

# Capuchin friar Frantz takes solemn vows

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DETROIT — Mitchell Frantz made his solemn perpetual profession of vows as a Capuchin friar Aug. 6 at the site of the first permanent foundation of



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the Capuchin Order in North America, St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mount Calvary, Wis.

Frantz is the son of Patricia and Kevin Frantz, parishioners of St. Luke Church in Mint Hill.

The provincial minister of the Detroit-based Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, Father John Celichowski, OFM Cap., said, "This is an exciting day for our province. Mitch is well-regarded among his Capuchin brothers as a gifted student and a dedicated servant of others.

"We look forward to his continued growth as a friar as well as his service to the people of God, especially our brothers and sisters who are poor and troubled."

Frantz became interested in the Capuchins while attending St. Lawrence Seminary High School.

"I continue to learn humility and living in the moment," Frantz said. "It has been a long journey, but I feel that it has been worth it."

Frantz will continue his academic formation at Loyola University in Chicago, where he has been studying psychology and theology.

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi.

The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in a variety of ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincies, retreat houses and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Arizona, California, Nicaragua and Panama.

Established at Mount Calvary, Wis., in 1857, there are currently 184 members in the St. Joseph province.