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Capuchin priest who built his own casket dies July 23

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APPLETON — Capuchin Fr. Robert Udulutsch, 89, who built his own casket by hand, died July 23, following a battle with cancer. He was born in Norwalk, Wis., in 1929, the son of Michael and Sophia Udulutsch. He was invested in the Capuchin habit in 1948, professed perpetual vows in 1952 and was ordained a priest in 1956.

Fr. Bob taught art and industrial arts at St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary from 1957 to 1971. After that, his ministry focused on preaching in Michigan and Wisconsin. He also ministered in the Middle East from 1988 to 1994.

In the late 1980s, Fr. Bob founded a ministry known today as LEAVEN (Limited Emergency Assistance Valley Ecumenical Network) in Appleton.

"He applied (his) many skills and talents to create LEAVEN," said Mary Parsons, executive director. "Thirty-one years ago, he recognized a problem, envisioned a better community for all people, marshaled the support of multiple



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Capuchin Fr. Robert Udulutsch is pictured Oct. 18, 2017, next to a casket he built in 2016. Built of cardboard, scrap wood, paper and other reclaimed materials, the priest died July 23 and was buried in the casket.

stakeholders, responded to the demands of the Gospel to help the needy and built the foundation from which to execute his plans.

"Collaboration and social innovation are terms that are very much in vogue in the non-profit sector today. Father was a pioneer of both and a prophet of social justice," she said.

Parsons also remarked on the priest's impact on the local com-

munity, noting that more than 130,000 households have been served in these 31 years.

"In spite of all his amazing qualities and extraordinary accomplishments," Parsons said, "Father was very humble. He preferred to shine the spotlight on the volunteers, whom he held in high regard."

Our full story appears in the Aug 10 issue.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters Good morning!

We have heard the first commandment of the Decalogue: "You shall have no other Gods before me" (Ex 20:3). It is good to pause on the theme of idolatry which is significant and timely.

The commandment bans us from setting up idols[1] or images[2] of any kind of reality[3]. Indeed, everything can be used as an idol. We are speaking about a human tendency that involves both believers and atheists. For example, we Christians can ask ourselves: who is truly my God? Is it the One and Triune Love or is it my image, my personal success, perhaps even within the church? "Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2113).

+ Pope Francis, Aug. 1, 2018

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Franciscans sell Green Bay church and friary

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

GREEN BAY — St. Mary of the Angels Church and Friary, owned by the Franciscans of the Assumption BVM Province, have been sold to a Fond du Lac developer. According to Franciscan Fr. James Gannon, the community's provincial who is based in Franklin, Wis., the sale will be completed in December.

The developer, The Commonwealth Companies, plans to turn the friary, which once housed up to 50 Franciscan priests, brothers and novices, into 20 apartment units. The Friar House Flats will include one- and two-bedroom units.

In addition, 20 two-story, three-bedroom townhouse units with attached garages will be constructed on the four-acre property behind the friary.

"The target population is families, but we are considering having a 55 and older preference on the friary units," according to a news release on the developer's website. Eight units "will be targeted for veterans and/or individuals at-risk of homelessness."

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5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

About the True Cross

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- 1 Sept. 14 is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, a celebration which dates back to A.D. 326.
- 2 St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, located the True Cross of Christ, buried outside of Jerusalem. St. Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem at the time, helped her.
- 3 The date of Helena's discovery was May 3, which was originally a feast known as the Invention of the Cross.
- 4 Helena ordered the building of the first Church of the Holy Sepulcher there, which was dedicated on Sept. 14, 335.
- 5 The Persians stole the True Cross in A.D. 614. It was recovered by the Emperor Heraclius and returned to Jerusalem on Sept. 14, 629.

Sexual abuse in the church

By now, many of you are aware of the accusations against Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, formerly a member of the College of Cardinals. I have been deeply grieved as I have read the details of his sexual abuse and harassment of minors, as well



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Bishop David Ricken

as seminarians and young priests. I am also saddened to know that these abuses went unaddressed for so long.

A few weeks ago, in our Sunday readings, we heard the warning of the prophet Jeremiah: "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord." This passage serves as a reminder to anyone in a position of authority that with authority comes

great responsibility. Any abuse committed by a church leader represents a failure in living up to this responsibility, not only on the part of the individual who abused, but for all leaders within the church. As your shepherd, I want to express my deepest regret for this failure.

Words of apology and regret in situations like this, however, are not enough. We must also learn from these mistakes and take action to ensure that these mistakes are not repeated. So what will be done?

Recently, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) convened the USCCB Executive

Committee to address this issue. This will be the first of many meetings among bishops that will be oriented toward discerning the right course of action for the USCCB. I am committed to implementing any necessary changes that are recommended by the USCCB as a result of these discussions.

Here at home, we will continue to be diligent in preventing sexual abuse and harassment. Since I arrived here, I have pledged to protect all individuals from sexual abuse and harassment at the hands of anyone in the church. The diocese has a clearly established policy that was reviewed and revised this past March by our independent review board to ensure that we are following best practices. As part of that policy, we conduct background checks and require Virtus training for employees and volunteers. This training has been given numerous times to ensure that those who represent the church are equipped to protect all people they encounter.

Of course, policies cannot guarantee that a person will not be harmed by anyone within the church. For that reason, I urge anyone who has been sexually assaulted or harassed by someone in the church to come forward and report these allegations to civil and church authorities. I take these accusations very seriously and I pledge our cooperation with civil authorities to investigate these allegations and take necessary steps based on the findings of the investigation.

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Sawyer Pitz, Kevin Halverson and Kayla Peterson attended St. Gregory Vacation Bible School in St. Nazianz from July 30-Aug. 3. This year's theme was "Shipwrecked — Rescued by Jesus."

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