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Celebrating Our Eucharistic Partnership

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Saint Jean Baptiste Associates Make Their Promises



Though we are now a few months away from the event, I thought it would be of interest to the wider community of Blessed Sacrament Associates to know about the Covenant Promises made by three of the Saint Jean Baptiste associates in New York City. Having completed their formation program and time of discernment, Marie Dunn, Carolyn Masters, and Jane

Thompson felt called to make the Covenant Promise; and that was what they did last November 24th, the Solemnity of Christ the King, a liturgical feast rich in themes of fidelity and deepened adherence to Christ the Lord.

The 11:00 a.m. Choral Mass, with a sizeable attendance of the faithful and greater liturgical solemnity, was the perfect setting for the pronouncing of the Covenant Promises, which was done after the homily. Father John Kamas, pastor, was the principal celebrant, while Father Bernard Camiré, the director of associates, concelebrated and presided at the Ceremony of Promise and Formal Reception. The other priests and brothers of the Saint Jean Baptiste community participated in the Mass.

Following the liturgy, the newly-received associates, along with those still discerning the making of the Covenant, joined the religious community in their dining room for a festive lunch.

Our new associates, Marie Dunn, Carolyn Masters, and Jane Thompson, have been associated with Saint Jean's Parish and the Blessed Sacrament Community for varying lengths of time—Carolyn Masters for well over 30 years—and have participated in the life of the parish in a great variety of ministries.

And not to be forgotten is Dan Krenicki and his wife, Kathy, who, because of Kathy's terminal illness, made their Promise last October in Norwalk, Connecticut. (Their memorable story is recounted in the January/February 2014 issue of *Bread Broken and Shared*.) Our new associates bring to our group their special spiritual gifts and insights, as well as the wealth of their background experiences. We are very pleased to have them on board.

Father Bernard Camiré

Coming Soon!

Steps will soon be underway to launch the newest group of Blessed Sacrament Associates at Saint Philip's Church in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Father Michael Boccacio, the pastor, has asked Daniel Krenicki to coordinate the effort.

Mission Beginning This Weekend

Starting this weekend and continuing through February 26, Frank and Marjorie Zalar and Father Bill Fickel will conduct the annual parish mission at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Frederick, Maryland, sharing their love of the Eucharist in order to plant the seeds of eucharistic evangelizing. The mission focuses on the dynamic of the Eucharist as: *Encountering* God's presence in the celebration; *Enlivened* by Christ's love in contemplation; and *Enflamed* to give witness in a communion of service. Pray for them and for all who will take part.

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Two Lenten Parish Missions



Father Anthony Schueller and Jim Brown will conduct two Lenten missions in March (15-18 and 29-April 1): one at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Ashtabula, Ohio, the other at Saint Michael Parish in Sharonville, Ohio, north of Cincinnati. Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is a new church community having merged the three Catholic parishes in Ashtabula.

Father Tony will preach at all the weekend masses at both churches and then he and Jim will conduct Monday and Tuesday night programs, building on Life in the Eucharist themes.

Coincidentally, both of the pastors, Father Ray Thomas

and Father Thomas DiFolco, studied at the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati and are former classmates of Jim, who spent 6-1/2 years studying with them. Father Ray had met Father Bill Fickel some years ago and heard about the Life in the Eucharist programs. Since his ordination, Father Tom has been a loyal subscriber of *Emmanuel* magazine. He is the former director of the Office of Continuing Education for Priests for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and frequently brought Father Eugene LaVerdiere to Cincinnati to put on programs for the priests of the archdiocese. Jim and Father Tom's friendship goes back 50 years.

Jim Brown

"We collaborate in the various initiatives aimed at promoting and forming an authentic Christian and eucharistic spirituality."

Rule of Life for Associates, 14c

Follow the Associates Program and Life in the Eucharist (LITE) in Bread Broken and Shared, the Provincial Newsletter.

Notes

Father William Fickel, Father Anthony Schueller, and Jim Brown met earlier this week to plan the prayer day for the Province Assembly, which will take place March 10-13 at Bethany Center in Lutz, Florida, and also to work on various projects of the Center for Eucharistic Evangelizing. The meeting went very well.

The Cleveland religious and associates are coming together to celebrate an "Eve of Mardi Gras" social and dinner on Monday, March 3, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. This replaces a late January event canceled due to inclement weather.

Members of the Life in the Eucharist team at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Macedonia, Ohio, are hard at work on a LITE Retreat to be held at the parish all day Saturday, March 8, starting at 8:00.

The retreat incorporates the five LITE Sacramental themes (Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence, and Communion with the Suffering) in a one-day format. It's an intensive experience, but one which appeals to busy people.

Remember to pray for our associates, LITE team members, and religious who are

ill, hospitalized, or recovering from surgery: Father Dana Pelotte, who is awaiting a lung transplant in Cleveland, associates Christine Anderson, Louise Borgione, and Gerri Cek, all of Cleveland, and Nancy MacRoberts of Houston. May the Spirit of healing and peace be with them!

Conveners of associate groups and LITE teams are asked to keep us informed of local people and events. Send items to the Center for Eucharistic Evangelizing at cee@blessedsacrament.com. Thank you!