

Friar Dan Quackenbush, OFM Conv. – biography

Friar Dan was born just south of the border in Plattsburgh, NY. One of ten children, he was raised in the Catskill Mountain area of NYS. His father owned a drug store, which was run very much as a family business; his mother “ran” the home, which meant pretty much that she was running all the time. He has 27 nieces and nephews and, last count, about the same number of great nephews and nieces.

Friar Dan received his BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY. He worked for almost seven years for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, primarily in the area of industrial and hazardous waste management.

He discerned his vocation to the Franciscan priesthood and entered the seminary in 1981. Among his more illustrious classmates in Franciscan Novitiate were Friars Rick Riccioli and John Joseph Dolan. Friar Dan took perpetual vows in 1987; and was ordained a priest in 1988.

Friar Dan has served as a parochial minister in Hoboken, NJ, and a number of different parishes in North Carolina, including St. Julia Catholic Church, where he served for 10 years. Due to the large influx of Latino immigrants, especially in NC, Friar Dan became more and more involved with bilingual parish ministry.

He was asked by Friar Canice Connors in 2004, our Minister Provincial at the time, to be a member of a new Friary in Kingston, ON to re-establish our Conventual Franciscan presence there. In Kingston, Friar Dan has served the past six years as Associate Pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish and as Priest-chaplain at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School.

Over the years Friar Dan has heard many wonderful things about the Parish and people of St. Bonaventure's. He considers it a privilege and a blessing to be here and serve in your midst as Associate Pastor, as well as to be a member of the Friary here. The Canadian people have already made inroads into his heart. Please do not hesitate to knock on his door for whatever service he can offer you.