Caron Vollmer, Conall Lynch, Ben Begin, Ulric Pax, Victorin Bachus, Pacian Meyer, Donnan Herbe and Mark Schornack.**

Also remember in your prayers **Delfina Hernández**, mother of Marcos Hernández; **Ethel Burns**, the mother of Michael Burns; **Philip Dunham**, father of Larry Dunham; and **Walter Dugay**, former friar of OLG Province.

## Pray for the Deceased

+ **Margaret Kneip (86)**, aunt of Paul Juniet OFM, died on November 22, 2004 in Phoenix, AZ.

+ **Tom Ebbings (60)**, brother-in-law of Paul Juniet OFM, died on December 21, 2004 in Hamilton, OH.

+ **John Lanzrath OFM (76) of OLG Province** died on December 31, 2004 in Albuquerque, NM.

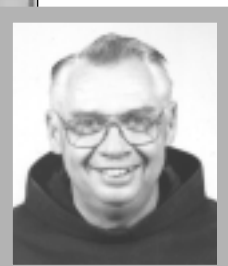
+ **Viola ("Tillie") Wintz (93)**, mother of Jack Wintz OFM (SJB), died on January 5, 2005 in Cincinnati, OH.

+ **Larry Landini OFM (69) of SJB Province** died on February 2, 2005 in Columbus, OH.

# Sister Death Comes



Curt Lanzrath OFM shares his love & remembrances of his brother.



John Lanzrath OFM 1928-2004



Valentine Young OFM (center), who preached, stands with Marcos Hernández OFM & Gabe Abeyta OFM (affiliate).



Friars help carry John's body from Queen of Angels Chapel in Albuquerque, NM on January 5, 2005.