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Province of Saint Barbara 1915 - 2015
Centennial Celebration

Meet Br. Joachim Grant

Many in the Santa Barbara community remember Br. Joachim Grant's determined generosity and patchwork habit as he busied himself around Mission Santa Barbara. The Mission was the fifth place Br. Joachim called home after many faithful years of service in the Bay Area.

After serving as a cook in Salem and Stockton, Br. Joachim was sent to the newly built San Damiano Retreat in the 1960s to continue his unique evangelization. In the words of Fr. John Vaughn: "Even if they forgot what the retreat was about, the cookies [Br. Joachim made] had their own Gospel message. Joe, as we know, has nourished retreatants not only with delicious and nourishing food for the body, but also with food for the soul in his conferences and talks with retreatants."

Apart from cooking, Br. Joachim coached and cared for the local youth participating in baseball, football, and track. The kitchen at San Damiano became the place to be. Br. Joachim put it this way: "You could say that the kitchen here has been something of a pit stop over the years. I always had to caution the kids that

they had to make it back down the hill, too."

When Br. Joachim moved to Santa Barbara in 1997, he continued to support the Province's retreat ministries by leading retreats and personally driving groups of retreatants to their destinations across California.

Br. Joachim also took part in the lives of the youth at Los Prietos Boys Camp in Santa Barbara County, bringing the spirit of St. Francis to young men he valued. He spent time with the elderly in Santa Barbara on a daily basis. He could be found pushing his wheelbarrow all around Mission Santa Barbara as he chose where to go and whom to serve.

Now in his retirement, Br. Joachim lives in Los Banos, California in his 60th year as a friar. Please consider how you might best support friars like Br. Joachim who have devoted their lives to serving communities like Santa Barbara. *On the weekend of the Centennial Celebration, December 4-6, a second collection will be taken up to support the Province of St. Barbara Fraternal Care Trust, the Province's primary fund for elder care.*

Look for the following events happening at Old Mission Santa Barbara this December:

December 4, 2015 Feast of St. Barbara
Mass at 5:30 pm and Reception

December 5, 2015
Old Mission Santa Barbara Open House
Free admission to Mission Museum and
Santa Bárbara Mission Archive-Library

December 5, 2015
Mass at 4:00 pm in Mission Church

December 6, 2015
Mass at 7:30 am in Mission Church
Mass at 9:00 am in Mission Church
Mass at 11:00 am in Mission Church
Family Mass at 10:15 am in Serra Chapel

