

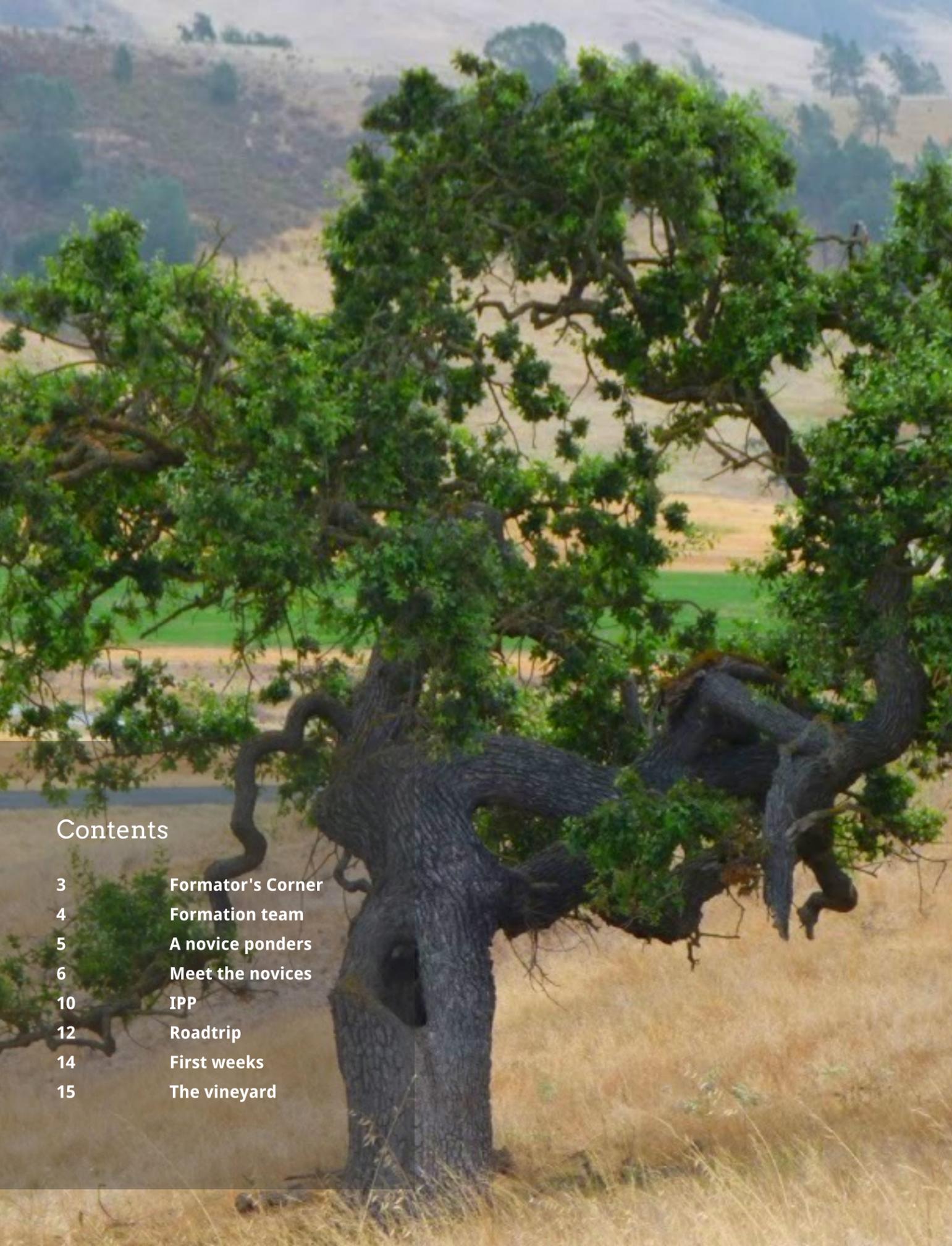
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Formator's Corner



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as we begin another Novitiate year, we welcome our new Novices and introduce them in this first issue of the Caperone for this Novitiate year of 2019 – 2020.

The 13 young men, arrived at San Lorenzo in the evening on Friday the 19th of July. They made the road trip from St Louis, where they spent two months in the International Postulancy Program (IPP). This program gathers them together from the ten provinces that make up the North America & Pacific Capuchin Province.

Each of them begins the first stage of their formation into Capuchin life in their own province. This initial stage of their formation is called postulancy, which runs for ten months. At the end of this program, they come together in St Louis.

The IPP program begins at the end of May. The focus of the program is to give all the postulants from the various provinces the opportunity to get to know each other, before they commence their Novitiate year. At the end of IPP, they drive from St Louis to San Lorenzo to begin their Novitiate year.

The road trip across the country is a journey of transition from one stage to the next. It is also a way to get to know your fellow travellers even better, with whom they will be spending the next year together in the Novitiate.

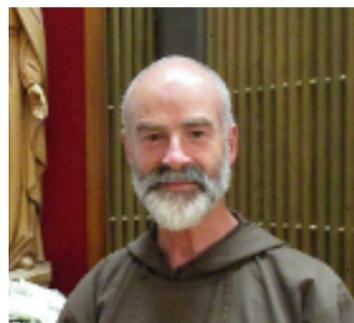
The Novitiate team welcomed them on their arrival at San Lorenzo with an official ceremony that commenced their Novitiate year. On the following Sunday, they were invested in their Novitiate Habits.

Please keep them all in your prayers as they journey through their Novitiate year together.

-Br. Robert
Novice Director



Formation Team



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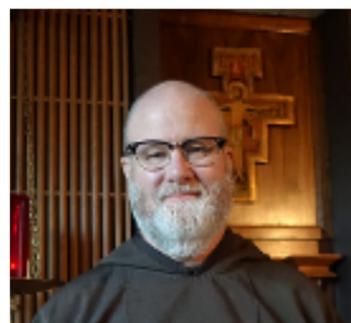
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Formator



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Formator



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Senior Resident Friar



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Property Manager



a novice ponders

As this novice sits down to put thoughts to paper, he realizes that the fourth week of novitiate has started. Sometimes time flies, and there are also moments that time seems to stand still.

Travelling to San Lorenzo, we took a day off to visit the Grand Canyon. After a lunch break, we took the time to contemplate the Lord's beautiful creation. For some, time seemed to have dissipated from existence; for others we couldn't move on to the next view fast enough.

At San Lorenzo, we have been given a great gift. We have been given the gift of time... to deepen our

relationship with the Lord, to explore what it is to love our brothers as God loves them, a time of prayer and deeper understanding of the sacraments.

At times we will want to hold onto this gift, and at other times... return it to sender.

As we start this new novitiate year...

Will you pray for us? We will be praying too.

One in Christ - Peace and All Good

a novice



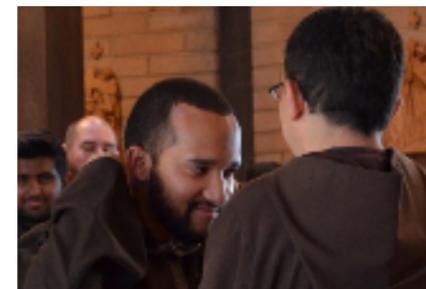
Meet the new novices

Front row: br. Alexander Santana, br. Sebastian Rojas, br. Gary Rego, br. Anthony Rivera, br. Simon Falk, br. Ashwin Anil Kumar

Back row: br. Jacob Schultz, br. Matthew Lontz, br. Mahari Igzi' Abier Zemelak Worku, br. Igor De Bliqy, br. Stephen Cantwell, br. José Barroso, br. Carl Schultz

Introducing a new class of novices is a standard item in every new edition of the Caperone. This year will be no different.

Br. Alexander Santana is novice for the Stigmata of St. Francis Province (New Jersey). He is 26 years old and calls Hackensack, New Jersey his home. He really enjoys drawing, more specifically comic and cartoon art. Maybe he'll write a comicbook about his favorite saint: St. Joseph! His 'go-to'-scripture verse is from the prophet Jeremiah: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you - plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope."



Br. Sebastian Rojas, novice for the St. Augustine Province, is 26 years old and calls Lauderhill, Florida his home. He is a certified scuba diver, and likes to go deep in prayer - "Be still and know that I am God" - carries him in prayer, together with his favorite saints: St. Augustine and St. Bonaventure.



Br. Gary Rego hails from Adelaide, South Australia and is a novice for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province of Australia. He is 28 years old and likes playing music, hiking and anchovies! St. Anne keeps him in prayer and the Gospel of St. Mark helps him meditate on: "Who, then, is this, that even the wind and sea obey him."



Br. Anthony 'Tony' Rivera, is a 27 year old from a military family and novice for the St. Augustine Province. Once he twiddled his thumbs for 3 straight hours; he might have been inspired by the scripture verse about having the faith to move mountains. The Road to Emmaus inspires him, just as St. Anthony and St. Leopold Mandich do.



Br. Simon Falk is from Blythewood, South Carolina and is a novice for the St. Augustine Province. Being 23 years old, he has already walked on the Great Wall of China. Who knows where he will be called to walk next. St. John's Gospel gives him an answer: 'If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.'

His favorite saint praying for him is St. Joseph of Leonissa.



Br. Ashwin Anil Kumar is a novice for the province of St. Joseph and hails from Dubai - U.A.E. His favorite saint is St.

"It was awesome to feel an even greater sense of inclusion with the Order"

-br. Stephen

Francis and as our youngest brother (19 years old) is sure of his intercessional prayers. He is a cartoonist and a comic book artist. In prayer the Gospel of St. John calls him to pray: "My Lord and My God".





Br. Jacob Schultz is 25 years old and was born in Linden, Michigan. Jacob walked the last 72 miles of the El Camino de Santiago a few years back! His favorite scripture verse is "I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you." His favorite saint is St. Francis of Assisi.

Br. Matthew Lontz is 27 years old and was born in Bonney Lake, Washington. Matthew is a licensed private pilot and received his license when he was only 17 but has been flying since he was 13 years old! He lives by the following verse from the letter to the Philippians: 'I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me'. His favorite saints are St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Padre Pio.

Br. Mahari Igzi' Abier Zemelak Worku is 37 years old and his hometown is Washington D.C. He prays: "Maranatha!" from the Book of Revelation together with St. Frumentius and St. Mary Magdalene

Br. Igor De Bliquy novice for the Stigmata of St. Francis Province (Belgium) is 37 years old and calls Ypres, Belgium his hometown. He enjoys swimming on hot days and relaxing by the beach. St. Francis has inspired him to choose this path in life and the Gospel of St. John leads him into prayer with: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Br. Stephen Cantwell is 29 years old and was born in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania and is a novice for the St. Augustine Province. He's a great encyclopedia for movies references and songs! If you can't remember a certain line or song... just give him the first few words and he will have the answer for you! Br. Stephen is here to "serve one another in love" and his favorite saint is St. Peter.

Br. José Barroso is 20 years old and was born in Mexico, but raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas. José is from the Province of St. Conrad. A fun fact is that parachute jumping is on his bucket list! The prophet Jeremiah inspires him: "To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you". He keeps St. Therese of Lisieux in his prayers and surely she keeps him in hers.

Br. Carl Schultz is 32 years old and was born in Southern New Jersey. He is a novice for the Province of St. Augustine. He really enjoys woodworking and engineering and his favorite scripture verse is from Psalm 130: "Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord." He has many favorite saints! St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Clare, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, St. John Nuemann and St. Teresa of Avila - Pray for us.

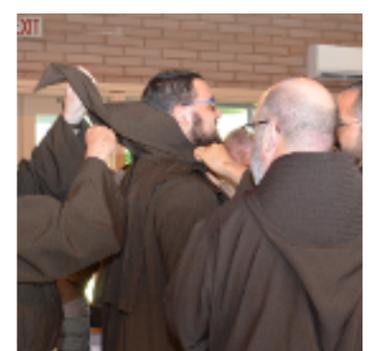


"My soul has found what it has been searching for for years"

-br. Gary

"It fits! Fits me real good..."

-br. Carl



Hi, who are you?

IPP, Interprovincial Postulants Program, Saint Louis, MO.

**"IPP...
is postulancy
redeemed"**

-br. Mehari

**"IPP was a
great
preparation
for novitiate
and a great
time to get to
know my new
brothers."**

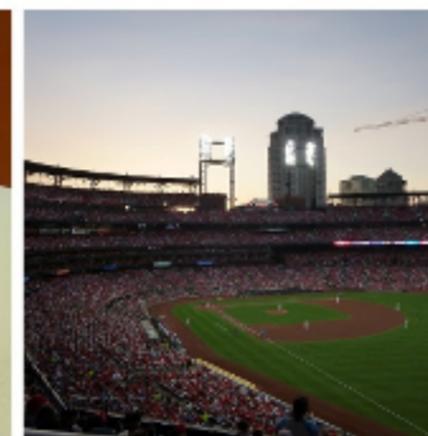
-br. Simon

**"The staff
really thought
out everything.
Big shout out
to the team!"**

-br. Tony

**"It's a time to
really get to
know the
people whom
you are going
to spend time
with..."**

-br. Ash



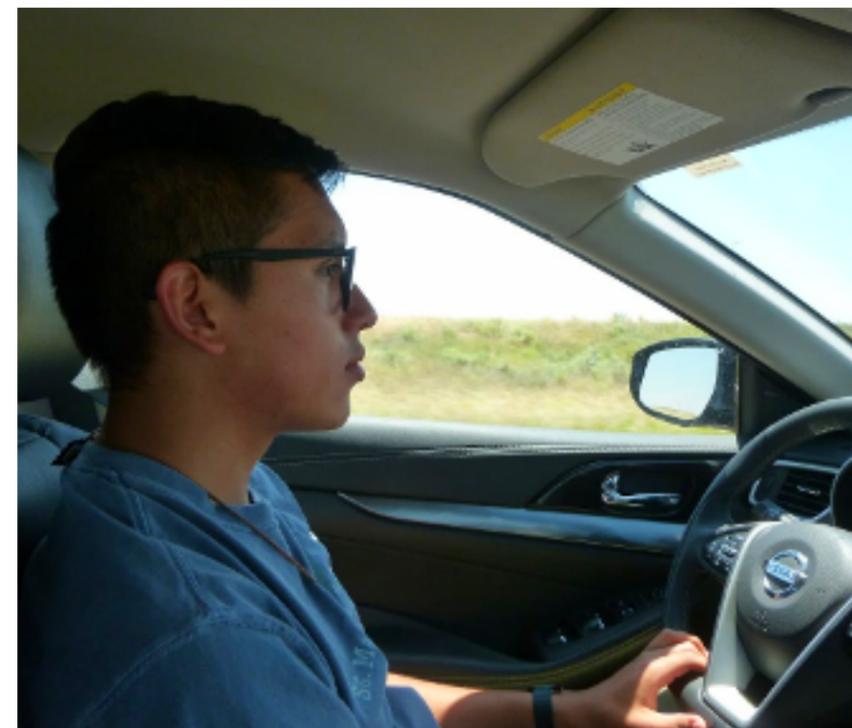
The TPP Roadtrip

2000 miles of Franciscan Capuchin Itinerancy



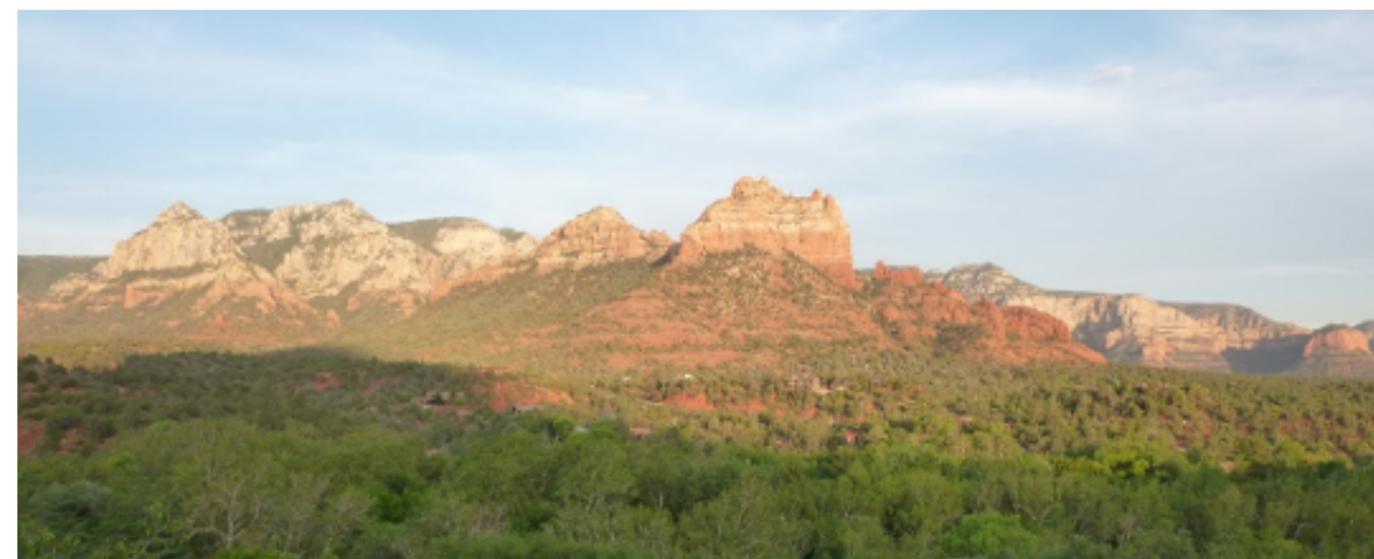
"It was truly a gift to see so much of the country and see so many great places."

- br. Simon



"4 brothers + 1 car + driving through mid-America = Blessings from God beyond counting."

- br. Gary



"All the sites we visited were a first for me. It was a beautiful experience seeing parts of the country that I thought I'd never see."

- br. Sebastian



"Breath taking landscape! My absolute favorite part was driving cross country and witnessing God's natural art. Kansas' golden fields, rolling hills; Colorado's snow peak mountains; Arizona's red rock shelves; the GRAND CANYON! Flat plains, super hot deserts and the salty aired Pacific coast. Simply gorgeous landscape."

- br. Carl

The first weeks

Out and about with br. Phil and br. Miguel.



"Seeing sisters living out their vocation so joyfully and simply is an inspiration."

- br. Stephen

"Now I understand what St. Therese once said; 'I want to spend my time in heaven doing good on earth.'"

- br. José

"Sand on my toes and whales off the coast!"

- br. Carl



I am the vine...

Working in the vineyard with br. Robert.





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