

# Franciscan Alumni Association

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## 2015 Reunion: June 26 - 27 at St. Francis Seminary!

Dave Gehring graduated from SFS in '72. A few years later he coached Tom Cruise and others at the same seminary. In recent years, Dave has worked at a golf course, the Great American Ballpark, and the Cincinnati Hall of Fame. This

unique skillset helped prepare Dave for the greatest challenge of his life: Dave Gehring is the Chapter Coordinator for this year's reunion. Congratulations, Dave! His plan includes tours and dinners

at several interesting places in the Queen City. He also rallied a few of his classmates to host the Friday evening barbecue.

We look forward to seeing many Franciscan alumni and guests at "The Farm" in June. The itinerary will be

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### Chapter Highlights

Thursday eve dinner at the Sandtrap

Friday tour of Reds ballpark, Hall of Fame, The Banks, lunch @ Holy Grail

6 pm barbecue hosted by Class of '72

Saturday tour of American Sign Museum and Spring Grove Cemetery

5 pm Mass at Fr. Aubert's Peace Garden followed by dinner in study hall, awards, remembrance service



## 2014 Chapter in Washington DC

Last summer's reunion in the capital city was well attended and outstanding!

It began with a social at the hotel on Thursday evening, Friday sightseeing in the capital city, evening dinner at the restaurant on the 17th floor of the hotel, with a spectacular view of Washington DC.

On Saturday we organized a caravan across the city and had a tour of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and

the Blessed John Paul II Shrine. This was followed by Mass and dinner at the beautiful Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, hosted by Fr. Larry Dunham '65, Guardian. Several alumni provided music for the Mass, with Fr. Larry as celebrant and homilist.

After dinner we gathered in the courtyard for photos.

Ted Gomez '72 and his daughter Rosie were terrific as the coordinators for this event!



## 2014 Humanitarian Award: Fr. Howard Hudepohl

Fr. Howard's roughly 60 years of ministry involved a great variety of roles from associate pastor to chaplain to instructor and missionary. He served in Roswell, Cincinnati, Monaco, Southfield, the Philippines, South Africa, Israel, Zaire, and Zambia.

After teaching at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati, he set out for foreign shores and served for a couple years in Monaco during the 1970's. He then taught for four years at Duns Scotus College in Michigan before traveling over-

seas again to the Philippines, and then to South Africa.

In 1993 he returned home to Saint Clement, but after just two years he was lured away for another tour of duty in South Africa.

Fr. Howard was especially passionate about teaching. Over the years, he guided and positively influenced countless students. Fr. Howard died March 29, 2014 of complications from liver cancer. He was 86. Fr. Gil Wohler was the homilist at Howard's funeral on April 1.



## 2014 Christian Life Award: Fr. Larry Dunham

Fr. Larry has been a strong witness of service to God and humanity. His affable personality, intellect, and practical approach to the work of God has enriched many lives throughout his years of service in many varied ministries.

After his ordination in the mid-1970's, Fr. Larry helped to foster an environment of fraternity and reverence as he served as Dean at St. Francis Seminary in Cincinnati. According to Fr. Matthias Crehan, he had a loyalty to vocations, one that drove much of the good work that he did at the minor seminary.

When the seminary closed in 1980, he became the overseer of the Friars Club for several years.

He subsequently cared for parishioners at Sacred Heart parish in Emporia, Kansas.



His life changed dramatically when he served as a chaplain in the Navy during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Then, drawing on strong administrative skills, Fr. Larry assisted in the formation of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, ultimately being elected its Provincial Minister.

He had found that he greatly enjoyed traveling, so when presented with an opportunity to live in Europe as a civilian chaplain for the US Army, he gladly accepted. This ministry took him to a NATO base in southeastern Holland.

Fr. Larry currently serves as Guardian for the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, which is located in Washington DC.

## Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes, plus Barcelona

**You are invited to Join Fr. Carl Langenderfer, OFM,** for a memorable journey November 1 – 10, 2015

### Highlights:

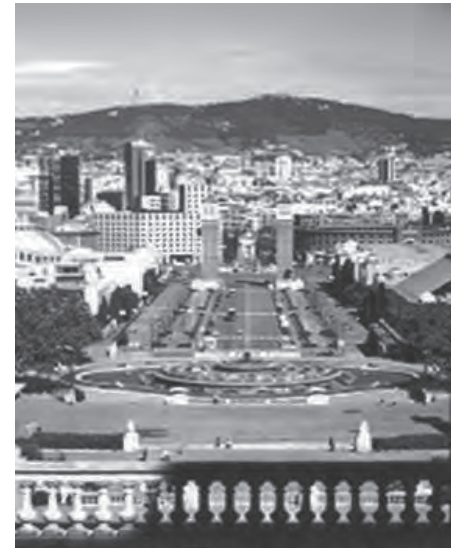
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the same as usual: socializing, fun group activities, tours, Mass, dinner, and a more than a few slightly exaggerated stories.

The hotel for the 2015 Chapter is near I-275 and Winton Road, about five minutes from SFS (reserve by May 1): Quality Inn & Suites  
11967 Chase Plaza, Forest Park, OH (513) 825-9600  
Group name: Franciscan Alumni Assn  
Please reserve by May 1 to get these rates: \$73.09 plus tax Thursday night \$80.74 plus tax Friday/Saturday night

We would especially like to see big participation from:  
Class of '80—35 years!  
Class of '75—40 years!  
Class of '70—45 years!  
Class of '65—50 years!  
Class of '60—55 years!  
Class of '55—60 years!  
Class of '50—65 years!  
Class of '45—70 years!  
Class of '40—75 years!

The former St. Francis Seminary is now called Mercy Franciscan at Winton Woods. The address is 10290 Mill Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Details:

**Thursday, June 25th**  
6 pm - Dinner at The Sandtrap @ Blue Ash golf course, Cooper & Plainfield Rd. Followed by beverages at Gehring's house, 1649 Rolling Hills Drive  
**Friday, June 26th**  
8 am - Morning Prayer at hotel  
10 am - Tour of Great American Ballpark, Cincinnati Hall of Fame/Museum (\$16 adults, \$14 seniors and students)

**Information** on tours, dinners, and other activities will be available at the hotel front desk & [www.franciscan-alumni.org](http://www.franciscan-alumni.org) (Reunions tab, "2015 Reunion") or contact Dave Gehring at (513) 532-3909 or [gehrindlou@aol.com](mailto:gehrindlou@aol.com)  
**Contact Dave to RSVP for tours!**

Noon - Lunch @ The Holy Grail (adjacent to the ballpark)  
1:30 pm - Walking tour of Downtown Cincinnati, Smale Park, and The Banks  
6 pm - Social with food and drink  
Location TBD—ask at hotel or check website: [www.franciscan-alumni.org](http://www.franciscan-alumni.org)  
**Saturday, June 27th**  
8 am - Morning Prayer at hotel  
9:30 am - American Sign Museum, 1330 Monmouth Street (\$10 per person) [americansignmuseum.org](http://americansignmuseum.org)  
11:30 - Lunch nearby  
1 pm - Tour Spring Grove Cemetery and St. Mary Cemetery; see graves of famous people and friars (no cost)  
3 - 5 pm - Visiting & socializing @ St. Francis Seminary (a.k.a. The Farm)  
5 pm - Mass in the Peace Garden (or in the chapel depending on weather)  
6:30 - Dinner in Study Hall  
Knights of Columbus will prepare and serve an outstanding dinner, just as they did last time!

**Cost** of Friday and Saturday dinners: freewill donations. **SEE YOU THERE!!**



## More photos from 2014 Chapter



*Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Washington DC*





## And more photos from 2014 Chapter



*Alumni at Blessed John Paul II Shrine*



*Rosie with "thank you" bouquet*



*National Basilica*

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## Vocations Prayer Card Program

The Franciscan Alumni Association mission statement includes “Assisting and furthering in any way possible the work of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province and St. John the Baptist Province, the Order of Friars Minor, and the Franciscan missions.”

To this end, we would like to leverage our unique network to reach out to potential candidates for a Franciscan vocation. Over the next several months, we will be providing quantities of vocation prayer cards to you, our members, for you to make available at your parishes or to use as a calling card.

Consider how your simple act of praying, providing contact information, or encouraging an individual to investigate a Franciscan vocation can have a deep impact in God’s plan.

To provide input into this program, or to get started with your own ideas as an early adopter, please contact Paul Landers via [paul\\_landers@franciscan-alumni.org](mailto:paul_landers@franciscan-alumni.org).

The Franciscan Alumni Association newsletter is mailed to approximately 1,200 members for whom we have addresses. The only cost of production is the expense of printing and mailing. Additional stories and photos are available on the website. Thank you for your interest and support!

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