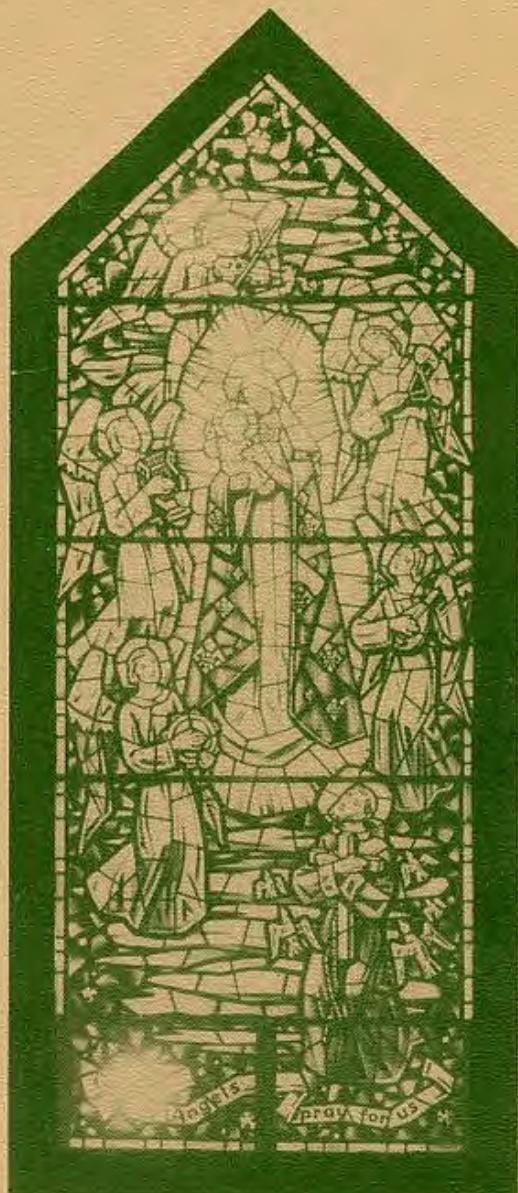


Silver Jubilee

1955-1980

*The Portiuncula
in the Pines*

Franciscan Friary
and Retreat House
DeWitt, Michigan





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIocese of Lansing
300 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

February 28, 1980

Rev. Maximus Mandl, OFM
Portiuncula in the Pines
DeWitt, Michigan 48820

Dear Father Max:

Our Lord more than once invited His followers to "come away into a desert place for a while." Moreover, He Himself showed us the need of being alone at times with the Father to pray and reflect.

Hence, every parish and every diocese needs a "desert place," a place available for quiet, peaceful, prayerful encounter with our God.

Portiuncula in the Pines has been that place for us in the Diocese of Lansing for 25 years. A Michigan-pine oasis rather than a sandy desert, it has served admirably as a place of retreat for clergy and laity of our parishes and organizations.

No less important to us has been the service of the Franciscan friars during these years, both in retreat work and in parish clergy assistance. In the name of the entire diocese, I congratulate you and your confreres at DeWitt on this anniversary and thank you for your holy work among us. *Pax et bonum!*

Fraternally yours,

Kenneth J. Povish

Kenneth J. Povish
Bishop of Lansing

"to accomplish his work"
John 4:34

Order of Friars Minor

CUSTODY OF ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN

HOLY ASSUMPTION FRIARY
1290 HORNBERGER AVE.
ROEBLING, N. J. 08554

Fr. Eugene Lenner, O. F. M., Guardian
Saint Mary of the Angels Friary
703 East Main Street
DeWitt, Michigan 48820

Dear Father Lenner:

It is with great pride that I greet you and my fellow Franciscans on this day of celebration, the Twenty-fifth year of the founding of the Retreat House of the Hungarian Franciscan Fathers so that they may spread the Holy Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis.

Throughout the years the chief purpose and aim of the Retreat House has been the kindling of faith in the souls of those who sought help, and strength for those whose belief has been weakened from the pressures of everyday influences. A retreat of both spiritual and physical up-lift, a place of complete concentration on God.

My deepest thanks to the two Fathers chiefly responsible for the establishment of the Retreat House, Fathers Julian Fuzer, O. F. M. and Maximus Mandl, O. F. M. It was their initiative which gave us this place of total peace and harmony. Thank you to all the other Fathers and Brothers who in subsequent years have spent their lives working and making it a place of refuge for those in need of God's total understanding.

Congratulations on the tenaciousness of all who made it a possibility that today we are able to celebrate this occasion, and that the next twenty-five years will bring about the same steadfast work in bringing God's word to those in need.

In the Brotherhood of St. Francis, may his spirit be your guide always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Dominic L. Csorba, O. F. M.
Fr. Dominic L. Csorba, O. F. M.
Custos



. . . Built Among Towering, Whispering Pines

The Surratt Property

The Franciscan Friars' friary and retreat house is built on the former property of Sylvester C. and Florence A. Surratt. Mr. Surratt's ancestors were closely related to Mary Surratt who was convicted and hanged on July 7, 1865 as an alleged conspirator in the murder of President Lincoln. The property was a part of the Treadwell family farm. The Surratts acquired 35 acres of this farm in the 1920s, built a rustic field-stone residence, and landscaped the whole property at the cost of thousands of dollars and countless hours of labor. By 1954 the Surratts reached the age where they could no longer do the massive yard work themselves. Their children were now grown and lived in other cities. They decided to sell the property at the same time as the Franciscan Friars were looking for a location for their friary and retreat house. The friars purchased the property on May 10, 1954.

The real estate agency described the property in these terms: "Thirty-five acres of verdant landscape, bedecked by hundreds of towering, whispering pines of every sort indigenous to this climate . . . flower gardens to delight the appreciative eye . . . carefully trimmed hedges . . . and believe it or not, there is a sporty, nine-hole golf course." There was also a landing strip for small planes. The landing strip and the golf course are gone--but the rest of the property still stands in its inspiring beauty.

In 1966 there was danger that the vacant acres just a few feet west of the boundary of the property would be developed into housing. In order to acquire this land it was necessary to buy the remaining 80 acres of the Treadwell farm. Purchase was completed in 1967. The City of DeWitt bought 20 acres for cemetery use and the friars 60 acres. These acres were cleared and slowly developed by the retreat house staff.

These 95 acres are awaiting the retreatant when he comes to DeWitt. Acres of silent serenity conducive to prayer and reflection. Acres of natural beauty raising the spirit high above the world to God. Acres refreshing to body and soul.

The Franciscans of DeWitt

The Franciscan Friars who own and operate the Retreat House in DeWitt are members of the Custody of St. John Capistran with headquarters in Roebling, N.J. A custody is a small unit in the Franciscan Order which--although in a different country--depends on the Province that established it. This Custody was established by and canonically depends on the Hungarian Province of St. John Capistran. Under the present circumstances it is directly subject to the Superior General of the order in Rome.

The Franciscans in Hungary

The Order of Friars Minor (O.F.M.) was founded in Assisi, Italy by St. Francis in 1209. For the first ten years of its existence the order worked almost exclusively in Italy. In 1219 St. Francis sent some of his Friars to various countries of Europe--among them to Hungary. This first attempt to establish a Franciscan presence in Hungary was an utter failure. In 1228 some Friars were sent to that country from the Province of Germany. This time the mission was successful. The Order took root on Hungarian soil and by 1239 developed into the independent Province of Hungary. Since then the order has always played an important role in the life of the Hungarian Church.

The Hungarian Franciscans in the U.S.A.

In 1900 the order had three Provinces in Hungary: St. Mary, St. John Capistran, and St. Stephen. After the

first World War that part of the country where the Province of St. Stephen worked became part of Rumania. In spite of their Rumanian citizenship they remained Hungarian and continued to work in the Hungarian speaking parishes of that country.

The immigration of Hungarians to America began during the last decade of the 19th century and continued in this century till the beginning of world war one. After the war it resumed again. To care for the spiritual needs of these people the Hungarian bishops sent dioce-

san priests to the U.S. After the first world war the Hungarian religious orders were also asked to send priests to the States and to participate in the pastoral care of Hungarian speaking citizens. All three Hungarian Provinces did so. By 1931 the members of the Province of St. John Capistran were strong enough to be established as the Custody of the same title. Later the Friars of the Province of St. Stephen were formed into a Custody. The Friars of the Province of St. Mary work in either one of these two.

The Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers, Bishop of Lansing, turns the first spade of dirt as ground was broken Oct. 22, 1959 for a new Franciscan Monastery at the Portiuncula in the Pines Retreat House.



The Custody of St. John Capistran in the U.S.

Our Custody has two Friaries: Our Lady of the Assumption in Roebling, N.J. (the mother-house) and Our Lady Queen of the Angels of the Portiuncula in DeWitt, Mi. It has perpetual care of the Holy Assumption parish in Roebling, N.J. and administers five other parishes: St. Ladislaus in New Brunswick, N.J.--Blessed Sacrament in Burton, Mi.--Holy Cross in Detroit, Mi.--St. Emeric in Milwaukee, Wisc.--St. Anthony, Winnipeg, Canada. One of its priests participates in the pastoral care of the Hungarian speaking people of the parish of St. Stephen in New York City. One serves as chaplain of the Monastery of Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Flemington, N.J. One is professor of Dogmatic Theology at Fordham University in New York City. One is member of the William Ockham research team at St. Bonaventure University, N.J.

The Custody in Michigan

Due to the illness of Rev. Anthony Csaky the parish of St. Joseph in Flint for Hungarian speaking people became vacant in 1947. Bishop Joseph Albers invited the Custody of St. John Capistran to assume the administration of that parish. The Friars cared for the spiritual needs of the people of St. Joseph's till 1973. In that year the church, hall, and rectory fell victim to the urban renewal. Since the parish was not strong enough to build its own plant somewhere else in Flint, Bishop Alexander Zaleski united the parish with Blessed Sacrament in Burton. This made it necessary to conduct services in both English and Hungarian. Bishop Zaleski asked the Custody to take charge of Blessed Sacrament

parish and serve both the English and Hungarian speaking faithful. Over the 32 years we have served the people of God in the diocese of Lansing.

In 1929 the Hungarian Province of St. John Capistran assumed administration of the Apostolic Prefecture of Paoding in China. After twenty four years of zealous labor among the Chinese the Friars were ousted by the Communist Government. Since they could not return to Hungary, they came to the United States. Five priests and three Brothers joined our ranks. This necessitated the establishment of a new Friary. Bishop Albers was approached and asked to allow the Friars to build a Friary in his diocese. During the conversation with the bishop the idea of a retreat house came up. Permission was eventually granted the Friars to build a Friary and a retreat house in the Lansing area. After careful consideration the Surratt property in DeWitt was selected as the location of the retreat house and Friary. For twenty five years the Friars of DeWitt have conducted retreats and days of recollection for thousands. They have also helped in parishes, preached missions and Forty Hours, taught C.C.D. classes and classes of theology in various parishes of the diocese.

The Retreat House

The Surratts left the premises at the end of June 1954. Brother Juniper Thee came over from St. Joseph's parish in Flint to take care of the house and property until the permanent staff would arrive. On September 1, 1954 Fr. Maximus Mandl and Brother Steven Csordos arrived and took up residence in the Surratt home. Shortly thereafter Bishop Albers and Fr.

Julian Fuzer, Provincial Superior of the Friars asked Simpson and Hartwick Architects of Lansing to draw up the blueprints for the retreat house.

By February, 1955 the blueprints were completed and given out for bids. The Vandenberg Construction Co. of East Lansing was awarded the contract. On March 1, 1955 Bishop Albers and Fr. Julian blessed and broke the ground for the retreat house in the presence of several members of the clergy and friends of the friars. By June 26, 1955 the construction was so far advanced that the blessing of the cornerstone could be undertaken. Bishop Albers conducted the ritual in the presence of the friars, many priests of the diocese, the officials of DeWitt, and hundreds of the faithful. A much larger number of priests and laypeople were present when Bishop Albers blessed the completed retreat house on October 9, 1955. At both ceremonies the honor guard of the Fourth Degree K. of C. graced the occasion.

The retreat house is a one story building. The original part of it consisted of a chapel in the center, a conference room on one end, the dining room and kitchen on the other. Between these main parts of the building 24 single bedrooms lined up. From the end where the conference room was located another row of 10 bedrooms went in a northerly direction.

While the construction work was going on Fr. Maximus Mandl visited all the parishes of the diocese--with the exception of the southwestern part. The pastors and officers of parish organizations cooperated beautifully in organizing retreat groups of both men and women. The first men's group to make a retreat at DeWitt was sponsored by the Fourth Degree of K. of C. of Lansing. The first group of ladies was the Catholic Business Women of Flint. Both were here in November of 1955. During the same time Fr. Julian and Fr. Maximus composed and published a manual of prayers for the retreatants. Folders with pictures of the retreat house and of the grounds were also printed and sent to the parishes to be distributed.

In a few years the retreat house proved to be too small. An addition was built in 1963, consisting of an office, two rooms for the friars in charge of the retreat house, a religious gift shop, a second conference room, a priests chapel with eleven altars, and sixteen more bedrooms. The new part was so arranged and attached to the older section as to form a square court yard. The lawn, the shrubs, and a few trees in it enhance the beauty of the retreat house.

Friary

When the first two friars arrived in DeWitt on September 1, 1954 they lived in the Surratt residence. A few months later they were joined by a young man from Lansing who became Brother Kenneth Ghastin. After the construction of the retreat house had been completed three more friars and three candidates were transferred to DeWitt. Some continued to live in the Surratt home and others occupied rooms in the retreat house.



The Retreat House Chapel

The friars were:

Fr. Dominic Dohanyos	Superior
Fr. Maximus Mandl	Retreat Master
Bro. Benignus Balogh	Cook
Bro. Juniper Thee	Gardener
Bro. Stephen Csordos	Janitor
Bro. Kenneth Ghastin	Gardener

To free the rooms of the retreat house occupied by the friars and to bring the whole community under one roof it was decided to build a friary. Work was begun in November of 1959. On September 15, 1960 the new friary was solemnly dedicated by Bishop Albers in the presence of the friars, the diocesan clergy and hundreds of the laity.

The friary has two wings. In the east-west wing are the chapel, the library, the recreation room, the dining room and the kitchen. In the basement of this wing are the workshops of the Brothers. In the south-north wing are the private quarters of the friars. This wing is a two story structure.

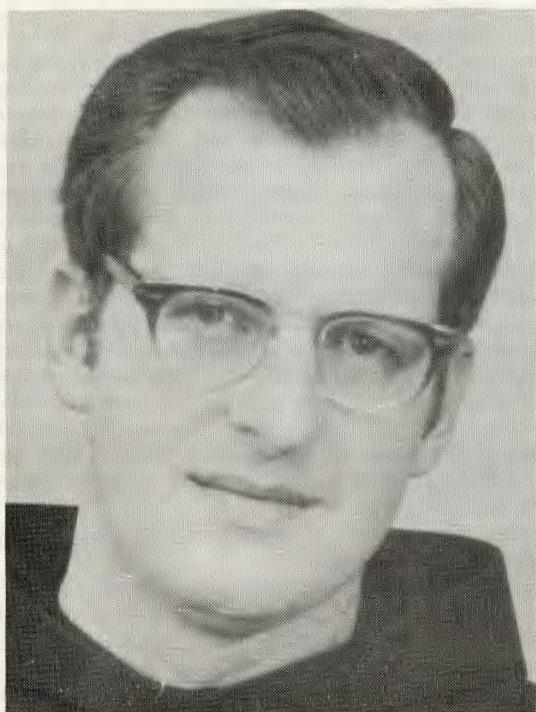
Superiors of the Friary - 1955-79

Fr. Dominic Dohanyos
Fr. Clement Kiraly
Fr. Julian Fuzer
Fr. Innocent Daam
Fr. Albin Thun
Fr. Maximus Mandl
Fr. Capistran Polgar

Staff at Present

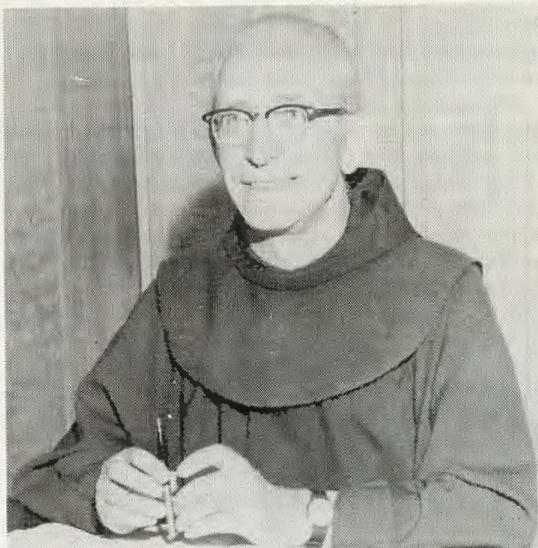
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Fr. Maximus Mandl--Retreat Master
Fr. Alexander Krupa
Bro. Benedict Barath
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Bro. Kurt Munn

Retreat Masters Who Have Served at the Franciscan Retreat House



Fr. Capistran Polgar, O.F.M., was born May 16, 1940 in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and entered the order August 15, 1958. He was ordained a priest June 2, 1967 and served as retreat master at the Franciscan Retreat House in DeWitt from 1971 to 1979. He presently is pastor at Holy Assumption Church, Roebling, New Jersey.

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Fr. Julian Fuzer, O.F.M., was born May 30, 1915 in Hehalom, Hungary, and entered the order August 29, 1933. He was ordained a priest July 13, 1941. He received his Licenciate in Theology at St. Anthony, Rome, in 1943 and Doctor of Philosophy degree at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, in 1946. He was provincial superior from 1950 to 1958 and retreat master at the Franciscan Retreat House, DeWitt, from 1962 to 1970. Presently he is pastor of St. Ladislaus Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey.



Fr. Maximus Mandl, O.F.M., was born September 6, 1917 in Lippo, Hungary. He entered the order August 29, 1934 and was ordained a priest July 13, 1941. He received his Licenciate in Theology at St. Anthony, Rome, in 1943 and did post graduate work in Sacred Scripture from 1943 to 1945. He was retreat master at the Franciscan Retreat House, DeWitt, from 1955 to 1962, 1970-71 and from 1979 to the present. He was provincial superior from 1964 to 1973.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 3, 1980

This Sunday of August 3, 1980 will be the main celebration of our Silver Jubilee. It will be held in connection with the annual Captains' Meeting. Due to lack of space, this celebration will be restricted to the captains, co-captains and their families.

PROGRAM: 11 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Most Rev. Kenneth J. Povish, D.D.
Bishop of Lansing, Michigan

Concelebrants: The Most Rev. Paul V. Donovan, D.D., Bishop of Kalamazoo, Michigan

The Most Rev. James S. Sullivan, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Lansing,
Michigan

Rev. Julian Fuzer, O.F.M., Pastor, St. Ladislaus Church, New Brunswick,
New Jersey

Rev. Maximus Mandl, O.F.M., Retreat Master, Portiuncula in the Pines
Retreat House, DeWitt, Michigan

Rev. Capistran Polgar, O.F.M., Pastor, Holy Assumption Church,
Roebling, New Jersey.

12:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch

2:00 p.m. Captains' Meeting

Opening Prayer: Bishop Kenneth Povish

Retreat Master's Experiences:
Fr. Capistran Polgar, O.F.M.

Welcome: Fr. Maximus Mandl, O.F.M.

A Man's Retreat Experiences:
Mr. Pat Kelly

The Beginnings:
Fr. Julian Fuzer, O.F.M.

Remarks:
Bishop Kenneth Povish
Bishop Paul Donovan
Fr. Dominic Csorba, O.F.M.

A Lady's Retreat Experiences:
Mrs. Lottie Wassell

Closing Prayer: Bishop Paul Donovan

Report and Honor Roll:
Fr. Maximus Mandl, O.F.M.

Clergy Night

October 9, 1980

This is the actual anniversary of the dedication of the retreat house by the Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers, who served as Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing from its establishment in 1937 to his death in 1965. The pastors, associates and priests in residence in those parishes of the Dioceses of Lansing, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids which have an organized retreat group with its own captain will be invited to this event.

Program

4 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

5 p.m. Cocktail Hour

6 p.m. Dinner

Sunday, October 5, 1980

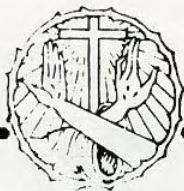
The Sunday before October 9 (the actual anniversary of the dedication of the retreat house):

Sunday, November 2, 1980

The anniversary of the first retreat, preached to the Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, Lansing, Michigan.

Open House for the General Public
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Guided tours of the retreat house and refreshments.



The Portiuncula in the Pines

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Retreat Statistics for 1979

(Data in parenthesis: For the previous year)

No. of Retreats		Attendance		RETREAT ATTENDANCE (1955-79)
Weekend	45	(43)	2074 (1977)	(In 1955: Nov. & Dec. only)
Midweek	11	(5)	302 (156)	1955: 57
TOTAL	56	(48)	2376 (2133)	1956: 809

Weekend Attendance	Average	
Men 35.5% 736 (627)	43 (41)	1960: 1280
Women 58.5% 1213 (1262)	48 (48)	1961: 1664
Mixed 6 % 125 (88)	41 (44)	1962: 1693
Weekend Average	46 (46)	1963: 2013
Midweek Average	27 (31)	1964: 2444
Overall Average	42 (44)	1965: 2528*

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

No.	Attendance		
Men 17	736 (627)	1966: 2110	1967: 2038
Women 26	1237 (1262)	1968: 1979	1969: 1808
Mixed 5	112 (40)	1970: 1810	1971: 1650
Married 2	100 (88)	1972: 1770	1973: 1914
Priests 2	101 (102)	1974: 1986	1975: 2282
Religious 1	17 (14)	1976: 2160	1977: 2190
Ministers 3	73 (--)	1978: 2133	1979: 2376

AGE GROUPS

Teens	1.9%	29	(30)
20s	6.8%	104	(112)
30s	15.9%	243	(248)
40s	21.0%	322	(310)
50s	22.7%	347	(353)
60s	19.8%	303	(264)
70s	9.4%	144	(112)
80s	2.4%	37	(39)
90s		1 lady	

CATHOLICS FROM OTHER DIOCESES

Kalamazoo.....	183
Grand Rapids.....	22
Others.....	38
TOTAL.....	243

NON-CATHOLICS

Special groups.....	150
Along with Catholics.....	19
TOTAL.....	169

SUMMARY OF 1979

	No. of Service	Persons Served
Retreats	56	2376
Days of Recollection	9	391
Meetings, Workshops, etc.	11	344
TOTAL	76	3111

Retreat Schedule of Activities

First Day

7:00 p.m. - Dinner
8:20 p.m. - Orientation (Lounge)
9:00 p.m. - Eucharist (Chapel)
10:00 p.m. - Corridor lights out (Silence)

Second Day

7:00 a.m. - Rising
7:30 a.m. - Morning Prayers (Chapel)
8:00 a.m. - Breakfast in Silence
8:45 a.m. - Scripture Reading (Privately)
9:30 a.m. - Conference (Conference room)
11:30 a.m. - Way of the Cross (Outdoors, if possible)
12:00 NOON - Dinner
2:00 p.m. - Penance Service (Chapel)
5:00 p.m. - Eucharist (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. - Supper
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy preparation (Lounge)
8:20 p.m. - Evening Prayers & Rosary (Chapel)
9:00 p.m. - Discussion (Optional - Lounge)
10:00 p.m. - Corridor lights out (Silence)

Third Day

7:00 a.m. - Rising
7:30 a.m. - Morning Prayers (Chapel)
8:00 a.m. - Breakfast in Silence
8:45 a.m. - Scripture reading (Privately)
10:00 a.m. - Conference (Conference room)
11:30 a.m. - Eucharist (Chapel)
12:30 NOON - Dinner
1:45 p.m. - Meeting, Suggestions, Critique, Statistics (Lounge)
2:15 p.m. - Closing Service (Chapel)
2:30 p.m. - Refreshments & Departure

SILENCE is essential to the success of the retreat. It is vital that there be an atmosphere of rest and quiet so that the retreatants may pray, meditate, read and relax. We ask that there be SILENCE in the Retreat House at all times, once the retreat has begun. Those who wish to talk with friends should do so in very subdued voices in the Dining Room only. It is unkind and totally unfair that any retreatant should be disturbed by the talking or noise of another while on retreat.

PLEASE, RESPECT ONE ANOTHER'S RIGHT TO SILENCE!



The Retreat House

Listed on the following pages are parishes, organizations, individuals and businesses which have contributed toward making this anniversary book and celebration possible. Names of the pastors and associates given under parish listings were assigned to the parish at the time the donation was made. Sponsorships were limited to those who have used The Portiuncula in the Pines for retreats.

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Pastor, Rev. James O'Meara

Associate, Rev. Richard Fritz

Al Patrick, Deacon

Captains: Victor Carattini

Helena Lynch

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Captains: Judge Wendell Schoder

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Blessed Sacrament

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Lloyd Powell

Co-Captain: Elaine Pung

St. Mary

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Pastor, Most Rev. James S. Sullivan

Associates: Rev. Arthur Bosse,

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Co-Captain: Alfred Sullivan

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Holy Rosary

Flint, Michigan

Pastor, Rev. Joseph Robb

Associate, Rev. Terry Valaire

Captains: Jim Kotsko

Mary Marzonie

PARISHES

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Flint, Michigan

Pastor, Rev. Eduardo Lorenzo

St. Agnes

Flint, Michigan

Pastor, Rev. William J. Carolin

Rev. Maurice A. Olk, in residence

Captains: David Nicholas

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Pastor, Rev. William J. Koenigsknecht

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PARISHES

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Pastor, Rev. Darius W. Wyszynski
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St. Gerard

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Associate, Rev. Douglas Osborn
Captains: William Tryon
Rose Tushbant

St. Therese

Lansing, Michigan

Pastor, Rev. James Novak
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Captains: Martin Schultz
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Our Lady of Fatima

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Pastor, Rev. Andrew J. Dunne, O.S.F.S.
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Jean Beitelshies
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Prayer Of St. Francis Of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

