

# Graphic

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## And There Was Dancing...



### Loaves and Fishes and Dancing and Bidding!

The 10th annual Loaves & Fishes Gala and Auction took place on October 9, 2010. The event raised money to support the Franciscan Ministries that aid the people of the neighborhood and the continued care of the Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In addition, the friars presented Mary Rose, with the Franciscan Hope Award. She is the tenth annual recipient, given to those who instill hope in others. She was awarded the honor for her commitment to the St. Joseph's Comprehensive High School for Girls in Cameroon, Africa. Many friars came to the Gala to support and celebrate with the local friars. It is not an exaggeration to say that a good time was had by all!



Photos from top down:  
African dancers greet Gala guests at the US Bank Gathering Space at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Father Patrick Stoffer and friar Paul Langevin enjoy the time together

The students, friars Pio Alves, Paul Schneider, Paul Langevin and Hans Flondor with our Vicar Provincial and Rector of the Basilica of St. Josaphat, Michael Glastetter at the end of a wonderful night!





More Images from the Loaves and Fished Gala clockwise from top left: A donated colored-pencil drawing created by Fr. Alejandro López entitled "Mother's Pride and Joy" fetched \$550.

Fathers Bob Cook and Alejandro flank Fr. Michael as the Franciscan Hope Award is presented.

Friars Paul and Pio mingle with the guests.

Brother Jim Dufresne, friar Paul, friar Hans and Father Edmond DesForges celebrate a grand time.


Cookies with an image of the Basilica were given to each guest upon departure.

Mary Rose accepts the Franciscan Hope Award for her work in promoting a girl's school in Cameroon.

# God Bless All Creatures Great and Small




Father Alejandro blesses a Pekingese.

## PEACE & JUSTICE

Responsibility for the environment, the common heritage of (humankind), extends not only to present needs but also to those of the future. We have inherited from past generations, and we have benefited from the work of our contemporaries: for this reason we have obligations towards all, and we cannot refuse to interest ourselves in those who will come after us, to enlarge the human family. This is a responsibility that present generations have towards those of the future, a responsibility that also concerns individual States and the international community. — Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, para #496




**MAX'S MAXIMS:** Human words do not have the power to relate who she is—the real Mother of God. In reality, she is only a creature, but she is such a sublime being made by God that one would have to grasp what God is, in order to understand who the Mother of God is.

She is the real Mother of God....And so the Blessed Mother is rightly the Mother of the whole Jesus, the God-man, and therefore the Mother of God. Although the dignity of her maternity constitutes the principle reason for all her privileges, the first grace she received from God was her Immaculate Conception...

This privilege must be dear to her, since she says of herself at Lourdes, "I am the Immaculate Conception."...Hence it follows that she is immaculateness itself. She is truly Conception, for her existence began in time, but "Immaculate Conception."

On Saturday, October 2nd, friars in Milwaukee gathered with Basilica parishioners and their pets for the blessing of the animals in anticipation of the Feast of Holy Father St. Francis. Though greeted by a blustery cool October morning, dogs and cats galore multiplied in numbers!

From left to right: Father Michael reassures the friary dog, Joey, that it won't hurt a bit.

Father Bob blesses a furry feline felon?

Friars Paul and Paul try to calm God's little ones!



### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Please be sure to have a digital camera on hand and take photos around your friary! *The Seraph* needs your pictures to

share with our entire Province. Photos with captions (including names, date and location) should be e-mailed to [fraralejo@hotmail.com](mailto:fraralejo@hotmail.com) Thanks in advance!

### DATES AND ANNIVERSARIES

**2011**

June 27 to July 1 Chapter of Mats (USA: Inter-Provincial Gathering, Cincinnati, OH)

July 9-18 International Franciscan Congress (Kenya)

**2012**

International Formators Gathering/ On-Going Formation topics (Indonesia)

**If any Parish has extra Mass stipends, please send them to the Provincial Office.**