Mission Statement
We, the Brothers of St. John of God are called to witness to the people of God, Christ’s healing love as expressed by our charism of hospitality, through a community of faith and a compassionate service to God’s suffering people.

Hospitalittor Brothers Beatified in Spain

On October 13, 2013, the Church proclaimed twenty-four Martyr Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God as Blessed. The story is told of eight Brothers in one of the hospitals that, “a group of workers took possession of the Hospital, removing every object of worship and leaving the chapel empty, so that it was no longer possible to celebrate Mass or pray the Divine Office”. The Brothers remained to serve the mental patients. After three days during one evening, ten cars of the FAI militia arrested the Brothers one by one while they were giving dinner to the patients and hurled them into prison for investigation. Then the militia’s cars reached the cemetery’s fence, they pushed the Brothers against the wall and shot them all without trial.

They were martyred for upholding their vow and commitment to hospitality and faith, while not abandoning the hospital and patients they cared for. Their faith was evidence of a love in action, which the consequences were their execution. The youngest Brother was 24 years old and the eldest was 67.

Present at this beatification Mass in Tarragona, Spain was the Provincial Brother Pablo Lopez, O.H., Brother Stephen de la Rosa, O.H., Brother Edward F. McEnroe, O.H., benefactors Dr. Willa Olsen, M.D., Patrick and Julie Pascal and co-worker Stephen Gaucin. They also visited the birthplace of the Order in Granada, Spain and attended a special Mass on the 8th of October in commemoration of the transformation of St. John of God.

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U.S.A. Brothers’ Assembly

On November 2nd, Brother Pablo called for an Assembly of the Province to begin the process of the 15th Provincial Chapter. The Brothers were honored to have Brother Joseph Smith, O.H., Regional Delegate of the Asia/Pacific Region, to facilitate the Assembly. The gathering was productive and gave insight into what will be some of the topics discussed at the Chapter.

In Memory
Brother Andre Archuleta, O.H.

Brother Andre Archuleta, O.H. passed away on September 1, 2013. He was born on December 17, 1944 at St. Anthony Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He took his Solemn Vows on March 22, 1980, as a Brother of St. John of God and celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Religious Profession on May 8, 1999.

Brother Andre was a man of humor who brought joy and happiness into the lives of the residents. He enjoyed telling stories of his service days in Vietnam. As Director of Environmental Services at St. John of God Retirement and Care Center, his primary focus was to offer the residents a home-like environment that was clean and safe, bringing joy into their lives. Brother Andre will be missed by his loving family, friends, residents, co-workers, and his fraternal brothers of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God. May he rest in peace, Amen.
Hospitaller Brothers/ Little Brothers Meeting

A joint commission meeting responsible for the merger of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd with the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God was attended by Brother Stephen. The meeting was held in Albuquerque, NM, where the Little Brothers manage a homeless shelter and a center for treating substance-dependent and alcohol-dependent people. Albuquerque was also the first house founded by Brother Mathias Barrett, the founder of the Little Brothers, whose body is laid to rest in a small chapel. Brother Rudolf Knopp, General Councillor, presided over the meeting representing the General Curia.

The topics discussed where the Provincial Directory and the Life of the Brothers, Vocations Promotion and Pastoral Care and Initial Formation, and preparation for the Little Brothers’ Assembly in June 2014 to be attended by the Prior General, Brother Jesus Etayo.

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The life of St. John of God and his spirituality is not well known in the United States. Yet, when one visits Spain and witnesses the operations of over 40 hospitals and many services offered by the Brothers, one cannot help but wonder about the healing presence of the Brothers in Healthcare.

On the day after the beatification, there was a Mass in the Church of the Hospital in San Boi Llagrobat (Barcelona) where the remains of the Martyrs were laid to rest. This Mass was presided by Bishop Jose Redrado, O.H., sac, retired from the Congregation of Health Care workers in the Vatican.

Each of us felt privileged to have participated in this blessed event which was a sacred space in time that commemorates the courage of men giving their life for their faith.

Pictured are: Brother Marcellus Corkey, Provincial of Delegation of Canada, Brother Justin Howson, Superior General of Little Brothers of Good Shepherd, and Brother Rudolf Knopp, General Councillor

The Basilica of St. John of God – Granada, Spain

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It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas around the Province

Even though we are in the Season of Advent signs of Christmas are all around us. St. John of God Los Angeles had the Celebration of Lights, a lighting ceremony of all the decorations on the campus with the Co-workers and Residents. A Christmas Luncheon with Skilled Residents was also held that was sponsored by the Women’s League.

St. Joseph’s – Ojai was donated a Nativity Set in remembrance of Brother Andre. The Brothers and Co-workers celebrated a traditional “Posada” and Nativity blessing by Father Rock.

St. John of God – Victorville celebrated their Co-workers Christmas Party and had its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey distribution, which served over 400 families this year. Samaritan Helping Hands distributed 320 turkeys and also received turkeys from the ICCR Staffing Company. We would like to thank to Mr. Lovingwood for his generosity and partnership in assisting the poor and homeless.

Many Blessings to all of those affiliated with each of our Ministries this Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Congratulations Giovanni!