

THE EOSF NEWS.

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The Old and the new.

I was searching for an old Photo to start our first Newsletter for 2023 and came across this one when we attended a service at the Anglican Church at the Nile in what was I think 1992.

It is from Left to Right Br Camillus, the Late Br Giles Bernard, and a much younger looking Br Paul Francis. It was a great time then and it is hard to believe that the community has come to its 32nd year of existence.

From the second picture, you can see in 32 years how I have changed older and greyer than I would like, but the Lord has richly blessed us in our journey. Br Camillus is now a Benedictine Hermit in Hobart; Br Giles is with the Lord and I am still in Launceston maintaining the order and serving as Archbishop of Tasmania. With much joy, I announce we have two new brothers joining EOSF. Bishop Br Maximilian Mary Beckham in McKenney Texas, and Br Adrian Dye in Richmond Victoria.

This now brings the number of Brothers to 5. A list of our brothers will be at the end of this newsletter.

We also have an Aspirant who is soon to become a Postulant. Please Pray for Colleen as she recovers from Covid and is received as a postulant in our 1st Order.



1992 the three Musketeer Friars at the Nile.



Br Paul Francis (eosf) looking very orthodox with the long] beard.



Meet our Brother
Adrian Dye (eosf)

See notes below.

So, the Order is becoming International as we also have an Oblate in Life of Oblations in Hungary, our Sister Melba Faye Graham in Bundaberg and Robert Menzie in Westbury -Tasmania, and several Associates and Friends throughout Australia.

Its hard to think our Order has existed for almost 32 years in Oct 27th this year, which also means I have been in Life Profession for 32 years and a Franciscan for more than 40 years commencing as a Companion, the Tertiary with the Society of St Francis. And now its 2023 and I ask myself where has the last 3 years (2020-22) gone – the Covid Virus seemed to make those years go fast and at least all the isolation has ended and just self-isolation if you are positive to the virus.

In 2017 we caught a swarm of bees and so started our bee hives and that has grown to over 30 hives now, but the start of the season in September has not gone too well for the bees due to a longer cold and rainy weather we had up until the end of December, but fortunately the weather has improved trees and flowers are beginning to bloom and the bees are able to collect nectar and pollen and the number of bees in each hive has grown and they are working hard at making lovely honey.

The year ahead is looking good and we are encouraged by the addition of the two brothers and are excited about our aspirant joining, and we are also looking forward to her training though the postulant and then after that preparing Colleen for train as a clergy within the Australian Church of Antioch as sister will be starting in Minor Orders (Cleric to Acolyte) then into Major Orders sub-deacon to Priest for her work as a Franciscan sister and for the order as a priest. We will be doing a profile of Sister later, once she has been received as a postulant and has begun her training in the rule and of religious life. Please pray for Colleen as she moves for being an Aspirant to postulant.

Our Brother in Richmond Victoria:

Br Adrian is formally from the Franciscan of the Divine Compassion, which is in the USA, and the distance made it difficult for communications along with time zones etc.

He found our web site and made contact and as he had fully completed his formation as a professed friar, he transferred to us and is completing the 6 transfer studies to become familiar with our rule, and then will embark on Franciscan Studies through the St Bonaventure college of Franciscan Studies.

It was interesting to find out that his parish priest Fr Rene Knaap was a Associate of the Ecumenical Order of St. Francis some 25 years ago when he lived in Hobart, and he is very supportive of Br Adrian as he starts his Franciscan journey once more with a community he knows.

In the next Newsletter we should have some information on +Brother Maximilian Mary Beckham from the USA.

Members of the Community

++Brother Paul Francis (eosf)
++Br Carry Oliver (eosf)
Br Adrian Dye (eosf)
Br Bonaventure Kolby Sweeley+ (eosf)
+Br Maximilian Mary Beckham (eosf)

Oblates:

Robert Menzie (Oeosf)
Melba Faith Graham (Oeosf)
Akos Konya (Oeosf) Hungary
+++Frank Buggé (Oeosf)
++Sherley Buggé (Oeosf)
++Leonie Newman (Oeosf)

Associates and Friends

Desmond Graham
Lorraine Andrews
Robyn Reaburn
Lucy Menzie
Des Jarvis
Alida Moolenschot (sfo)
Fr Andrew Lang, Rev Louise Lang
Francis Young, and Judith Hughes,

CHAPTER 2023

There was to be a chapter this year but as there has been no changes or other business come to hand it has been decided to move the next Chapter to the Feast of the Epiphany 6th January 2023 and then the General Chapter be Jan 6th 2028.

Franciscan Saint & Blessed

JANUARY

1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
3 Holy Name of Jesus
6 Epiphany
7 Bl Angela of Foligno III Ord
12 Bl Bernard of Corleone
14 Bl Odoric of Perdenone
16 St. Bernard and Companions
28 Br Juniper.
30 St. Hyacinth of Mariscotti (III Ord)

FEBRUARY

2 Presentation of the Lord
4 St. Joseph of Leonissa I Ord
6 St. Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and Companions I–III Ord Martyrs of Japan.
7 St. Collette, Virgin II Ord
10 St Conrad of Piacenza hermit III Ord
11 Our Lady of Lourdes
19 St. Conrad of Piacenza (hermit) III Ord
25 Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

MARCH

2 St. Agnes of Bohemia (Prague) II and III Ord
19 St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
24 Bl Didacus Joseph of Cadiz (Gadiz)
25 Annunciation

APRIL

3 St. Benedict the African (Black) I Ord
21 St. Conrad of Parzham I Ord
23 Bl Giles of Assisi (I Ord)
24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1 Ord Martyr)
28 Bl Luchesius III Ord

Members of the Franciscan Union within the Independent Catholic Churches.

The Ecumenical Order of St Francis. (Aust)
The Franciscans of the Stigmata (UK)
Order of Franciscan Servants (USA)
The Fraternity of St Francis (Germany).
Order of Friars Minor-Orthodox
United Brother of St. Francis
United Sisters of St Clare
Society of Franciscan Workers
Franciscans of the Exhortation of the Cross.

Australian Franciscan Federation

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart
Little Brothers of St Francis
Society of St Francis and their tertiaries
Brothers of St Francis
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM) and Companions;
Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood;
Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Franciscan Sisters of St Anthony
Missionary Friars of the Immaculate Conception (MFIC); Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate (FIC).
Franciscan Order of Friars Minor
Franciscans Capuchins (OFM-Cap)
Franciscans OFM Conventuals;
Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ - Secular Order Poor Clares of Bendigo; Campbelltown; North Richmond and Waverley,
Ecumenical Order of St Francis (TOR)



'Monk, Abbot, Cardinal, Pope. . . .'