
Capuchins host Family Day at monastery

DETROIT — The Capuchin friars will welcome visitors and give tours of their facilities when they host a Family Day open house on Sunday, Oct. 3.

The event is part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Solanus Guild, a Capuchin ministry that spreads the knowledge of Ven. Solanus Casey's holy life, and to help gather information to further Fr. Solanus' cause for canonization.

The Family Day tour will be guided by friars and Solanus Center docents. Participants will be guided through the Solanus Casey Center, St. Bonaventure

Monastery grounds, and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Meldrum site, which includes Earthworks Urban Farm.



Bro. Merling

“Even those who are well educated on the spirituality of Fr. Solanus will discover new information,” Capuchin friar and Solanus Guild Director Bro. Richard Merling says. “This is a day dedicated to families and to the holiness of Fr. Solanus.”

“Fr. Solanus left St. Bonaventure Monastery in 1944, and here we are 66 years later, continuing to learn from his spirituality and holiness.” Bro. Merling continues.

The free guided Capuchin ministries tour will take place immediately following the blessing and will continue until 3 p.m.

Free light lunch snacks will be available at the St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds where Fr. Solanus served as the doorkeeper for 20 years.

Free desserts created by Capuchin Soup Kitchen chef Alison Costello will be available.

Earthworks Urban Farm, a program of the soup kitchen, will be giving tours of their greenhouse and gardens, also located across the street.

Fr. Solanus Casey was a beloved Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He faithfully served the people of Detroit by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill.