



# Insight & Wisdom

## Franciscan Vocation Ministry

"O Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me a right faith, a certain hope and a perfect love, insight and wisdom, O Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command." — St. Francis of Assisi, Prayer before the Cross

## Franciscans Welcome Three Men

The Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province are blessed to welcome three men who are generous and courageous in their response to the call to be a Franciscan. These men have joined our Initial Formation program to learn the ways of living a life of fraternity in mission of the Gospel.

In this issue of *Insight and Wisdom*, we introduce to you our two new postulants along with another brother who has come back to the Franciscans as a novice. All three of these men heard the Holy Spirit call them to serve God in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Do you hear the Holy Spirit calling you to religious life? How do you know? The Franciscan Vocation Ministry can help you prayerfully discern the answer. Visit us at [www.vocation.org](http://www.vocation.org) or call us at 1-800-677-7788. The upcoming Vocation Weekends that are listed on the back page are not only a good way to get to know the Franciscan friars better, but the weekends also help provide clarity in discovering the path that you might be called to follow.

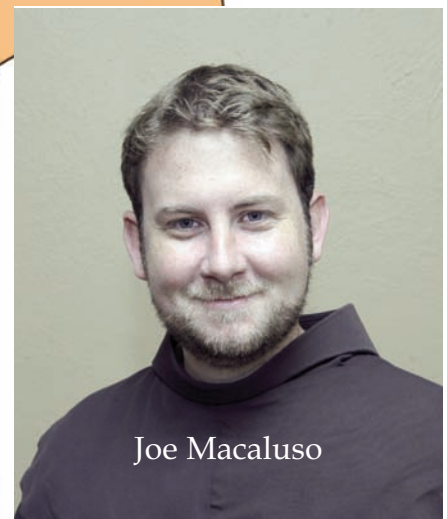
May God give you strength and courage to answer the call. And may God bless you with Peace and All Good.



Jeffery Jordan



Bill Long



Joe Macaluso

### Jeffery Jordan

Jeffery Jordan was born and raised in Royston, GA. He graduated from Franklin County High School as valedictorian of his class. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of Georgia where he majored in both linguistics and romance languages. Jeffery is proficient in Spanish, French, and Italian. He also took courses in German and has knowledge of Latin and Yoruba, a Nigerian language. Prior to entering the postulant program, Jeffery worked in international shipping and was based out of Tampa, FL.

Jeffery, who grew up in the "Bible belt," was raised in the Pentecostal Holiness faith tradition. Jeffery says that as an adult he can see how his faith and relationship with the Divine has matured and changed. He says he feels that God works through people, particularly one's friends, and events in one's life. In 2003 it was one of his friends who led him to the RCIA and to becoming fully initiated in the Catholic faith.

Jeffery met the Franciscan friars through his attending daily Mass at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Tampa, FL, where the friars from Holy Name Province minister. Jeffery has been involved in the parish as a lector

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and Eucharistic minister among other ministries. He also served in the prison ministry for the Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL.

Jeffery says he is attracted to the Franciscans because of "the unique Franciscan spirituality and understanding of God's presence in all things, and the particular ministries of the Franciscans."

## Bill Long

James "Bill" Long was born in Hanover, PA, and grew up in McSherrystown, PA. He is a graduate of Penn State with a Bachelors degree in Food Science. He also earned a Masters of Divinity and a Masters degree in Moral Theology from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.

After graduating from Penn State, Bill went to work in Philadelphia, PA, as part of a management team at a dairy. However Bill soon realized that he did not want to do that for the rest of his life. He then took a different direction and started training thoroughbred race horses. Bill became the lead trainer at Delaware Park raceway in Wilmington, DE. Although he enjoyed training horses, he could not ignore that God was calling him to the priesthood. Even as a child Bill was thinking about the priesthood and remembers acting out the Mass at home using vanilla wafers as hosts.

Bill answered God's call and entered the seminary. His seminary days were a time of great joy, according to Bill. After graduation, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA. In 1994, he joined the Diocese of Raleigh, NC.

Bill met the friars while on a retreat at the Franciscan Center in Scottsdale, AZ, more than ten years ago. That experience of liturgy, prayer, and their adult education classes resonated with him. It led Bill to begin considering if he was called to religious life as a Franciscan Friar.

Prior to entering the postulant program, Bill had ministered as the pastor of St. Egbert's Roman Catholic Church in Morehead City, NC. As a priest in the Diocese of Raleigh, Bill became friends with many of the Franciscan Friars from Holy Name Province who also serve in the diocese.

According to Bill, he is attracted to the friars because of his desire to walk more closely in the footsteps of Jesus Christ with simplicity and their solidarity with the poor and marginalized.

## Joe Macaluso

Joseph Macaluso was born in White Plains, NY, and raised in Yonkers, NY. He graduated from Windward School in White Plains. After high school he went to Siena College where he earned a Bachelors degree in English. Joe says he found Siena by accident since he had no intention of going there or even staying, but he gives thanks to God that he did.

While at Siena, the friars introduced Joe to a new vision of God which Joe says allowed him to no longer look at God as a crutch on whom he leaned only when he was desperate and would put away when crises had passed. As his faith grew stronger Joe began feeling attracted to the Franciscans and upon graduation he entered the friars' Initial Formation program. In the friars, Joe says, he met men who are honest with one

**On August 11, 2007 at Holy Cross Parish in the Bronx, NY, Jeffery Jordan and Bill Long were officially received as Postulants in the Holy Name Province during a liturgical ceremony. Pictured above, from left to right: Fr. Greg Jakubowicz, OFM, Vocation Director; Fr. Dominic Monti, OFM, Vicar Provincial and Secretary of Formation; Br. William Herbst, OFM, Associate Director of Postulants; Jeffery Jordan; Fr. Ronald Pecci, OFM, Director of Postulants; and Bill Long.**



another, value humor, and see in people the goodness that comes through even with their faults. However, in 2001 while a novice he decided to leave the program.

After leaving the novitiate, Joe took a job back at Siena as a residence hall director for a few years. He then went on to be a fifth grade teacher at St. Mary's Academy in Hoosick Falls, NY. Seven years after leaving the novitiate, Joe felt the call once again and sought to rejoin the friars. Because he had already completed the pre-novitiate program when he was previously with the friars, the

Province's Formation Directors decided Joe should rejoin the Initial Formation program as a novice instead of as a postulant. Joe was received as a novice this past June.

Joe says he is attracted to the Franciscans because of his desire to be a brother, to learn from his brothers, and to serve the people of God with love.



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**Hospitality Weekend**

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Two of our guests speak with Br. Kevin Kriso, OFM, (center) at the September Hospitality Weekend held at St. Francis Friary on Long Beach Island, NJ.

## New Vocation Director

*Fr. Brian Smail, OFM, and Fr. Greg Jakubowicz, OFM*

Fr. Brian Smail, OFM, has been appointed to replace Fr. Greg Jakubowicz, OFM, as Vocation Director for the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province effective November 12, 2007. Both friars are working together to make the transition smooth.

Fr. Brian has been serving as the Assistant Executive Director of the friars' ministry at St. Anthony's Shrine on Arch Street in downtown Boston, MA. He also has been ministering as Vicar for the friar community at the Shrine. Fr. Brian, a native of Medford, MA, came to the friars in 1992, was solemnly professed in 1998, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1999. He is looking forward to aiding men discern their vocation to the Franciscan friars as well as promoting the Franciscan way of life.

Fr. Greg will be joining the administrative team of the Washington Theological Union ([www.wtu.edu](http://www.wtu.edu)) in Washington, DC, as the Chief Operating Officer. The Washington Theological Union is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry that educates candidates for ordination to the priesthood as well as men and women of many backgrounds for service to the Church.

## SOLEMN PROFESSION

Five friars professed their solemn vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience on September 15, 2007 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in New York City. The new solemnly professed friars are Br. Julian Jagudilla, OFM; Br. Paul Keenan, OFM; Br. Walter Liss, OFM; Br. David Phan, OFM; and Br. Christopher VanHaight, OFM.

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## Upcoming Vocation Weekends

### **October 19-21, 2007**

Discernment Retreat  
Mt. Irenaeus; West Clarksville, NY

### **November 16-18, 2007**

Hospitality Weekend  
Siena College Friary; Loudonville, NY

### **December 7-9, 2007**

Hospitality Weekend  
St. Anthony's Shrine; Boston, MA

### **February 8-10, 2008**

Hospitality Weekend  
Holy Name College; Silver Spring, MD

### **March 20-23, 2008**

Holy Triduum & Easter with the Franciscans  
Holy Name College; Silver Spring, MD

### **April 25-27, 2008**

Discernment Retreat  
Mt. Irenaeus; West Clarksville, NY