



Habemus Papam



Pope Francis

OSJ SUPERIOR GENERAL FR. MICHELE PISCOPO, OSJ TO SPEAK AT FALL 2013 GATHERING OF SLJM (CA)

The late October or early November event will be held at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, Santa Cruz. Also speaking will be Fr. Brian Crawford, O.S.J. (General Councilor and Rector of the General House)

Still Going Strong

FR. JAMES CATALANO, OSJ CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD AND 60 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

On March 19, 2013, Fr. James Catalano, O.S.J., celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest and 60th as a religious at a Mass at Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz, with a reception following. Bishop Richard Garcia of the Diocese of Monterey



*Fr. James
Catalano, O.S.J*

joined with hundreds of people in gratitude for Fr. Catalano's faithful witness.

Fr. James is active in his work, serving as Parochial Administrator

at St. Vincent De Paul Parish in Davenport, CA, as well as supplying many parishes in the area.

A NEW OSJ PROVINCIAL FOR A NEW OSJ PROVINCE: HOLY SPOUSES, USA

Father Paul McDonnell, O.S.J., was installed as the Provincial of the newly formed USA Holy Spouses Province on March 14, 2013 with a solemn concelebrated Mass at 11 A.M.. at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Santa Cruz, CA. Bishop Richard Garcia of the Monterey Diocese joined the Oblates of St. Joseph, lay associates and SLJM members for the Mass on the day that also marked the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Oblates of St. Joseph.

The Council of the new province, formed by the joining of the provinces of California and Pennsylvania, will also be served by first councilor Fr. Larry Toschi,



The Very Rev. Paul McDonnell, OSJ, Br. John Shearer, OSJ, Br. David Pohorsky, OSJ

O.S.J. (Bakersfield, CA) and second councilor Fr. Gregory Finn, O.S.J. (Hazleton, PA).

Mass was followed by a luncheon to celebrate the beginning of the new province. Fr. Paul will be moving to Santa Cruz to reside in the Provincial House. He currently serves as parochial administrator at St. Joseph Marelo Parish, in Granite Bay.

Greetings from our new Provincial

THE VERY REV. PAUL McDONNELL, O.S.J.

Dear Friends of St. Joseph,

It is a great honor to greet all of you as we prepare for an historic moment in the life of our Oblate family with the inauguration of our new USA province, under the patronage of the Holy Spouses. This day has finally become a reality after years of fervent prayer, open discussions and thorough evaluations from the Oblates of St. Joseph brothers and priests



The Very Rev. Paul A. McDonnell, O.S.J.

of our Pennsylvania and California provinces, under the guidance of our Superior General in Rome. The decision to unite these two American provinces into one was finalized and approved by the members of the XVI General Chapter of the Congregation in Asti, Italy (Feb. 2012).

The past year has been spent in the practical preparation for this new beginning, which

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW PROVINCIAL,
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officially occurs on March 14, 2013, at our Shrine of St. Joseph in Santa Cruz, CA. This is an appropriate date for the start of our USA province, since it marks the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Oblates of St. Joseph Congregation by St. Joseph Marelli. The celebration continued as I traveled across country to Pennsylvania to be with my OSJ brothers and our dedicated laity to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19.

I am both honored and humbled to be asked by our Superior General, Very Rev. Michael Piscopo, OSJ, to assume the leadership of this new province for its first three years (2013-2016). I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide me in all my decisions for the benefit of the entire OSJ family ministering here in the United States. I consider myself blessed to have the assistance and guidance of my newly elected provincial council members, Rev. Larry Toschi, OSJ (provincial vicar) and Rev. Gregory Finn, OSJ (second councilor). As the leadership team of our USA province, we know it is our privilege and duty

to serve our confreres in every way possible and assist them in the faithful living of their religious life and to find spiritual success in their individual ministries.

With great joy, I am looking forward to seeing all of you, the members of the Family of St. Joseph, so that I can thank you personally for all your prayers and support you consistently offer us for the benefit of our spiritual and material needs. You are a gift to me and all my brother Oblates for how you share your hearts and blessings with us and, because of this, together we make up the Oblates of St. Joseph Family. As we rely on the heavenly intercession of our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. Joseph Marelli, let us all move forward into the future with great hope and trust as we grow in our service to God's people in these United States.

May God bless each of you and your families as we join the Universal Church in honoring its patron, St. Joseph, soon followed by the entrance into the Sacred Easter Triduum uniting ourselves to our Crucified and Risen Lord.

Devotedly yours in St. Joseph,
Rev. Paul A. McDonnell, O.S.J.
Provincial Superior of
Holy Spouses Province (USA)

SOUL FOOD...

Don't leave home without it!

Ron Sala, SLJM-FSJ President

In Psalm 16:1, David says "Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge." This is a beautiful expression of trust in the Divine care of God.

Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph acknowledged and accepted the angel's decrees, thus also laying claim to David's words.

And, this is the essence of our "creed": to accept, acknowledge and trust in our God.

As our Saturdays of reflection on our Faith draw to a close, let us prayerfully express that faith we have been blessed with through the Holy Spirit. Through the all-encompassing grace of God, let us therefore humble ourselves before that heavenly throne, with contrite hearts and open minds proclaiming, "Lord, I believe; please help me in my lack of trust!" (Mark 9:24). Let us begin today to prepare for all of those tomorrows God may bestow on us; let our hearts, minds and souls be in alignment with God's will, which is, "to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). Called to be ambassadors of the "message of reconciliation," we trust in the Lord, just as our faith must cry out to the world that "God is in control."

I thank everyone for your prayers and support. You are an inspiration to me and our Oblate brothers and sisters. Your active participation is a manifestation of God's love and "A blessing to God." My love, blessings and peace to all, Ron Sala

*He who kneels
before God
can stand
before anyone.*

YOUR \$5 RAFFLE TICKETS HELP BUILD A CLASSROOM IN NIGERIA



In response to the Year of Faith, OSJ Superior General Fr. Michel Piscopo, OSJ asks each OSJ parish and seminary to help the Oblates continue to preach the Gospel by building a classroom in Ibadan, Nigeria.

**TICKETS ON SALE AT PANCAKE BREAKFAST MAY 5
\$500 PRIZE DRAWING MAY 30, 2013**

NEWS FROM OUR OSJ SEMINARIANS

Life in Oxnard continues, with the spring semester flying by.

The big news around here will be the graduation of **Br. John Shearer** in May, followed by his ordination on June 28 at St. Joachim Parish in Madera. He will be studying and taking the final exams of his seminary years, so please keep him in prayer. **Fr. Mariusz** continues as professor at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. He also helps the local parishes with confessions and weekend masses. **Brothers Joe and Patrick** are nearing the completion of their second year of theology, with two short years left, God willing. **Br. Stephen** is studying Philosophy and finishing up a degree with an online Bachelor Degree completion program. Your continued support and prayers are so greatly appreciated. God bless you.

Br. Stephen Spencer

Ron's Reflection

St. Augustine on Forgiveness

The title of Sermon 56,6. by St. Augustine is simply "Forgiveness."

When our enemies come to us and ask for your pardon for the evil they have done to us, we must forgive them immediately. If we do not forgive, we are not merely erasing the Lord's Prayer from your hearts ("forgive us as we forgive") we are erasing ourselves from God's book.

**ENTER INTO A
CLOSER RELATIONSHIP
WITH OUR LORD
AT WEDNESDAY EVENING
SLJM-FSJ PRAYER GATHERING**

Take the Time to Hear God's Voice

Growth in Josephite-Marellian spirituality demands persistence and guidance in study and prayer. Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the seminary. Ron Sala, 916 624-1826

Pancake Breakfast



**SUNDAY, MAY 5
8 A.M. - NOON**

**ADULT \$7
CHILD (6-12) \$4
(5 and under free)**

**MARELLO YOUTH RETREAT CENTER
6530 Wells Ave., Loomis**

Benefits Mt. St. Joseph Seminary

**7:30 A.M. MASS IN THE CHAPEL
RAFFLE PRIZES • BAKED GOODS
AND JELLIES • BOOKS AND
RELIGIOUS ITEMS • WHITE
ELEPHANT (Donations needed:
call Linda Adams (916-632-9908)**

*An opportunity to purchase \$5 raffle tickets to help the
Oblates build a classroom in Nigeria: Prize \$500*

SEPTEMBER 15 to 22, 2013

A PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIMAGE
WITH FR. PAUL MCDONNELL, OSJ, PROVINCIAL
HOLY SPOUSES PROVINCE (USA)

**YOUR CATHOLIC
CONNECTION TO
THE OBLATES
OF ST. JOSEPH**

For 8 days We Travel as
THE JOSEPHITE-MARELLIAN
SOCIETY, (SLJM), sharing our
Catholic Faith as Members of
Holy Spouses Province (USA)
of the Oblates of St. Joseph,
in Common Prayer and the
Eucharist. Together, California and
Pennsylvania Pilgrims Participate in
God's Blessing of our Dedication to
St. Joseph & St. Joseph Marelo.

♦ **HOSPITALITY**
♦ **HISTORY**
♦ **HERITAGE**

Oblates of St. Joseph Parishes: St.
Joseph Marelo, St. Barbara and
Holy Annunciation ♦ OSJ Seminary,
Pittston ♦ Pittston Historic Sites
♦ Scranton: St. Peter's Cathedral
& St. Ann's Basilica ♦ NYC: St.
Patrick's Cathedral & Little Italy
♦ Amish Country ♦ Philadelphia:
Independence Hall & Cathedral
Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

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A NEW OSJ PROVINCIAL FOR A NEWLY FORMED OSJ PROVINCE

FR. PAUL McDONNELL, OSJ
INSTALLED MARCH 14, 2013 AS
PROVINCIAL OF OSJ USA HOLY
SPOUSES PROVINCE

OSJ BROTHER JOHN SHEARER TO
BE ORDAINED AN OSJ PRIEST ON
JUNE 28, 2013 IN MADERA

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY. 5
AT MYRC., LOOMIS
8 A.M. - NOON



SLJM-FSJ Calendar Spring 2013

April

- 04 Seminary Vocation Adoration,
7-8 P.M.
- 14 SLJM-FSJ Formation Retreat;
Reflection on Year of Faith
- 17 Prayer Gathering, 6:30 P.M.,
Seminary Conference Room

May

- 02 Seminary Vocation Adoration,
7-8 P.M.
- 05 Pancake
Breakfast,
MYRC
- 11 SLJM-FSJ
Formation Retreat;
Reflection on Year
of Faith
- 15 Prayer Gathering, 6:30 P.M.,
Seminary Conference Room
- 30 St. Joseph Marellio Feast Day
Nigeria Project Raffle Drawing



June

- 06 Seminary Vocation Adoration,
7-8 P.M.
- 12 SLJM-FSJ Council meeting,
6:30 P.M.
- 19 Prayer Gathering, 6:30 P.M.,
Seminary Conference Room
- 28 Br. John Shearer, OSJ,
ordained to priesthood, St.
Joachim Church, Madera,
CA, 6 P.M.

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Consult the 2013 Marellio Desk
Calendar for a daily reminder of
A Journey of Faith, inspired by
writings of Benedict XVI and St.
Joseph Marellio, in answering our
call from God.

The Family of St. Joseph Pilgrimage
to the Shrine of St. Joseph in
Santa Cruz may be rescheduled for
October, 2013.

OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

O God our Creator, from your
provident hand we have received our
right to life, liberty, and the pursuit
of happiness. You have called us as
your people and given us the right
and the duty to worship you, the only
true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working
of your Holy Spirit, you call us to
live out our faith in the midst of the
world, bringing the light and the
saving truth of the Gospel to every
corner of society.

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