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Statue of Saint Augustine by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, located at Saint Peter Basilica, Vatican City

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PRIOR PROVINCIAL

Dear Friends,

In this season, as days grow shorter and darkness arrives earlier, we tend to mark the cyclical nature of life by turning inward and recognizing all for which we are grateful. Embracing the love of family and friends, we gather together to celebrate one another, and in so doing, gather together as a community in anticipation of Christ's birth. Augustine captures well this sense of community in his prayer of gratitude for friends. He writes in his Confessions:

"There were joys to be found in their company which is still more powerfully captivated my mind- the charms of talking and laughing together and kindly giving way to each other's wishes, reading elegantly written books together, sharing joke and delighting to honor one another, disagreeing occasionally but without rancor... We would teach and learn from each other, sadly missing any who were absent... Such signs of friendship sprang from the hearts of friends who loved and knew their love returned, signs to be read in smiles, words, glances, and a thousand gracious gestures."

These words provide a wonderful commentary for our lives. We cannot help but see our own family and friends in this prayer, for Augustine speaks from his own heart, a very human heart that knew love, grief, gratitude, and regret.

As you gather with loved ones in the coming weeks and remember those who have passed on to the Lord, know that we Augustinians keep you in our prayers. We are continually grateful for your friendship and thank you for your support of our ministries.

We hope this issue of The Augustinian will keep you abreast of the many goings on in the Augustinian world: an international gathering of your Augustinian friends in Australia; a historic convocation of friars from across North America; Augustinian Volunteers embarking on another year of community and service; and our vocation director braving the technological world of Facebook!

They are all stories of friends.

Augustine continues in his commentary: "So were sparks kindled and our minds were fused inseparably, out of many becoming one. This is what we esteem in our friends..."

In this season, as you gather with friends and family, the Augustinian community remembers you – our friends- in prayer and gratitude.

These are indeed joys to be found in the company of friends. We thank you for your company, your friendship, and your love.

With gratitude,

Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A.

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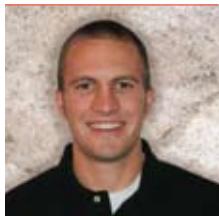


AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS, 2008-09.

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LETTERS

South Africa



What is your reality? My reality is huge, it is enormous. I could fill a book with it! Let's see...I am 24 years old and from the United States.

I have travelled across the country, and even across the world. I have a college degree, and a history of impeccable health. The sky is the limit and the world is my playground!

But you know, during the past seven months I have spent in South Africa, I have met some amazing people. Amazing people with very different realities...

How about young Nomphilo? What is her reality? She should be in the middle of her last year of elementary school, as a bright and beautiful teenage girl. She couldn't make it to classes this year, though, because she was spending too much time in the hospital. Her reality is that she was born with AIDS. She did not contract AIDS through any fault of her own, she was simply born with it—it is the only reality she has known. For most students here, Holy Thursday was the first day of a three week holiday from school.

For Nomphilo, she had an IV in her arm and spent the night in the lobby of a government (meaning: poor conditions) hospital. She'll never get to celebrate her 15th birthday—she passed away in July.

Nomphilo and others are persons who have deeply touched my life in the past seven months. It's come to the point that I can't see my reality without seeing them in it. And that's the point. The point is: my reality is connected with each of theirs. In fact, they have a word for that here: "ubuntu," which is short for the Zulu "umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu." Translation: "a person is a person through other people." What a profound concept in such simple terms!

So it's all about ubuntu. Our reality is shared: our relationships impact and change us in profound ways that forever connect our lives together. This concept has never been more clear to me than through my relationships here with people from all different walks of life. So forget about filling a book, a library couldn't contain my shared reality! That's ubuntu! And that's my reality. What's yours? Or rather - what's ours?

BRIAN STRASSBURGER
*Augustinian Volunteer, South Africa 2008,
Bronx 2006-07*

South Africa



"Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?"

This song lyric has played through my head at various points throughout my time in South Africa. I doubt that any volunteer can really know what their time has in store for them. This perhaps

becomes ever more apparent when volunteering abroad. Living overseas carries its own set of challenges and surprises, which at times can make your head spin. This is certainly the case for me since I had planned for quite some time to spend this time in Peru. However, I can't even begin to imagine not having had this experience. The Augustinian community in South Africa and the learners and teachers at St. Leo's have added such richness to my life that I can barely remember a time before they were in it. I will never be the same.

Five days a week I attempt to teach English to 300+ students at St. Leo's Primary School. In addition to what takes place within the classroom, I regularly play hide and seek, pump up an assortment of sports balls, apply plasters (band-aids), hold hands, defeat 7th graders in Horse, tie shoes and shwiba.

Although much of my time here has been spent as the teacher, I am also very much the learner. The most important lesson I have learned so far came by way of a 5 year old. Sphe and I are great friends at school. I see him nearly every break and am always greeted with a big smile and usually a running hug. Sphe and I are still learning to communicate—mostly in the most rudimentary sentences or by pointing and using only verbs. The most common one I hear from him is "shwiba". This means that he wants me to pick him up and spin him around wildly. I usually comply. For those of you who haven't spun recently, it doesn't take much to get dizzy. In doing this, Sphe has taught me an extremely important lesson: if you focus on the ecstatic face of the person who you are spinning, everything else melts away and you feel like you can spin forever and never get tired.

EMMA STEWART
Augustinian Volunteer, South Africa 2008

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AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE DOWN UNDER:

'Sharing All Things in Common' At the 2008 Augustinian Youth Encounter



BY ABI PECHÉ

Embarking on a 10,000 mile journey around the world to Sydney, Australia, an energetic group joined in celebration at World Youth Day and engaged with young adults from other countries at the Augustinian Youth Encounter. These travelers included five friars, the Augustinian Volunteer Staff, four Villanova 2008 graduates and four current Villanova students.

The Ninth Augustinian Encounter for Young Adults was held July 21-27, 2008, in Sydney, Australia. This was the first such gathering to be held on a continent other than Europe. The event brought together young adults from around the world to join together in celebration and sharing of Augustinian community. At the Augustinian Youth Encounter, young adults participated from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, India, Indonesia, Italy, Philippines, South Korea, United States, Vietnam and West Papua.

The conference directly followed World Youth Day, which took place July 15-20 in Sydney, at which Pope Benedict XVI was present. World Youth Day entailed events of celebratory Masses, catechetical sessions and a candlelight vigil. The festivities culminated with a Final Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI on the last day (the actual World Youth Day).



The theme of the 2008 World Youth Day was ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.’ Acts 1:8, which was apparent on the faces of more than 400,000 people who attended the Final Mass at Randwick Racecourse.

According to Ken Koncilja, Villanova student, “My favorite part of the experience was interacting with people from all over the world. Sometimes living as an American Catholic, we forget the universal nature of Christ’s Church. All faith expressions of Christ’s universal love are expressed through the diversity of the Church. That was my favorite part.”

Infused with the spirit of World Youth Day, these young adults headed to Collaroy Conference Centre for the Augustinian Youth Encounter (AYE). Its theme was ‘And all those who believed came together and share all things in common’ Acts 2: 44, which focused on the Augustinian nature of community celebrating diversity, prayer, social justice, oneness and unity. Connecting both themes, Ken Koncilja adds, “At the Augustinian Youth Encounter, not only were we bonded by our universal faith in Christ’s Church, but we were united in our rich Augustinian values.”

The AYE provided events and fun activities for the young adults to experience self-discovery, faith sharing and community building. The activities included Festival of Nations, Australian bush experience, a social justice day, concerts, praise and worship, dance parties and Mass on the beach.

Embracing the themes, one in mind and heart and sharing all things in common, these activities fostered personal connections and global community building for these young adults. Fr. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., describes the AYE as not only searching within but also uniting as a larger community; “We were able to meet and talk with each other. We put politics aside and connected as one community. These young people discussed their search for God, shared their faith and grew in their spirituality.”

The young students also learned how the Augustinian way of life is universal and appeals to many diverse cultures. Fr. Joseph Mostardi, O.S.A. adds, “In developing nations, the role of the Church and the Church’s involvement in the lives of young people still remains very important. Their activities are often centered on themes that are very Augustinian. This was obvious to us all as they spoke about Augustine and their faith. Their spirit was contagious as they demonstrated the importance of their faith and how helpful the Augustinians are to them in these various countries.”

The spirit and enthusiasm from the other countries enlightened the young Americans about different ways of expressing one’s own spirituality. Patrick DeDomenico, Assistant Director of the Augustinian Volunteers, says, “The body movement in prayer, particularly with the Indonesian cultures, was fascinating. It was exciting to see the energy and diversity of living the Augustinian way of life.”

The AYE showed young people talking and connecting with each other, regardless of social status, culture or language. According to Charlotte Gruber, Villanova student, “Before the Augustinian Youth Encounter, when I thought of what it means to be Augustinian, I thought of the community at Villanova. Meeting and sharing with Augustinians from countries all over the world, such as England, South Korea, and Slovakia, really opened my eyes to the significance of professing Augustinian ideals and values.”

Fr. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., adds, “Our young people gained a sense that the Order of Saint Augustine is larger and saw the connection to other provinces around the world. This conference affirmed that the Church and the Augustinian way of life is universal.”

Expressing a similar sentiment, Emily Trancik, Villanova student, states, “It certainly strengthened my faith to spend time with people from Korea, for example, who could be considered much different from me, and to find out how close we really are to Augustinians everywhere.”

The trip to the Australian bush was a favorite with the young adults. They spent the day with the Aborigines, who introduced the group to their traditions and rituals and taught them to respect the earth. The Festival of Nations was another memorable event where all the countries acted short skits about who they are as a culture. The Americans performed a baseball skit exhibiting a great American pastime. Bryan Kerns adds, “AYE showed both the breadth and depth of the worldwide Augustinian family. However, while showing the diversity of the global Church, it really showed us what we share in common with members of other Augustinian communities throughout the world.”

The conference ended with Mass on the beach, taking in the spectacular view and celebrating one last time together to share in all things in common as Augustinians. Commenting on the Mass, Michael Cunningham III, Villanova graduate, states, “To be present at Mass with those from all over the world and coming together to share in one true common vision of Augustinian values was touching.”



EMILY TRANCIK, MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, KEVIN DEPRINZIO, CARDINAL JUSTIN REGALI, MARY GRATTON
CELEBRATING WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008.



GENERAL ROBERT PREVOST, O.S.A. AND PRIOR PROVINCIAL DONALD REILLY, O.S.A. CELEBRATED WITH THE GROUP AT THE FINAL MASS ON THE BEACH

All believed the Australian trip was a moving experience and personal journey of faith. Most returned inspired, grateful and connected. "Traveling to Sydney with the Augustinians allowed me to meet fellow Catholics from so many places around the world, and has led to several lasting friendships. And, being witness to the various expressions of faith from God's people from nations other than my own was truly inspiring," said Andrew Callery, Villanova 2008 graduate.

According to Fr. Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A., Director of Vocation, "I left Australia feeling grateful for the spirit of Augustine with the present youth and the connection with the global communities. One student from Great Britain commented that Saint Augustine is wonderful and asked why there are not more Augustinians. Her comment stayed with me. We are all responsible for carrying the legacy of Saint Augustine."

Reflecting on her experience, April Gagne, Director of the Augustinian Volunteers, inspired by the openness and enthusiasm from the Villanova students, states, "There were a lot of other great aspects about the AYE, particularly meeting people from all over the world and learning more about them, but time and again it was the students from Villanova who inspired me, both at World Youth

Day and AYE. The 8 of them were able to express their faith and their understanding of Augustinian spirituality in ways that were powerful. Their continued interest in getting to know others and fully participating in activities showed that they were on the trip to grow in their faith and not just to see Australia."

The AYE was an opportunity to come together as an Augustinian community and celebrate the diversity, prayer, social justice, oneness and unity. These young adults from around the world brought energy and enthusiasm to learn about Saint Augustine and live in a global and universal Augustinian community. Prior Provincial, Donald Reilly, O.S.A., says, "To hear young people refer to themselves as Augustinian expands the friars' notion of who and what the Order is. To inspire and influence their lives at a gathering like the Augustinian Youth Encounter speaks to the future of the Order and the Church."

On the 20-hour flight back to Philadelphia, Brian Murray, Villanova graduate, reflects, "This trip really taught me the universality of the Church as well as the unique Augustinian charism that we have come to cherish at Villanova but that exists throughout the world. In this sense it is an experience that I will never forget and that will always influence

my understanding of both the Church and my role as a young Catholic in the world today." †



CELEBRATING THE EARTH IN CEREMONY WITH THE ABORIGINES

Fr. Kevin
on Facebook



Kevin
has shot
putted you.

You have
just thrown
Michael Phelps
at Kevin.

Kevin has written
on your wall.

FR. KEVIN ON FACEBOOK

BY THERESA KOZUL

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These Facebook applications allow one to virtually poke, shot-put, throw objects and celebrities at friends or simply say hello. Facebook, the well-known online social network, is one of the most popular sites visited by teen-agers and young adults in high school and college. Individuals create profiles for themselves to keep in contact with friends and family through the networks and features on Facebook. And now, one member of the Augustinian family is networking within the world of Facebook. Fr. Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A., Director of Vocation, has recently created a Facebook profile to re-introduce religious vocation to a younger audience, by indulging in a facet of their own culture.

The last issue of *The Augustinian* announced the launch of a new marketing campaign promoting a “culture of vocation.” This campaign strives to express to potential candidates the Augustinian way of life, a life which welcomes a diverse group with unique qualities and together forming a united community. To further the goals of this marketing endeavor and the Augustinian way of life, the vocation office chose to experiment with Facebook as a marketing tool for their campaign.

“Facebook is an effective online network for the Augustinians to communicate with broader audiences, yet specifically target within certain groups or networks. It enables the Augustinians to promote a culture of vocation and highlight the diversity and spirit of the Augustinian way of life,” says Abigail Peche, Director of Communications. “Fr. Kevin on Facebook is a great way to engage with potential candidates, to post vocation events and retreats, and to market the new vocations promotional campaign, Sharing All Things in Common.”

Fr. DePrinzio’s approachable nature and presence on Villanova’s campus are just two elements, which already enable him to relate to younger people such as college students. By creating a profile, Fr. DePrinzio offers a fresh face for younger audiences to relate to the Augustinian way of life. Fr. DePrinzio will be connected online to networks of students from Villanova University, Saint Joseph’s University and Merrimack College.

“Within the past few years, Facebook has rapidly become a way to “connect” with people over the internet, among college students alone it has taken off. I have found it important to have a presence on Facebook, since that is how many are networking now,” says Fr. DePrinzio, O.S.A. “Of course, Jesus always invited the people whom he encountered to “Come and see,” so the key to ministry on Facebook is just that - to bring them from behind their computer screens and to invite them to something, a way of life that is not virtual at all, but in fact very real and worth living.”

This initiative enables viewers to see pictures of Fr. DePrinzio and the friars, from recent events such as retreats and the Augustinian Youth Encounter. Fr. Kevin’s “friends” on Facebook can also be directly invited to upcoming vocation events or remain in contact with Fr. DePrinzio through wall postings and messaging. This direct form of communication allows a youthful audience to regularly remain in contact with Fr. Kevin in a way that is easily accessible and familiar to young people. His profile also includes his own interests and personal background, allowing young people to relate to Fr. DePrinzio and the Augustinian way of life. Beyond spirituality, these new friends and candidates may indeed have all things in common with the Augustinians.

“I became a part of Facebook while in campus ministry at Merrimack College. Many of the Faculty and Staff thought it would be a good tool to connect with the ‘facebook generation,’ ” says Fr. Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A. “I think what it shows, particularly to young people, is a desire to meet them where they are, as well as an opportunity for them to see us as real people.” 

OUR RESTLESS SOCIETY!

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HARPER'S WEEKLY, OCTOBER 10, 1857

Yes, the above was written more than a century and a half ago. Yet, those who follow the news, electronically or in print, can easily be placing themselves in harm's way. Depression, paranoia, loneliness can easily result from the kind of perspective reported by the media. Many turn to the sports or entertainment pages for some respite from the slings and arrows of the daily misfortunes, tragedies, wars and violence heaped upon us. Yet, we all know we find little if any fulfillment in those pages. Perhaps, a fleeting and vicarious getaway.

The great philosopher and theologian, St. Augustine, in pondering the society in which he lived (4th century), penned perhaps one of the greatest books of all times: 'The City of God'. During the thirteen years it took him to complete this work, Augustine revealed for us a timeless truth – one which can certainly provide each of us confidence, courage and needed perspective in our own times.

In essence, he tells us, there are two cities: the earthly city, depicting the world's plan for us; and, the heavenly city, which outlines God's plan.

The world's plan can be summarized by a 'keep up with the Jones' attitude, where success is measured by power, possessions, where one lives, what one drives, and position in business and in the workplace. Where one goes to school and how many degrees one has are held in the highest regard. Relationships often get in the way of our rise to power or pursuit of goals, and become expendable. Independence is a strong value we teach and embrace over interdependence. The acquisition of material things is a clear measure of success, often at the expense of adherence to values and dear things.

Families are scattered and get together mostly during holidays when they are not traveling; our expensive and often empty houses pay silent tribute to the sacrifices we make to 'succeed'. Our churches and houses of worship gather fewer and fewer

people. There are too many other conflicting and important activities: soccer, baseball, and basketball games; professional athletic events, overtime, efforts to insure our houses remain competitive in the neighborhood.

Perhaps this is what Thoreau had in mind when he reflected that 'the mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation'. Johnson put it another way: "Things are in the saddle, and ride mankind." Augustine is more direct: the world's plan provides instant gratification and temporary satiation, while leaving us lonely and restless. And the headlines scream violence, scandals, business failures, foreclosures, 'irretrievably broken' marriages, and empty churches.

God's plan, Augustine tells us, sets forth the priority of relationship. The mandate is clear; not always easy. 'Love one another, as I have loved you.' Interdependence is fostered so that we realize how much of a stake we have in one another. Short term goals are pursued in light of the longer, more global ones. "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose himself in the process?"

Our status in the earthly city is one of traveler; we are called to be permanent citizens of the heavenly city. During our journey, we are also called upon to invest those resources with which we have been blessed to attract, to call and to empower our fellow travelers to journey with us. We have a stake in them as they do in us. The world's plan trumpets its success and markets its wares each day in countless ways: magazines, movies, radio and TV, billboard messages and our own desires for immediate gratification and easy acceptance.

Who markets God's plan? We are asked to provide free will with the benefit of some alternatives. The world's plan is most attractive, especially when there is only one story being told. Augustine experienced the world's plan – and was quite good at it – until he heard that other story. His mother's prayers, a child's message, and the relationships with those who loved him led him to confess: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless, until they rest in you."

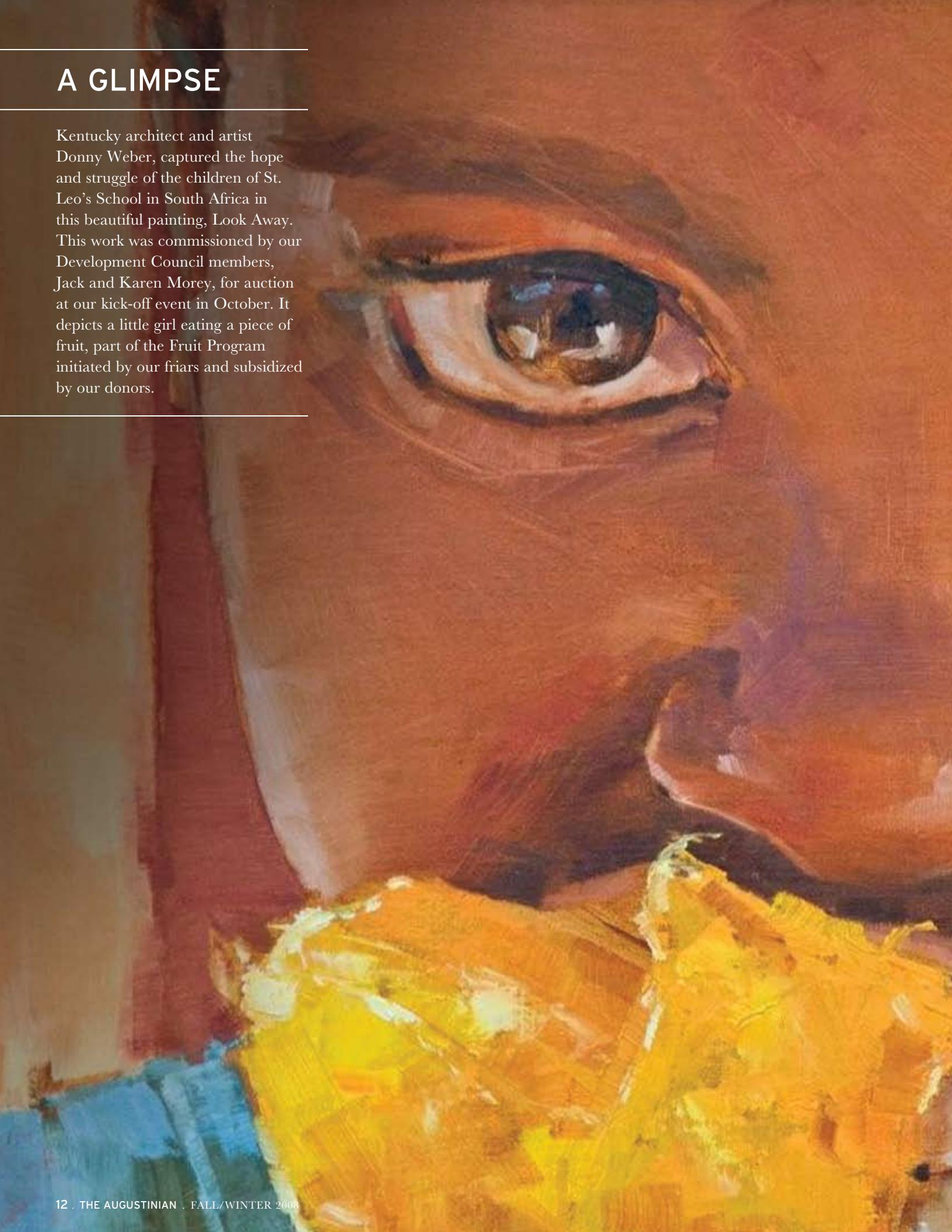
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My friends – pastors of churches, presidents of schools, leaders of religious communities and fellow travelers: Philanthropy is one of the truly empowering ways to involve your friends and flock in pursuing the dear things in life. Invite them to help dream the dream, to help realize it while calling others, and to give back from the abundance of gifts with which they have been blessed. Provide them a second story with the accompanying 'restlessness'.

I truly believe that "Without a vision, the people perish." Let us help give those we love the opportunity to choose God's plan by providing them a vision broader than a clear television, a cold six pack and crisp pretzels!!

A GLIMPSE

Kentucky architect and artist Donny Weber, captured the hope and struggle of the children of St. Leo's School in South Africa in this beautiful painting, *Look Away*. This work was commissioned by our Development Council members, Jack and Karen Morey, for auction at our kick-off event in October. It depicts a little girl eating a piece of fruit, part of the Fruit Program initiated by our friars and subsidized by our donors.





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THE AUGUSTINIAN FAMILY: A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS

DR. MARGARET HEALEY

Dr. Margaret Healey has dedicated her life to service of community, be it as Treasurer of Bryn Mawr College, President of Rosemont College, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Villanova University or advisor to the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. Her focus on service and community, and love of the Augustinians made her the perfect candidate for affiliation to the Order this past summer.

Affiliation is an honor granted to individuals who merit special recognition because of their distinguished cooperation for the good of the Order. By reason of affiliation they belong to the Augustinian Family and share in all the spiritual benefits of the Order.

NA: Peg, you have lived a pretty amazing life and have achieved incredible success by any standard. Yet when you began your career, most doors in the world of academia, like everywhere else, were closed to women. How did you do it?

MH: With luck and mentoring. In the 50's I graduated from Rosary College in Illinois with a degree in Philosophy. I was very fortunate to get a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Belgium. This gave me a lot of credibility in the academic world and when I decided to pursue graduate studies and eventually a Ph.D. I believe the Fulbright opened some doors. In those days it was very hard for women to get support to study. Most schools felt a woman would get married and not stay in the profession. Bryn Mawr had a program that was very strong in metaphysics that I was very interested in and being a woman's college, they assumed a woman could do anything a man could do. It was a unique place to study in the sixties, half of the faculty was female and that was very unusual. They gave me a lucrative and prestigious fellowship. I could be a full-time student and I got a lot of support for any reasonable research I wanted to do. From that point, I was just open to opportunities as they presented themselves at Bryn Mawr, Villanova and Rosemont.

NA: When did you first encounter the Augustinians?

MH: I grew up in Chicago and attended a Catholic girls high school and the boys school was St. Rita's, an Augustinian school. Then my sister lived on the South Side of Chicago, there I met the Sisters of St. Clare of Montefalco, also an Augustinian Order. So through those two groups I had my first introduction. In 1961 I moved to Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish in Bryn Mawr, an Augustinian parish. Professionally, I served on the board of The Washington Theological Union with both Fr. Joe Duffey and Fr. Jack Deegan and as a trustee and Vice Chair at Villanova University under Fr. John Driscoll. I was part of the search committee that recommended Fr. Ed Dobbin for the presidency and then served on the investment committee of the Province with Fr. Tony Burrascano, Fr. John Farrell and

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Philanthropy: *n.* A person who regulates his or her life, actions, judgments, utterances etc. by the light of philosophy or reason.

Fr. Don Reilly. So, I have had a long and varied association with the Augustinians as pastors, colleagues and friends.

NA: You're a philosopher, talk to me about Augustinian spirituality.

MH: Augustine is one of my favorite philosophers and a lover of Plato. Augustine takes the Platonic philosophy and brings it into the medieval philosophy. I know and love Augustine so it's not surprising to me that I love the spirit of the Augustinians. I believe spirituality is an awareness of self not totally taken up by your body. Many young people today feel religion doesn't have much to do with their real lives but are aware of themselves as spiritual beings. Spirituality is that part of life that has nothing to do with the body. It's a feeling that we have some non-material worth. The Augustinian tradition values the human being as spiritual and helps us to understand that dimension of ourselves and talk about it with one another. The Augustinians bring a lived presence of that in a life of consecrated vows and a rich tradition in how to share our spirituality and the experiences we have with one another. The Augustinians also have a huge dedication to education. That's very appealing to me and to parents who bring their sons and daughters to an Augustinian institution. They have a sense of confidence that they will be educated, brought closer to a tradition of Catholic teaching and thought and a life of prayer and liturgy. That's a reality that Augustinians are committed to.

NA: Your curriculum vitae attests to your community involvement reaching out to many organizations that have sought your help, your support, your wisdom. Where does that enormous generosity of spirit come from?

MH: I have always said "yes" to help small Catholic institutions or groups. Bryn Mawr was the only exception to that. I feel an obligation to help others because people were there to help me. People are so generous I feel an obligation to give back some of what I've been given in life. That being said, I am at a stage of my life where I'm disengaging from boards and service. It's important to step aside and give younger people the opportunity to step up and take their turn on boards.

NA: Were you surprised that the Augustinians wanted to affiliate you to the Order?

MH: It was a total surprise. It was overwhelming; I have no idea what I did to deserve it. I guess it's a recognition of my very special regard for the Augustinians, of my willingness to be helpful when I can, join them when I can in the furtherance of the understanding of Augustine and the promotion of his thought, and to join them in liturgy which is the heart. It also represents a commitment on my part to do what I can to help and to stay in touch with them and their ministries; to take full advantage of the resources they offer me and anyone else for personal development. 

The Province's Development Council works tirelessly to advise and assist the Augustinians in raising awareness and funds to support the many good works the friars are engaged in. The Province is indebted to all who serve on the Development Council:

Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., *Prior Provincial*
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VOCATION

Jorge L. Cleto, O.S.A., Ordained at Saint Thomas of Villanova Church



The ordination of Jorge Luis Cleto, O.S.A., took place on June 14, 2008, at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Villanova, PA. Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A., Bishop of Chulucanas, Peru, ordained Fr. Cleto. The Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on Sunday, June 15th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Staten Island.

Jorge Luis Cleto Casso, 38 years of age, is from Cotui, Dominican Republic. He is one of eleven children. After completing elementary and secondary studies at local schools, Jorge studied computer analysis and completed his master in business analysis at Universidad APEC in Santo Domingo. In 1992, he entered the archdiocesan seminary where he completed his philosophical studies. In 1997, he returned home to care for his mother and with the support of the diocese he did pastoral work at his home parish. In 1999, Jorge moved to Lawrence, MA, and began English studies at Merrimack College. He resided at Regalo de Amor, a residence for Hispanic youth in the Lawrence area. While there, Jorge became familiar with the Augustinians at St. Mary's Friary and applied for entrance into the formation program.

Fr. Cleto professed his first vows in 2002. He made his solemn profession of vows on November 4, 2007. After his ordination, he began his priestly ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Staten Island, New York.

Craig M. McMahon, O.S.A. Makes First Profession of Vows



On August 9, 2008, Craig M. McMahon made his first profession of vows in the Order of Saint Augustine. Fr. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., Prior Provincial, received Craig's vows at the ceremony held at Saint Augustine Church in Philadelphia, PA, which was his parish before joining the Order.

Craig was born and raised in New York and first became acquainted with the Augustinians during his first week at Villanova University in 1997. Craig graduated with honors from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration as a finance major and economics minor in 2001. Craig has also studied at the London School of Economics and the Catholic University of America.

Presently, Craig is in formation at St. Augustine Friary, studying theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL. Before joining the Augustinians, Craig was a merger & acquisition investment banker, adjunct professor in Beijing, private equity professional and international economic development specialist. He served as Executive Director of Step Safe, an international non-profit organization operating in Southeast Asia. Craig enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, travel and watching the New York Yankees and Villanova basketball.

Richard Jasper Begins Pre-Novitiate Year



After seven years of teaching in Catholic elementary schools in Delaware County, Pa., Richard Jasper began his pre-novitiate year with the Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova this past August 15.

Rich, a native of Drexel Hill, first encountered the Augustinians as a student at Monsignor Bonner High School. As a member of the class of 1992, his senior-year theology teacher, Fr. Frank Devlin, O.S.A., often encouraged him to discern a religious vocation. "It just took me awhile to figure out I actually had one," Rich said.



RETREAT AT ST. RITA COTTAGE IN OCEAN CITY, NJ

Graduating from Cabrini College in Radnor, Pa., in 1996 with a degree in English and communications, Rich spent two years studying at Philadelphia's St. Charles Borromeo Seminary followed by a year volunteering with the Sisters of Charity/Catholic Charities in Salisbury, Maryland. It was here that he worked closely with the rural poor and migrant farm workers, an experience that, he claims, had a profound influence on his life. "The willingness of these men and women to let me walk with them and share their lives has definitely helped shape who I am today," he said.

Likewise, his years spent teaching seventh and eighth grade students at his own alma mater, St. Charles Borromeo School in Drexel Hill, as well as St. Mary Magdalen in Media helped him to see that bringing the faith to a new generation of young people was a great responsibility and gift given to him. "I definitely would like to get back into the classroom as a friar one day."

As a pre-novice this year, Rich is taking philosophy and theology courses at Villanova University and teaching Christian morality one day a week to seventh and eighth graders at Sacred Heart School in Havertown, Pa.

Rich's parents, Rick and Kathy, and younger brother, Brian, still reside in Drexel Hill.

Discernment Retreat In Ocean City

In early October, the Augustinians hosted a discernment retreat at St. Rita Cottage in Ocean City, NJ, in which eleven young men, from the ages of 17 to 29, participated. Friars present were Gary Hresil, Tom McCarthy, and Bernie Scianna of the Midwest Province and Tony Burrascano, Joe Farrell and Kevin DePrinzi of the Villanova Province, along with Rich Jasper, pre-novice at Villanova Province.

PRAYER FOR AUGUSTINIAN VOCATIONS

Please join the Augustinians in praying for vocations to the Augustinian way of life:

Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest
Who calls men and women to
loving service.

All glory and praise are yours,
God of truth, light of our hearts,
for you guide your people
in the ways of holiness.

Help those who follow
in the footsteps of Augustine
to seek you through mutual love
and worship
and to be servants of your Church
as examples that others may follow.

Enlighten men and women to see
the beauty of common life
in the spirit of Saint Augustine
and strengthen them in your service
so that the work you have begun
in them
may be brought to fulfillment.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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EVER ANCIENT EVER NEW

A New Section devoted to the teaching of Saint Augustine and how 4th century words resonate today in the 21st century. Taking a quote from Saint Augustine, these commentaries and reflections written by the friars illustrate how Saint Augustine is very real and impactful today in our local and global communities.

“You say, the times are troublesome, the times are burdensome, the times are miserable. Live rightly and you will change the times. The times have never hurt anyone. Those who are hurt are human beings; those by whom they are hurt are also human beings. So, change human beings and the times will be changed.”

Sermon 311, 8

Having just returned from World Youth Day and the Augustinian Youth Encounter in Australia, I find this quote from Augustine very timely. It echoes the words of Pope Benedict XVI, in his closing homily to the young people and the words of our General, Fr. Robert Prevost, as he spoke to those gathered at the end of our Augustinian encounter.

Both of these men recognized the troublesome times in which we live but strongly advised the young adults to rise above what the world may be saying to them and recognize what Christ is saying to them.

We need to invite our youth into dialogue and leadership with us so that they feel confident that they can change the times by their example and service to the larger community. The Augustinian Volunteers have been an example of what can be done when our young adults decide to make a difference. The global cry for justice in our world for the poor and needy was most apparent at these youth gatherings in Australia. Their desire to change themselves through prayer and good works will in time create the changes in others whose lives they will touch.

Joseph S. Mostardi, O.S.A.



I guess it is all-too-human to blame something other than ourselves for the things that don't happen the way we want - as if we could continue our lives - unchanged - because things from the outside make life difficult. What an easy trap to fall into. As we get older and become more and more conscious of diminishing numbers, “the times” almost seem to require pessimism . . . But taking a good “look” at some of the healthy things we do, both together and singly, may help us to realize that we have already begun to take those words of Augustine to heart.

Allan D. Fitzgerald, O.S.A.

“We live in terrible times”—the refrain that echoes everyday through newspaper headlines, newscasts, bloggers, and conversations around the cup of coffee is not a new one. It certainly was as common in Augustine’s times as in our own. Augustine saw something dangerous in the refrain since it seemed to reduce us to passivity—is it really “the times” or might not the problem be “us.” Augustine insists, in the brief excerpt from a homily preached on the feast of the great African martyr Saint Cyprian, that the condition of the world is not “the times” (here he has

in mind the ancient fascination with “astrology”—celestial forces that determined life’s events) but rather concrete human actions and their results. Augustine is indeed the “doctor gratiae—the doctor of grace” but grace for him is an impetus to action—“live good lives, and you will change the times by living good lives.” Augustine could not have imagined the world we live in—instant world-wide communication, technological wonders, globalization--the list could continue. The boundaries of his daily world might seem much more restricted and contained than ours—but in many ways he would still reply in the same way: “live good lives.” Would he not insist that today it would mean not only living good lives in our closest relationships and life-tasks but also reflecting upon how “living good lives” leads us to reach out in more expansive, informed, and global ways to be “bearers of

God’s grace” to the seemingly “terrible times” that appear to overwhelm us but are, in fact, God’s invitation to action: “You are all looking forward to greeting Christ seated in heaven. Attend to him lying under the arches, attend to him hungry, attend to him shivering with cold, attend to him need, attend to him a foreigner. Do it, if it’s already your practice; do it, if it isn’t your practice . . .” (Augustine, Sermon 25.8). This typical exhortation of Augustine’s preaching is the only response to “terrible times.” As Augustinians we take Augustine’s invitation to “active grace” to heart, and in all of our ministries from the Bronx to Botha’s Hill, from Nagasaki to North Andover we seek to share that invitation as widely as possible. Live good lives, and you will change the times!

Thomas F. Martin, O.S.A.

**This year instead of yet another tie or video game,
give a gift that changes a life.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

FROM THE PROVINCE OF SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA AND THE AUGUSTINIAN ORDER

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Dedication of the Fr. Appici Hospital Chapel in Chulucanas, Peru

In July, a dedication ceremony was held of the new Fr. Richard Appici Hospital Chapel in Chulucanas, Peru. Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A., presided over the ceremony. During the ceremony, there was an unveiling of a plaque, breaking of a bottle of champagne, blessing of the chapel, speeches, and prayers.



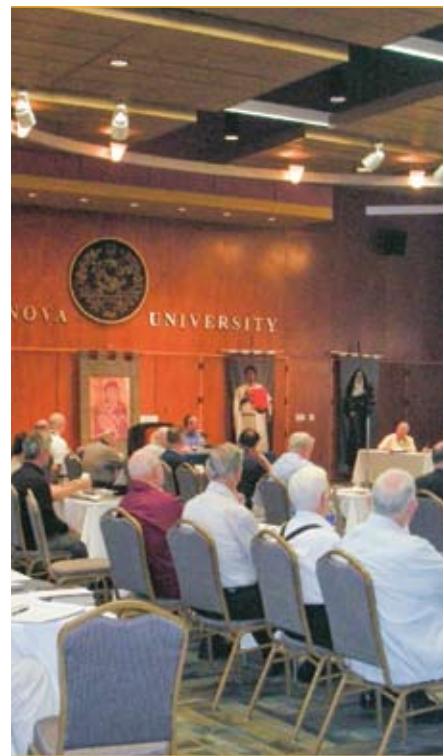
Augustinian Press Launches New Online Store on CafePress.org

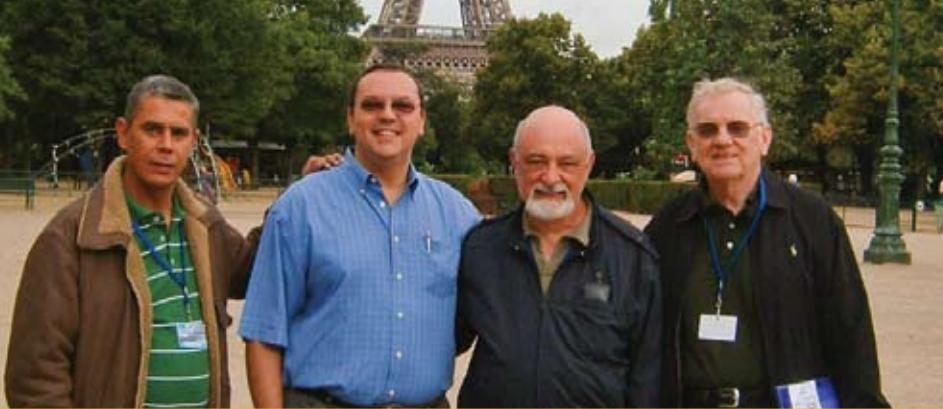
The Augustinian Press announces the opening of their new virtual store on CafePress.com. CafePress.com is an online marketplace that offers sellers complete e-commerce services to independently create and sell a wide variety of products, and offers buyers unique merchandise across virtually every topic. The online store will feature Augustinian art and graphics imprinted on clothing, coffee mugs, buttons, mouse pads and more.

2008 Christmas card and gifts are available online at AugustinianPress.org. The cards are larger than last year, with new works by Fr. Richard Cannuli, O.S.A. and Br. Jack Stagliano, O.S.A. New gifts include the spectacular coffee-table size book on Augustine and the initial booklet of a series entitled *Searching Heart*, a commentary on the Sunday Scriptures to provide the laity with deeper understanding on the Scriptures for each Sunday. The first booklet covers the Advent and Christmas Seasons of the coming year (Year B).

Augustinians Gathered for the Mid-Chapter Assembly

The Province gathered on Monday, June 9- Friday, June 13, 2008 for the Mid-Chapter Assembly held at the Connolly Center on Villanova Campus. It was decided at the 2006 Provincial Chapter that 2008 Mid-Chapter would be an assembly for all friars who could attend. 172 friars participated at the event. This was an opportunity for sharing information, discussing our Province commitments, laying the ground work for the last two years of the present administration, focusing on the qualities needed in future province leadership and preparing for the 2010 Provincial Chapter. At the end of the Mid-Chapter, the friars celebrated the Ordination of Jorge Cleto, O.S.A. All who participated voiced their approval of the format and content of the meeting. The Acts of the Mid-Chapter have recently been published in hard copy and also available at www.augustinians.org.





Augustinians at the United Nations Conference in Paris, France

As part of the O.S.A./NGO presence of the UN, Fr. Jack Deegan, O.S.A., coordinator of the O.S.A./NGO Team sent out an invitation to all Provincials and J&P Administrators of the Order to join the team at the 61st Annual DPI/NGO Conferences. This year the conference was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Twenty Augustinians and affiliates joined Sisters Irene Bailey and Franca Sessa at the Little Sisters of the Assumption Mother House for the conference and the subsequent Augustinian Course on the UN and the Augustinian presence at the UN in the light of Catholic Social Teachings.

The title of the Conference was: "Reaffirming Human Rights for All: The Universal Declaration at 60." The three day conference was divided into three daily themes: 1. Upholding the universal declaration of human rights, 2. Overcoming discrimination to realize human rights and dignity for all, 3. Human rights education and learning as a way of life.

The participants were able to listen to experts on the workings of the UN in Human Rights and join in the conversations on critical issues affecting human rights.

The second week, September 8-12, the Annual Augustinian Course was presented using the facilities of the Little Sisters of the Assumption's Conference Center at their Mother House at 57 Rue Violet, Paris. Among the presenters were Assistants General Michael Di Gregorio, O.S.A. and Alejandro Moral, O.S.A. as well as John Szura, O.S.A., Emeka Obiezu, O.S.A. and Jesus Guzman, O.S.A. Guest speakers were Fr. Gabriel Nissim and Christopher Malango, Executive Director of Pax Romana.

Thanksgiving for 40 Years of Parish Life in Chulucanas, Peru

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of San Jose Obrero parish in Chulucanas. This was the first mission in Peru of the Augustinians of the Villanova Province and was begun with Frs. Frank Kelly, Richard Appicci and John Sheridan. The feast of the Exaltation of the Cross was for many years a major celebration in San Jose so it was chosen to be the opening of the celebrations for this 40th anniversary event which will continue until December, when the bishop, Dan Turley, will make his pastoral visit and close the anniversary.

The Province to Launch Monthly eNewsletter

The Province will launch a new monthly Augustinian eNewsletter, co-created by the Development and Communication Offices and designed by 20nine Design. The Province is excited to expand their presence on the internet. As with the website of Saint Augustine on MySpace, the eNewsletter enables the Augustinian community to reach out to its supporters and friends as well as a new audience. Each month, supporters and friends of the Province will receive the eNewsletter featuring Augustinian news and events as well as updates and news from our Vocation Office, Missions and the Augustinian Press. A quarterly Special Edition eNewsletter will highlight news and events from the Augustinian Fund. To sign up for this eNewsletter, please e-mail the Communications Office at communications@augustinian.org

NEW SECULARS

On August 29, the Feast of Saint Monica, the Saint Rita Chapter of the Augustinian Seculars grew by three. Making their promises at a Mass held at St. Augustine Church in Troy, NY, were Mary Bush, Helene La Rose, and Margaret Tully. Joseph Getz is the spiritual director for the Saint Rita Chapter.



NEW AFFILIATES

Affiliation of the Order of Saint Augustine is bestowed upon those who have performed distinguished service to an Augustinian community. In 2008, the Augustinians proudly welcome the following individuals into the Augustinian family.

Anthony and Michele Alfano
Charles and Marianne Connolly, Jr.
Michael and Kristin Dolan
Arthur and Betty Eccleston
Peter and Jane Galetto
Gary and Patricia Holloway
Margaret Healy
Larry and Mary Legner
Bradley and Shirley MacDonald
Charles and Joan Surber
John R. and Therese Van Dyck

John J. Farrell, O.S.A.



Fr. John J. Farrell, O.S.A. was honored at a dinner by the Province and Villanova University on September

26th. They thanked him for his years of service to both the Province and the University. The celebratory dinner was held at the Montrose Mansion, Villanova Conference Center. Two speakers that evening included Prior Provincial Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A. and Dr. Wen Mao, Chair of the Economics Department of Villanova University. Fr. Farrell stood briefly and thanked everyone for coming and for their camaraderie and support over the years.

Fr. Farrell was received into the Order as a novice on September 9, 1950. He professed solemn vows on October 1, 1954. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 1959, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, by Bishop John McNamara.

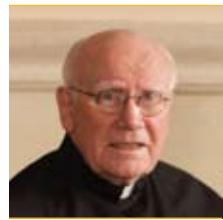
From 1975 to 1980, he was President of Biscayne College. In 1980, he was assigned to Saint Thomas Monastery and worked as Associate Director of Development for Villanova University. From 1980 to 1982 he was assigned to the Provincial House, Villanova, PA, and continued his work at the university.

In 1982, he was reassigned to Saint Thomas Monastery and continued his teaching and working in the Development Office of the university. Although he formally retired from the university's Office of Development in 1993, he continued his teaching in the Economics Department and the Business School, as well as assisting the university in its development and fund raising efforts.

KEEPING TRACK

Following the vow of obedience, friars find themselves called to where they are needed. Each issue of The Augustinian hopes to connect you with some familiar faces as we provide brief updates on friars serving throughout the Province. Watch here to track down that old classmate, pastor, chemistry teacher, chaplain, philosophy professor, coworker or friend.

John M. Driscoll, O.S.A.



On October 6th, Villanova dedicated Driscoll Hall, the new home to the College of Nursing. The building was named in

honor of the Reverend John M. Driscoll, O.S.A., '48 A&S, who served as the 30th President of Villanova University from 1975 to 1988. During the ceremony, Fr. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., President of Villanova University, presented Fr. Driscoll with a beautiful watercolor by Br. Jack Stagliano, O.S.A. and spoke about Fr. Driscoll's dedication and pursuit of excellence for Villanova University and for the College of Nursing.

Fr. Driscoll was received into the novitiate on September 9, 1943. After his novice year at Good Counsel Novitiate, he professed first vows on September 10, 1944, and came to Villanova University from 1944-1948, where he received his BA in Philosophy. He professed solemn vows on September 10, 1947. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1951, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, by Bishop John McNamara.

From 1965 to 1975, he served as Vice President of Villanova University and from 1975 to 1988 as the President of Villanova University. In 1988, he stepped down from the presidency of the university and was assigned to Our Mother of Good Counsel Monastery at Merrimack College, North Andover, MA, where he was the Prior of the community. In 1995, Fr. Driscoll returned to Saint Thomas Monastery, Villanova, PA.



IN PARADISUM

The following Augustinian friars were called home to God in recent months. You can read full biographies of these Augustinians, and post your own reflections or favorite memory, online at www.augustinian.org



Pascal A. DeCicco,
O.S.A.

BORN: 4/23/1926
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1948
ORDAINED: 6/9/1952
DIED: 9/15/2008

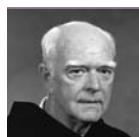
"I always enjoyed Fr. Pat's company. I never got tired of hearing his story about his father sending him to Staten Island so that Pat would get an excellent, free, high school education. His father, he would say, had no idea that the academy was a junior seminary! Pat stayed anyway. Please watch over us, Pat. You were a true gentleman."



John M. Quinn,
O.S.A.

BORN: 11/27/1922
FIRST PROFESSION: 11/11/1943
ORDAINED: 2/10/1949
DIED: 10/3/2008

Quiet and kind - two traits, often overlooked or taken for granted, that when shared with others, make all in their presence a bit quieter and kinder. It is in such quiet and kindness that one can more clearly hear and see God. "Kosmo" was indeed quiet and kind, and his friends are a bit closer to God for it. Not a bad way to have shared a life!



Thomas C. Kenny,
O.S.A.

BORN: 12/29/1926
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1953
ORDAINED: 5/26/1956
DIED: 7/5/2008

"I am grateful for his many years of friendship, and for the powerful example of his rock-solid confidence in the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world. If there's a golf course in heaven, I'm certain that Fr. Kenny and his great pal and classmate, Fr. Dave Duffy, O.S.A., have already played their first eighteen holes! May he enjoy eternal peace and joy."

“We are humbled by the support we have received. We are grateful that so many of our friends value what our tradition contributes to the world.”

– Fr. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., *Prior Provincial, Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova*



Charley Connolly, Chair of the Development Council with Ken and Lisa Valosky



Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova, John Heilmann and George F. Riley, O.S.A.



Sallie Grandi, Fr. Peter Donohue, O.S.A., President of Villanova University, Karen Thurman, Jay Wright, Head Coach of the Villanova men's basketball team and Charles Grandi

Support the Augustinian Fund

On October 15, the Augustinians of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova launched their 3rd annual fund drive with a special kick-off event at the Villanova Conference Center in Radnor, PA. Fr. Peter Donohue, President of Villanova University and Jay Wright, head coach of Villanova's men's basketball team were hosts for the evening.

The Augustinian Fund was established in 2006 to provide support for the Augustinians and their many ministries. Last year \$1,020,000 was raised easily surpassing the \$700,000 goal. Building on last year's success the Augustinians have set a goal of \$1,000,000 for this year's annual campaign.

Chairing this year's Augustinian Fund are James Delaney of Haverford, PA and Robert Salduti of Cherry Hill, NJ both strong supporters of the Augustinians and members of the Province's Development Council.

Annual Report Update

The Province of St. Thomas of Villanova would like to report the following emendation to its recently published Annual Report of Gifts 6/1/2007 to 5/31/2008.

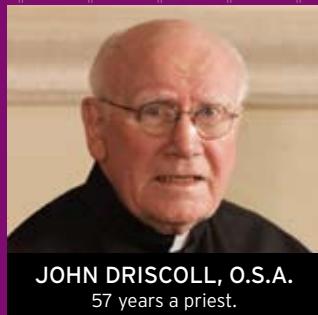
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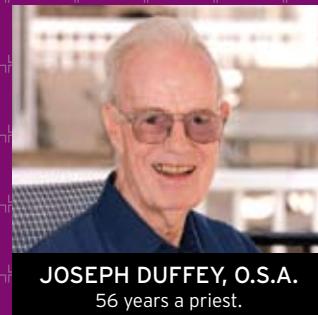
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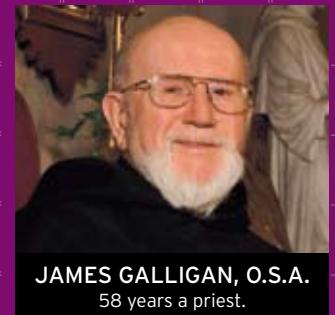
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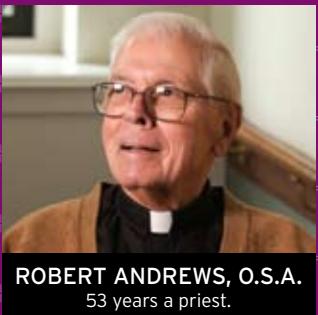
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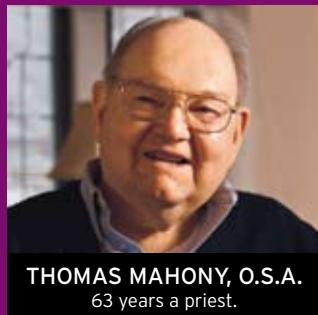
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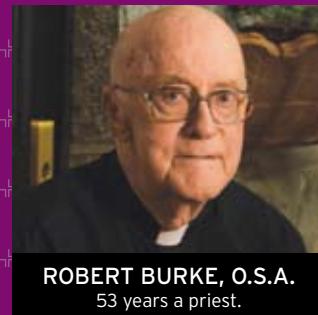
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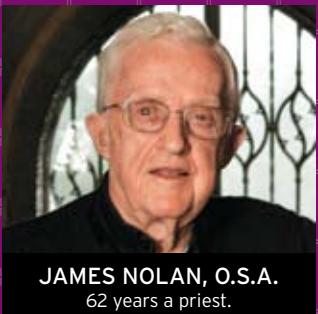
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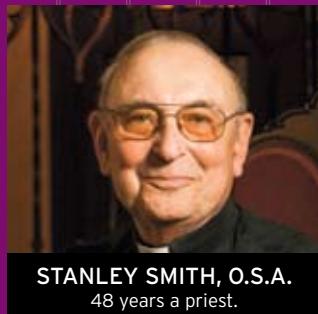
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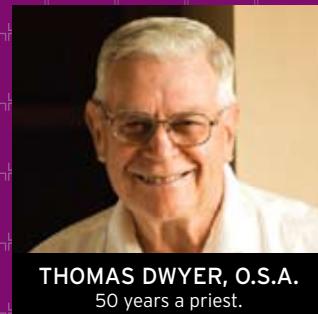
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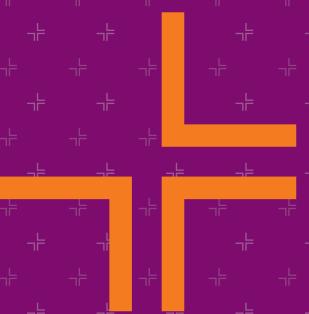
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62 years a priest.



STANLEY SMITH, O.S.A.
48 years a priest.



THOMAS DWYER, O.S.A.
50 years a priest.



Photos of the Kick Off Event and Friars taken by H. Karashoff Photography

Augustinian Fund contributions are the lifeline of the Province; helping us to close gaps in our budget and expand some of the ministries that serve the poor.

This year we are especially focusing on the care of the retired and infirm friars, men who have served long and well in the service of God's people. Your support of this year's fund is deeply appreciated.

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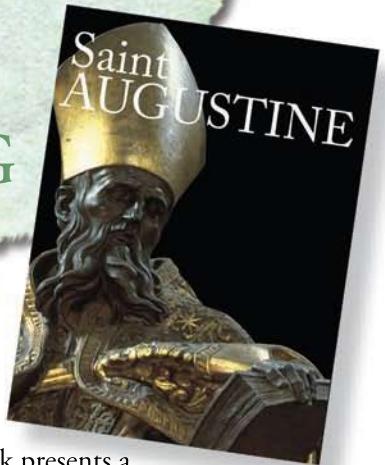
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