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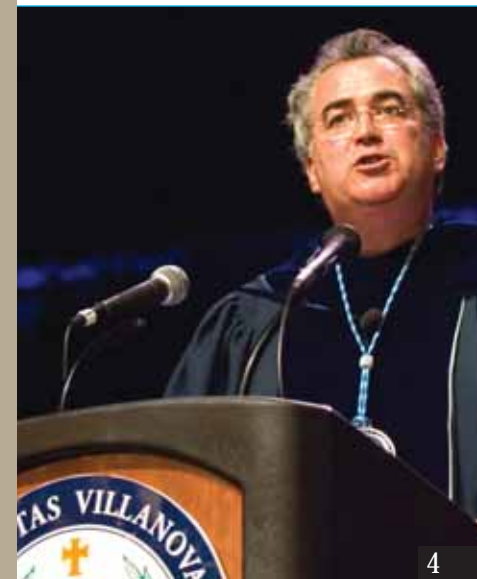
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Our Newest Community: Casa Agustín

Today, the growing Latino and Hispanic population in the United States is responsible in large part for the growth of the Catholic Church in the country. Responding to the needs of increased Latino and Hispanic vocations, the Augustinians established a house of discernment in Lawrence, MA. The newest community in the Province, Casa Agustín, is not only a sign of the times, but a sign of hope for future vocations.

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Everything you need...

Each year, Augustinian Volunteers choose to spend a year of their lives together in community, living an Augustinian way of life and serving those in need throughout the world. Their stories bring a message of hope and transformation. Melanie Stevens, a volunteer serving in the Bronx, shares one such story. It is a transformation not simply of the lives of those the Augustinian Volunteers serve, but rather, an unexpected discovery of self and God.

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LETTER FROM THE PRIOR PROVINCIAL

Dear Friends,

Welcome to *The Augustinian*! New name. New look. Same story. And what is that story? It is the Augustinian story, a story of journeying together with one mind and one heart intent upon God. It is a story of stepping back and recognizing how far we have come as a Province. When Matthew Carr, O.S.A., traveled from Ireland to Philadelphia in 1796, who could know that the fruits of that journey would transform into Augustinian parishes and schools up and down the East Coast and beyond? That the first foundation of the Augustinians would now be home to young men and women drawn to Augustinian community and service, who embrace the Augustinian charism while giving a year of their lives in service to others? That the Know-Nothing nativist party and its fears of Irish Catholic immigrants in Philadelphia would send the Augustinians into the countryside, where they would establish a small seminary which would grow into Villanova University? That immigration would continue to play an inspiring focal point in the changing face of the Church in the United States?

In this issue of *The Augustinian*, you'll discover all of these stories and more. You'll learn the Augustinian history of Villanova University, a history created by the thirty-one friars who served as its president. Peter Donohue, O.S.A., friar number thirty-two, continues that tradition.

You'll read about and hear from the Augustinian Volunteers. These young men and women are doing amazing work for the Church and the world. The program continues to be a great success, and continues to require much financial support.

You'll also read about Casa Agustín, a new Augustinian community in Lawrence, MA, that will give young Hispanic and Latino men an opportunity to discern a call to the Augustinian way of life. More and more, our vocations reflect the face of the Church in the United States. We are excited and filled with hope by the establishment of Casa Agustín. We know you will share that excitement and hope.

These are indeed exciting times for the Province; these are indeed exciting stories. But exciting stories require support. As an aging population, we friars are faced with serious challenges. With a greater number of friars in retirement and a diminished number of friars in formation, we need to continue to partner with those with whom we serve. It is through this partnership that the Augustinian charism will continue to touch countless lives.

Yes, the Augustinian story is a story of journeying together. In this magazine, you'll discover many ways that you can continue to partner with us – as Augustinian Friends, Augustinian Volunteers, as supporters of the Augustinian Fund. It is a hope-filled future. With one mind, one heart, intent upon God, together we will write the Augustinian story.

Thank you for your prayers, support and partnership.

In Augustine,

Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A.

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AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS, 2006-07

VOLUNTEER

LETTERS

San Diego

El Hogar Infante Orphanage inspires me everyday. Although from our front door I only travel 17 miles to cross the border, you would think I was in a different part of the world. Tijuana, like many Mexican cities, is spread out and disorganized. The houses are slightly nicer than shacks and trash is littered everywhere. And yet I see beauty. The kids' affection is captivating and instantly brightens any bad day. My roommate Keeley and I help in any task assigned to us. She often changes diapers or plays with the babies while I do maintenance or gardening until the older kids come back from school. The kids exhaust me but I leave feeling fulfilled, like we accomplished something.

Things also move slower here, including the line at the border to get back into the US. I wait in this line at least three times a week coming back from the orphanage

and it's never a dull experience. While driving up you can buy anything from a picture of Mary holding Pope JP2, painted children's desks, or my new favorite food, churros. The border is just like going through customs in an airport except there are many more questions. Most Americans just go to Mexico to party and drink, so it's a little hard for the border patrol to understand what I do down there. "You volunteer at an orphanage? For no money? Are you crazy?" These are the questions I get almost every time. My personal favorite was from a guard last week who was very concerned about my teeth. "So let me get this straight, you make absolutely no money?" None I said. "But how will you buy your toothpaste?"

ZACK ZWEBER

Augustinian Volunteer, San Diego Community

The Bronx

In the past eight weeks, I have learned about the value of patience, the benefits of determination, and the joy of childhood innocence. One day during a religion lesson, when their teacher asked them who teaches them about God's love, some of the children answered, "Miss Mary." Even though this was probably due more to the fact that I was in the kindergarten classroom at the time, I was still so humbled



to think that these beautiful children could possibly link me to such a wonderful mission – teaching God's love to the world. If only I could explain to them how it is THEY who are teaching me the beauty of God's loving presence in this world!

MARY RONAN

Augustinian Volunteer, Bronx Community

Chicago

As I bent down to tie a student's shoelaces for about the fifth time that day, I felt a little hand gently touching my head. "Miss Heather, I really like your hair." With moments like this one, it's not surprising that I love my volunteer placement. Even on the most frustrating of days, a smile or hug from one of my kids reminds me of what's really important. I work as an aide in the pre-kindergarten class at St. Margaret of Scotland School here on the South Side of Chicago. My day is spent with 20 three- and four-year-olds who never cease to entertain me. While it took me some time to learn and remember all of their names (try differentiating Aahnayah, Kaniya, Timaya and Darius, Darren, and Darion), I now know not only their names, but also their personalities, habits, voices, and needs. I love overhearing the conversations they have with each other and watching the social interactions unfold. My happiness at my work site would not be possible without the support of my three housemates... Each one of us has experienced frustrations and struggles, but we can always count on words of encouragement and support when we finally arrive home at 2557 W. 104th St. And for that, I am so grateful.

HEATHER STICKNEY

Augustinian Volunteer, Chicago Community

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VILLANOVA

AN AUGUSTINIAN HISTORY

UNIVERSITY



EARLY ROOTS

You might say that the roots of Villanova University date back to 1796, when an Irish Augustinian by the name of Matthew Carr, O.S.A., traveled from Ireland to Philadelphia to establish the first foundation of the Augustinians in the United States.

And you'd be right.

That first foundation was Saint Augustine Church, which the Augustinians continue to care for in the Old City section of Philadelphia. A parish school, Saint Augustine's Academy, was established there in 1811. This marked the first educational roots of the Augustinians in the United States.

During this time, Nativist tensions were high in Philadelphia and the Know-Nothing party stirred up sentiment against the Augustinians and Irish Catholic immigrants. The Augustinians began to seek a safer and more suitable place to encourage vocations and the growth of the Order. They found that place a short distance west of Philadelphia, on a two-hundred acre farm called "Belle Air."

In 1842, the Augustinians purchased the country estate from Jane Lloyd Rudolph, widow of John Rudolph. The school was placed under the patronage of Saint Thomas of Villanova, an Augustinian scholar and saint of the sixteenth century, and in September of that year classes began at the Augustinian College of Villanova.

Such are the humble and inspiring roots of Villanova University.

But not quite.

EVEN EARLIER ROOTS

The earliest roots of Villanova go back a bit further, back some 1600 years, in fact, to a man known as Aurelius

and read! Take and read!" He takes the voice to be a sign from God and immediately reads the first passage of Scripture his eyes encounter. It is from the book of Romans, and the passage calls him to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:13-14).

This is Saint Augustine's famed conversion – and it marks the beginning of a life centered on the love of Jesus Christ.

Shortly after his conversion, Augustine sets out for the beautiful Alpine countryside outside of Milan to prepare for baptism by the great bishop Ambrose.

He goes for reflection and study so that he can grow closer to God. The place is called Cassaciacum. But he does not go

THE EARLIEST ROOTS OF VILLANOVA GO BACK SOME 1600 YEARS, TO A MAN KNOWN AS AURELIUS AUGUSTINE.

Augustine. Born in 354 in North Africa, the life of Saint Augustine would leave a unique spirituality that would influence the Catholic Church, and indeed the world, in immeasurable ways.

The year is 386. The man is 31 years old and still struggling to find himself. By all outside accounts, he is doing well. Climbing the corporate ladder of the Roman Empire, he is named chair of rhetoric in Milan and is known throughout Roman society for his brilliance and oratory skills. Yet something is missing in his life.

The month is August. The man can be found in a garden in Milan with his best friend. He hears a voice call out in the distance, "*Tolle Lege! Tolle Lege!*" – "Take

alone. Rather, he takes with him his mother Monica, his son Adeodatus, and several of his closest friends and relatives. Augustine spends his time in the countryside praying, learning and journeying to God — together with others.

After baptism, Augustine would return to his home countryside of North Africa. At his family's estate in Thagaste, he creates what many people consider the first Augustinian community. He spends three years sharing a common life with family and friends, a life centered around dialogue, prayer, reading, and fraternity. Again, it is a time of praying, learning and journeying to God – together with others.

The story repeats itself again and again. When Augustine visits the town of Hippo

in 391, he is ordained to the priesthood literally on the spot by Bishop Valerius. As a priest, Augustine follows his vision of a community journeying together by founding a monastery at Hippo. A few years later Augustine is made bishop of Hippo and moves into the bishop's residence. But he does not give up his vision of community. Rather, the residence becomes a fraternal community of brothers – journeying together.

And so it goes throughout history. Thanks to Augustine's life and his *Rule* – a written set of guidelines for living together in community – the Augustinian tradition of journeying together to God passed through the centuries and continues still today.

AUGUSTINE'S EDUCATIONAL LEGACY

Out of Augustine's life has sprung the core values that guide Villanova University, Merrimack College, Malvern Preparatory School, Saint Augustine College Preparatory School, Monsignor Bonner High School, and all the educational institutions at which the Augustinians minister throughout the world.

Those values? *Veritas, Unitas, Caritas.*

Veritas. In his *Confessions*, Augustine portrays a restless young man searching for the truth. He is a man of brilliant intellect with an insatiable appetite for knowledge. This thirst for knowledge characterizes all Augustinian schools. Like Augustine's own journey, the search for truth is an ongoing restless journey that can only end in God. Students and teachers alike search for this truth through open dialogue and mutual respect.

Unitas. This thirst for knowledge, this restless journey, is a journey together. Augustine's life shows a man seldom alone. His conversion in the garden. His

catechetical retreat at Cassiciacum. His mystical experience at Ostia. Even at his death, Augustine is forever surrounded by a community of friends. This was quite intentional on Augustine's part, for he believed that not only could you see the face of God in others, but also others could help you find the face of God within your own being.

An unyielding emphasis on respect for others can be found in all Augustinian schools. This stems directly from Augustine's belief that God resides within all individuals. This respect creates a safe, comfortable environment where all individuals have something to contribute, where their talents and ideas are nurtured,

ONE FRIAR REPRESENTS THE ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE; THE OTHER REPRESENTS THE SCHOOL IT BROUGHT TO LIFE.

and where they are free to open their hearts to others. Such an environment stimulates knowledge of self, heightens the search for truth through open dialogue, and fosters community.

Caritas. Yes, a community journeying together, but journeying together in love and charity for others. Though Augustine made his retreat at Cassiciacum, he eventually made his return to the city. Members of his communities did not hide in the monastery. Rather, they went out into the world in service of others. Augustine's communities were founded on the example of the first Christian community described in the Acts of the Apostles. As such, they followed Christ's outward model of love

through service to others.

Likewise, Villanova University, like all Augustinian schools, reaches far beyond the classroom, the chapel and the campus. Just as Augustinian students learn to see the face of God in a classmate, professor, or friend, they learn that the face of God can be found in all people. And this love takes the form of service. Taking as its patron Saint Thomas of Villanova, a man known for his service to those in need, service and ministry are central to Villanova.

It is in this light, then, that one begins to see the Augustinian legacy at Villanova University. They can be found in the Augustinian values of *veritas, unitas, and caritas*

leadership, the longest tenure of any Villanova president, Father Dobbin was responsible for unparalleled growth at the school, helping to forge Villanova as one of the foremost Catholic universities in the country.

Today, Father Donohue continues the Augustinian leadership at Villanova.

Father Donohue, age 54, is a native of Bronx, New York. He made his profession of vows as an Augustinian in 1979 and graduated from Villanova in 1975. He

At the inauguration ceremony, Fr. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova, extended his arms over Fr. Donohue and offered God's blessings on his new ministry. It was an important moment in time for both the Province and the University: one friar representing the Order of Saint Augustine; the other representing the school it brought to life.

As Villanova University begins another chapter in its history, the Augustinians



went on to earn a M.A. in Theatre from the Catholic University of America in 1983, received a Masters of Divinity from the Washington Theological Union in 1985, and in 1992 received a Ph.D. in Theater from the University of Illinois.

Fr. Donohue has served as chairperson of Villanova's Theatre department since 1992, and during that time helped to spread the Augustinian spirit of community throughout the campus. Today, he finds himself leading that community.

of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova are reminded of the roots of the school.

They go back to the thirty-two Augustinians who have led Villanova as its president.

They go back to Matthew Carr, O.S.A., and his trip across the Atlantic.

And yes, they go back to Saint Augustine. †

32 FRIARS, 32 PRESIDENTS

In their role as president, the following Augustinians helped forge the Augustinian identity of Villanova University, an influence that continues still today.

John P. O'Dwyer, O.S.A. 1843-1847

William Harnett, O.S.A. 1847-1848

John P. O'Dwyer, O.S.A. 1848-1850

William Harnett, O.S.A. 1850-1851

Patrick E. Moriarty, O.S.A. 1851-1855

William Harnett, O.S.A. 1855-1857

Ambrose A. Mullen, O.S.A. 1865-1869

Patrick A. Stanton, O.S.A. 1869-1872

Thomas Galberry, O.S.A. 1872-1876

Thomas C. Middleton, O.S.A. 1876-1878

John J. Fedigan, O.S.A. 1878-1880

Joseph A. Coleman, O.S.A. 1880-1886

Francis M. Sheeran, O.S.A. 1886-1890

Christopher A. McEvoy, O.S.A. 1890-1894

Francis J. McShane, O.S.A. 1894-1895

Lawrence A. Delurey, O.S.A. 1895-1910

Edward G. Dohan, O.S.A. 1910-1917

James J. Dean, O.S.A. 1917-1920

Francis A. Driscoll, O.S.A. 1920-1924

Joseph A. Hickey, O.S.A. 1924-1925

Mortimer A. Sullivan, O.S.A. 1925-1926

James H. Griffin, O.S.A. 1926-1932

Edward V. Stanford, O.S.A. 1932-1944

Francis X. N. McGuire, O.S.A. 1944-1954

James A. Donnellon, O.S.A. 1954-1959

John A. Klekotka, O.S.A. 1959-1965

Joseph A. Flaherty, O.S.A. 1965-1967

Robert J. Welsh, O.S.A. 1967-1971

Edward J. McCarthy, O.S.A. 1971-1975

John M. Driscoll, O.S.A. 1975-1988

Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A. 1988-2006

Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A. 2006-present

Casa Agustín

THE NEWEST AUGUSTINIAN COMMUNITY

ON NOVEMBER 3, Fr. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova, dedicated the newest Augustinian community in the Province – Casa Agustín. Located in Lawrence, MA, Casa Agustín is a house of discernment for Hispanic and Latino men who wish to explore the Augustinian way of life.

In response to the increase of Hispanics within the Church in the United States, the Province established Casa Agustín in hopes of enhancing opportunities for Hispanic vocations and increasing vocations to the Augustinian Order. The Casa Agustín program is designed specifically for Spanish-speaking aspirants in need of spiritual, academic, and linguistic preparation.

Casa Agustín is set up as a bilingual house so that aspirants may grasp a better understanding of the English language without losing their Hispanic heritage.

“In this setting,” says Fr. Luis Madera, O.S.A., Director of Casa Agustín, “Hispanic aspirants may comfortably contemplate the idea of an Augustinian vocation, while adjusting to American culture without completely losing their Hispanic roots.”

Academic goals tied to the program are achieved through a strong academic environment, with numerous educational opportunities offered and guidance provided in academic endeavors.

Fr. Madera, age 38 and a native of Puerto Rico, is excited by both the commitment of the Province to this new initiative and by the response he has already received from interested applicants. Two aspirants will join Casa Agustín in January, and Fr. Madera hopes that others will quickly follow suit.

Fr. Madera himself went through a similar program when he was first beginning to contemplate the Augustinian way of life. Casa Tolentino, as it was called, was housed at Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church in the Bronx, NY, and provided Fr. Madera with the flexibility he needed to address language and educational needs during the early stages of his formation.

Fr. Madera made his profession as an Augustinian in 1995 and was ordained in 2000 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Lawrence, MA. After spending time as an associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Staten Island, NY, Fr. Madera is excited to be back in Lawrence, helping young Hispanic and Latino men along a unique spiritual journey to which he is well acquainted.

CASA AGUSTÍN es una casa de discernimiento para hombres Hispanos/Latinos con interés en la vida religiosa agustiniana. La casa de discernimiento provee la oportunidad para hombres que buscan la oportunidad de explorar la vocación religiosa mientras participan viviendo en una comunidad Agustina. El programa Casa Agustín está diseñado para hombres Hispanos/Latinos que requieren la preparación espiritual, académica y lingüística. La casa de discernimiento fue establecida por los Frailes Agustinos de la Provincia de Santo Tomás de Villanueva. La provincia reconoce que los Hispanos/Latinos que están llegando a los Estados Unidos están cambiando la cara de iglesia. Esta casa es un movimiento en concreto como compromiso hacia la comunidad Hispana/Latina en los Estados Unidos y un reconocimiento de la necesidad de fomentar vocaciones y acompañar en particular a este grupo étnico en el ministerio de nuestra provincia. Esta casa de discernimiento para Hispanos/Latinos es por tanto, una respuesta a la dirección de la iglesia y de nuestro carisma para responder a sus necesidades.

La meta del programa es ayudar a cada aspirante a alcanzar el éxito académico: a. Proporcionando un ambiente provechoso para el estudio; b. Oportunidades educativas que mejor satisfacen las necesidades de los aspirantes; c. Proveer dirección académica.

Casa Agustín está localizada en la ciudad de Lawrence, Massachussets. La ciudad de Lawrence provee la oportunidad a los candidatos de continuar dentro de un ambiente no solamente Latino sino también multicultural. Además, ofrece diversidad académica para los candidatos.

Para poder participar en el programa, el candidato tiene que haber cumplido los dieciocho años de edad. Ordinariamente, el candidato tiene que tener su diploma de escuela superior. Sin embargo, el programa está diseñado para ayudar los candidatos con el Diploma de Equivalencia si necesita obtenerlo. ✚



ARTHUR D. JOHNSON, O.S.A., DONALD F. REILLY, O.S.A., AND LUIS M. MADERA, O.S.A., AT THE NOVEMBER 3 BLESSING OF CASA AGUSTÍN.

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DIRECTOR DE CASA AGUSTÍN

El padre Luis Madera es natural de Guayama, Puerto Rico. Durante los últimos 20 años él a vivido en los Estados Unidos. El comenzó su formación con los Frailes Agustinos en el 1990 como estudiante en el programa de pre-noviado Casa Tolentino. Casa Tolentino estuvo localizado en la parroquia San Nicolás de Tolentino en el Bronx, NY. Luego de haber cursado sus estudios en Iona Collage, de New Rochelle, el P. Luis ingresó en el noviciado Agustino en Racine, Wisconsin. Allí, el pasó un año de profundización de su vida de oración y estudio de la espiritualidad agustiniana y los votos de castidad, pobreza y obediencia. Terminado su año de noviciado, el padre Luis profesó sus votos simples el 12 de agosto de 1995 en Villanueva. En el mes de agosto, también comenzó sus estudios teológicos en la Unión Teológica de Washington (Washington Theological Union) en Washington, DC. Antes de terminar su estudio teológicos el P. Luis profesó sus Votos Solemnes en enero del 1999.

El P. Luis fue ordenado presbítero el 9 de septiembre del 2000 en la iglesia Santa María Inmaculada de Lawrence. Durante el primer año de sacerdocio trabajó en dicha parroquia y luego se trasladó a Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo en Staten Island en Nueva York. Allí sirvió como párroco asociado por los últimos 5 años hasta ser trasladado a Lawrence nuevamente para asumir el directorado de Casa Agustín. El P. Luis está muy contento de haber sido elegido para dirigir este nuevo ministerio de la provincia. El P. Luis nos recuerda que “el reclutamiento vocacional es tarea de todos. Le pertenece a toda la comunidad ser agentes de vocación de hombres y mujeres que buscan servir a Dios. Espero poder trabajar conjuntamente con todos para poder desarrollar este nuevo ministerio.”



A GLIMPSE

When Saint Thomas of Villanova Monastery was renovated, a new glass chapel facing the heart of the Villanova University campus was created. The chapel gives witness to a life centered on God with one mind and one heart. The stained glass of the chapel was created by Father Richard Cannuli, O.S.A.

BY MELANIE STEVENS

MELANIE IS AN AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEER
CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE BRONX.

EVERYTHING *you need...*

*I asked for strength
and God gave me difficulties.*

*I asked for wisdom
and God gave me problems to solve.*

*I asked for prosperity
and God gave me brain and brawn to work with.*

*I asked for courage
and God gave me danger to overcome.*

*I asked for love
and God gave me troubled people to help.*

*I asked for favors
and God gave me opportunities.*

*I received nothing I wanted.
I received everything I needed.*

– ISLAMIC PRAYER

LINDSEY INCLUDED THIS PRAYER

one evening with our community and I can truly attest to its every line. Strength, wisdom, prosperity, courage, love, and favors are among the many things we do often pray for. Certainly these are the things I fervently include in my pleas to God as I begin my year in the Bronx. Challenging, frustrating, rewarding, exciting, scary are my initial reactions for this mid-October evaluation of what I've been doing, how I've been doing, but most importantly, why I've been doing it. With the hustle of developing routine, adjusting to my new teaching role, and enjoying the four fabulous people I've been blessed to call roommates...it goes without saying that difficulty often lies in finding time for reflection.

Yet, reflection is more than necessary to digest everything that takes place throughout the day. Some days are overwhelmingly difficult. I doubt myself and my capabilities and I question if I am really doing the very best I can. Sometimes among these widely human frustrations, we feel as though God gives us nothing that we ask for. Things are not getting

easier. Problems just won't disappear. After some reflection, however, we realize we have absolutely everything we need.

I have everything I need to be a teacher. I may not have the degree of proper training, but I have the heart, and my heart has been formed by love. It is a daunting task to stand in front of these classrooms filled with adolescent attitude so big you can see it coming from a mile away. Teaching Spanish to a widely Hispanic student population requires strength I never knew I had. Yet, the weariness I may feel on some days is inviting – it invites me to awaken myself to

arrival. While some Spanish students (the spastic 6th graders) are eager to see me, most are reluctant to take out their books and heavy eye-rolling usually accompanies the start of our Spanish prayers. My days are varied from making puppets in art class to hosting detention for unruly 7th graders, and then to leading exciting tournaments of "Go-Fish" with after-school kids. As my roles change throughout the day, I know God remains with me through it all, maintaining my spirits and blessing my efforts.

I am grateful for this year, how it has begun, and for the amazing things that



my daily encounters. Maybe the challenges I face at the front of the classroom are nothing compared to what some of my students may face at home. Some may learn nothing from me by the end of this, but if I am successful in teaching them one thing, I pray that they gain a greater sense of respect...a respect for learning, a respect for the people who are teaching them to love learning, and most importantly I hope they learn to respect themselves.

As I left a 4th grade art class, one student told me I was the best teacher in the world, and the kindergarten usually cheers loudly upon my Friday morning

are in store for me. I thank God everyday for the wonderful people he has placed in my life. I have found great company and solace in the people I live with. Brian, Pete, Lindsey, and Lauren are amazing individuals and I could not have asked for better people to share this experience with. Thus far, the time we've shared exploring the city, sitting on the couch, praying together, or just doing our "Bronx thang" have been fruitful blessings as we grow closer as a community.

Today is October 20 and I am a teacher in the Bronx – thank you, God, for giving me everything I need. ✚



THE AUGUSTINIAN FAMILY: A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS

CHARLES CONNOLLY

Mr. Charles Connolly has a lifelong history with the Augustinians and is a strong supporter of the mission of the Augustinians. Today he serves both as the chairman of the Board of Trustees at Malvern Preparatory School as well as the chairman of the newly formed Development Council for the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova. He recently sat down with Natalie Agraz, Director of Development for the Province, to discuss his relationship with the Augustinians.

- AM:** You have a long history with the Augustinians. When did that relationship first begin?
- CC:** When I was 13-years-old and I went to Malvern. I had just finished at Annunciation BVM in Havertown. It was the fall of 1962. They have been in my life for 44 years now.
- AM:** You and three generations of your family have been educated by Augustinians either at Malvern Prep or Villanova University. In your mind, what's special about an Augustinian education?
- CC:** First, the quality of the education is excellent, but the personal touch was what was special. The Augustinians believe in the development of the whole person, and that's the priority. *Veritas, Unitas, Caritas* (Truth, Unity, Love) is the thread that runs through all their institutions and I've seen it in action. The priests live this and try to instill it in their students. The priests care – it's from the heart. Their interest in their students is authentic and sincere. The Augustinian influence in the leadership of these schools is important to me as well – it's the signature of the schools.
- AM:** You are the chairman of the Province's newly formed Development Council. What prompted you to take on that role?
- CC:** Fr. Don Reilly is a very effective salesman. There was the infamous "let's have breakfast" with Fr. Reilly and Fr. Jim McCartney. They asked me to consider to chairing the new council. They were people I could work with – they both serve on the Malvern Board and are effective partners there. I always like new challenges, new opportunities. I like starting something new. I believe that the Augustinians have a great story to tell. I want to help them tell that story.
- They also have great financial needs at this point in time. We've gathered a group of great people for the council and I like to see results. My "return on investment" is around seeing results. We're off to a great start and I'm very optimistic that we'll achieve what we say we're going to achieve.

- AM:** The Augustinians are rolling out their first ever annual appeal – "The Augustinian Fund." What do you hope this new initiative will accomplish?
- CC:** I think the first thing is to educate people about what the Augustinians do. They have a great track record of service, great new initiatives and great challenges. I think most people are aware of their work with major educational institutions and parishes, but not many people know about their other programs – their mission work in Peru, South Africa, Japan and low income communities in this country; their Augustinian Volunteers program; their Justice and Peace initiatives.
- These programs need money and so do the Augustinians themselves. The care of the sick and elderly is a major expense, and with fewer working friars their income has dropped. The Augustinians have always been tied to the institutions they staff – Malvern Prep, Villanova University, Monsignor Bonner, etc. My principle around fundraising is "one plus one equals three." People are generous and can give both to the institutions and to the people who help run these institutions. People give to people. Part of what we want to achieve is a team approach. Augustinians, lay individuals, and council members – what we share is a love for an Augustinian institution or an Augustinian. And there's a need there – what better way to ask for support than one to one?
- AM:** Is there any one Augustinian in particular who had an impact on you and your family?
- CC:** Fr. Dave Duffy. When my son decided to go to Malvern, Fr. Duffy really took an interest in him. I got to know him very well through my work with Malvern. Whether playing golf or sitting in a board meeting, he was always a priest. He had a great spirit, a great laugh; he never took himself too seriously. He was always first and foremost a priest. There are many other Augustinians I enjoy – Fr. Don Reilly, Fr. Jim McCartney, Fr. Jim Flynn, Fr. Ed Dobbin to name a few. They are all wonderful; they all do a superb job.
- AM:** What motivates you to roll up your sleeves and really take an active part in the organizations you support?
- CC:** Part of my upbringing, both personally and professionally in the corporate arena, is giving back to the community. And this is my way of giving back to the institutions that have given so much to me and my family. I give to organizations I trust. I want to give to an organization that is going to use the money for the purposes they say they're going to use it for. If I see a goal that is worthwhile and achievable and one in which I can make an impact, then I like to really get involved.
- AM:** Any other thoughts you'd like to share?
- CC:** People understand the work of the Augustinians through their parishes and educational institutions. Very few people understand they have evolved their mission to include things like the Augustinian Volunteers program, prison ministries, health and legal clinics, foreign missions. These ministries are very important to the communities they serve and it all takes money and manpower. Perhaps through the Spirit we will have more men decide to become priests; the situation with vocations is in a crisis. But until then we can join with the Augustinians, and with a lot of prayer and support, we can do what God has called us all to do. ✚

ANNIVERSARIES 2006

ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

- 70 YEARS**
Angus N. Carney, O.S.A.
- 65 YEARS**
Joseph F. Laverty O.S.A.
- 55 YEARS**
Robert M. Burke, O.S.A.
Thomas R. Cook, O.S.A.
Edward C. Doherty, O.S.A.
Thomas P. Dwyer, O.S.A.
John J. Farrell, O.S.A.
James L. MacDougall, O.S.A.
James E. Martinez, O.S.A.
Daniel J. Menihane, O.S.A.
James A. Wenzel, O.S.A.
- 50 YEARS**
Francis A. Farsaci, O.S.A.
Dennis J. Gallagher, O.S.A.
Walter J. Quinn, O.S.A.
George F. Riley, O.S.A.
Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A.
Anthony J. Tomasulo, O.S.A.
Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.
- 25 YEARS**
Russell A. Ortega, O.S.A.

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- 70 YEARS**
John E. Bresnahan, O.S.A.
- 60 YEARS**
James L. Nolan, O.S.A.
- 55 YEARS**
Russell J. DeSimone, O.S.A.
John M. Driscoll, O.S.A.
Joseph J. Getz, O.S.A.
Bernard A. Lazor, O.S.A.
- 50 YEARS**
Edward V. Hattrick, O.S.A.
Thomas C. Kenny, O.S.A.
George P. Lawless, O.S.A.
James A. Wenzel, O.S.A.
- 25 YEARS**
Joseph F. Girone, O.S.A.
Richard G. Mullen O.S.A.
Michael H. Stanley, O.S.A.
James V. Vitali, O.S.A.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Coordinator for Augustinian Friends Named



Fr. Mark Garrett, O.S.A., has been named Coordinator for the newly established Augustinian Friends. The group

was formed to provide a means for individuals to delve deeper into Augustinian spirituality and to provide opportunities for individuals to engage in Augustinian spirituality in their daily lives. Fr. Garrett and the headquarters for Augustinian Friends are located in the new Way of Life Center at Saint Thomas of Villanova Monastery on the Villanova University campus. There is an open invitation to those with an interest in Augustine and Augustinian spirituality to join this exciting and growing ministry. For more information, visit www.augustinianfriends.org or call 610.519.4624.

New Department Chair Named



Fr. Richard Cannuli, O.S.A., was recently named the new chair of the Department of Theatre

and Studio Art at Villanova University, succeeding Fr. Peter Donohue, O.S.A.. Fr. Cannuli is also the Director of the Villanova University Art Gallery and curator of the University's art collection.

Augustinian Heritage Room Opens

Fr. Marty Smith, O.S.A., is the curator of the newly established Augustinian Heritage Room, located at Saint Thomas of Villanova Monastery in Villanova. The mini-museum, which is filled with material culture, wonderful visuals and a multi-



media presentation, provides a compelling overview of the history of the Augustinians in the United States. It provides the entire Villanova University community and its visitors with a great opportunity to discover the roots and present-day work of the Augustinian Order in the United States.

Augustinians at the United Nations



Fr. John Deegan, O.S.A., Director of Justice and Peace for the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova,

was recently named coordinator of the Augustinian Order's United Nations team. Along with Fr. Jesus Guzmán, O.S.A., of the Michoacán Province, and Fr. Hilary Tagliaferro, O.S.A., of the Maltese Province, Fr. Deegan will lead the Order's activities at the U.N. The Augustinians are officially recognized as an N.G.O. (Non-Governmental Organization) at the U.N., giving the Order a voice and a platform for collaborative work on pressing global issues.

New Vicar of Chulucanas Installed



Fr. Robert Prevost, O.S.A., Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine, installed Fr. John Lydon, O.S.A., as

the Vicar of the Vicariate of Chulucanas, Peru, during the Vicariate's chapter gathering this past September. This marked the third time in which Fr. Lydon was elected as Vicar by the friars of the Vicariate of San Juan de Sahagún.

Augustinian Beatified

The Beatification of Blessed Mariano de la Mata Aparicio, O.S.A., took place on November 5 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Cardinal José Saraiva, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of the

CHARLES BABCOCK, CHAIRMAN OF THE AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE ROOM COMMITTEE, AND MARTIN L. SMITH, O.S.A., CURATOR OF THE AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE ROOM.

Saints, represented Pope Benedict XVI and presided at the Beatification. Born in Spain in 1905, Blessed Mariano spent 52 years ministering in Brazil. He was known as the "messenger of charity" and spent his life attentive to the needs of the poor and sick and concerned for children and the elderly. Blessed Mariano died in Sao Paulo on April 5, 1983.

New Blog Depicts Life as a Missionary in South Africa



One year ago, Fr. Alfred Ellis, O.S.A., left his familiar surroundings at Saint Augustine Parish in Andover, MA,

to join the Augustinian Missions in South Africa. Fr. Ellis shares his fascinating experience as a newcomer to South Africa with a captivating weblog. Check it out at www.augustinian.org/africa.

Fr. McCartney Co-Edits New Book on Terri Schiavo



Fr. Jim McCartney, O.S.A., co-edited *The Case of Terri Schiavo: Ethics at the End of Life*, a 352-page anthology of documents,

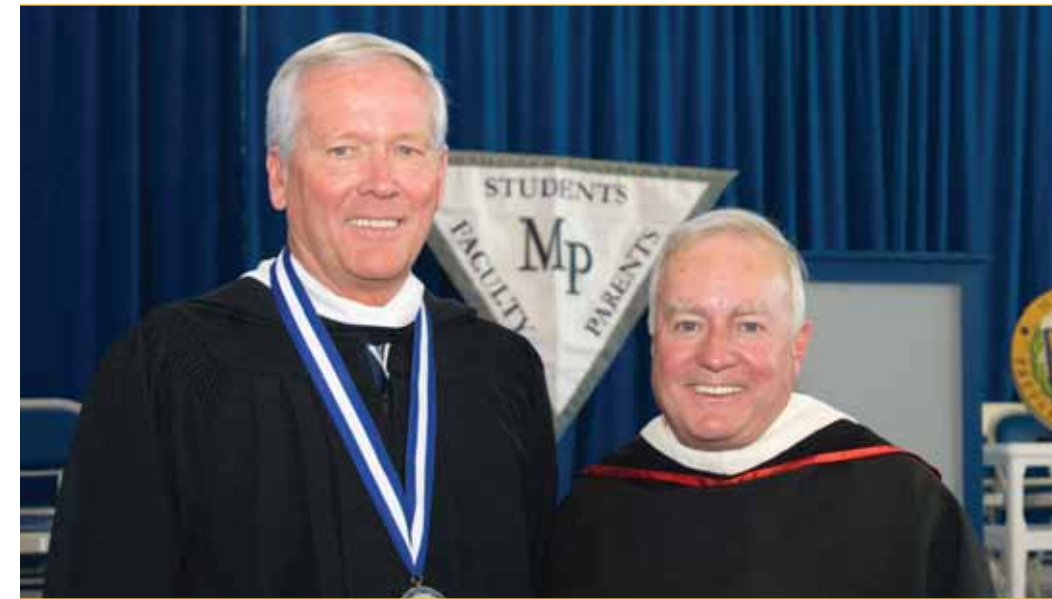
reports, and opinion pieces covering all aspects of the case — from legal to ethical, medical to philosophical (2006, Prometheus Books).

Fr. Ferrence Awarded Monsignor Bonner Medal



In November, Fr. John Ferrence, O.S.A., was honored as a 2006 recipient of the Monsignor Bonner Medal. The medal

is awarded to non-graduates of Monsignor Bonner High School who have contributed significantly to the betterment of the school and its students. Fr. Ferrence has ministered at Bonner in many roles — as teacher, chaplain, retreat leader, and friend — since 1964.



JAMES H. STEWART, NEWLY INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF MALVERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL, AND JAMES R. FLYNN, O.S.A., NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF SCHOOL.

Malvern Installs New President and Head of School

On November 6, Malvern Preparatory School in Malvern, PA, held an inauguration ceremony for its new President and Head of School. Fr. James R. Flynn, O.S.A., was installed as Head of School and James H. Stewart was installed as President.

Major Expansion at St. Augustine Prep

St. Augustine College Preparatory School in Richland, NJ, broke ground earlier this

year on a major new expansion project. The nearly 100,000-square-foot building, the largest expansion in the school's 47-year history, will include science and computer labs, an eight-lane swimming pool, an 1,100-seat gymnasium, administrative offices, and a cafeteria. In addition to the new field house, the Prep expansion also includes a new theater and chapel. The \$22 million expansion will provide much-needed facilities for the growing student population. Fr. Paul Galetto, O.S.A., a 1974 graduate of the Prep and president of the school since 1998, expects enrollment to grow from 550 to 650 in the coming years.



THIS PAST JUNE, THE FRIARS OF THE PROVINCE OF SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA GATHERED TOGETHER AT VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR PROVINCIAL CHAPTER, A WEEKLONG GATHERING WHERE THE AUGUSTINIANS DISCUSS MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE PROVINCE. DURING THE CHAPTER, FR. DONALD F. REILLY, O.S.A., WAS INSTALLED AS PRIOR PROVINCIAL OF THE PROVINCE FOR A SECOND FOUR-YEAR TERM.

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 F. DelloRusso, O.S.A.



After ordination in 1987, Fr. John DelloRusso, O.S.A., was assigned to Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in the Bronx, NY. He served there for nearly twenty years, including the last twelve years as pastor. This past fall, Fr. DelloRusso switched New York City boroughs and now ministers at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish on Staten Island. Fr. DelloRusso is also the prior of the Augustinian community at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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George P. Lawless, O.S.A.



Fr. George Lawless, O.S.A., celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination this year. He lives in Rome with the



THE AUGUSTINIANS WELCOMED NEW AFFILIATES TO THE ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE AT A SPECIAL AFFILIATION CEREMONY HELD JUNE 13 AT SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH IN VILLANOVA, PA.

Augustinian community of Saint Monica's, an international community of friars from nearly twenty countries, many of whom are undertaking advanced studies. Fr. Lawless is recently retired from the adjunct faculty of the Gregorian University in Rome, where he has lectured on Saint Augustine for the past twenty years. Fr. Lawless, a respected scholar on Saint Augustine, continues to write and lecture worldwide on Saint Augustine.

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Michael J. Hughes, O.S.A.



After spending five years ministering at his first assignment at Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in the Bronx, NY, Fr. Michael

Hughes, O.S.A., has spent the last 26 years serving the people of Florida. Most recently, as the Augustinian's last pastor at Saint Augustine Church in Casselberry, FL, he spearheaded a major renovation to the church there. The Augustinians left Saint Augustine Church last year after 36 years of service to the parish. Today, Fr. Hughes serves as pastor at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Bokeelia, FL.

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NEW AFFILIATES

Affiliation to the Order of Saint Augustine is bestowed upon those who have performed distinguished service to an Augustinian community. In 2006, the Augustinians proudly welcomed the following individuals into the Augustinian family.

- Joyce Barg
- Robert and Madeline Baxter
- Thomas Caffrey
- John and Sarah Curtin
- Joan and Tom Donohue
- Katherine Kenny
- George and Jeanette Lavin
- Patricia Lo
- James and Diane Murray
- Richard and Patricia Neville
- Michael and Millie Seeds
- Cecilia Setsuko Tamachi
- George and Irene Weber



IN PARADISUM

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



Dante L. Girolami, O.S.A.

BORN: 11/28/1915
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1934
ORDAINED: 6/10/1941
DIED: 3/18/2006

"I will always remember him for his wry sense of humor and love of the Order."



Joseph F. Laverty, O.S.A.

BORN: 10/2/1920
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1941
ORDAINED: 6/8/1948
DIED: 9/30/2006

"A great loss in our Augustinian family."



John J. Kelly, O.S.A.

BORN: 11/26/1915
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1935
ORDAINED: 5/28/1942
DIED: 8/25/2006

"A good man, a man of prayer, a real gentleman."



Stephen J. LaRosa, O.S.A.

BORN: 5/23/1933
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1960
ORDAINED: 1/30/1965
DIED: 10/12/2006

"His love for people created a space where it was safe to be who we were."



David J. Duffy, O.S.A.

BORN: 2/24/1931
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1950
ORDAINED: 2/9/1957
DIED: 1/9/2006

"He saw the handprint of God on each person he met."



William J. Murray, O.S.A.

BORN: 7/20/1921
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1940
ORDAINED: 9/8/1947
DIED: 9/12/2006

"He was one of the friars who contributed so much to the spirit and ethos of Merrimack."



Terrance W. Hyland, O.S.A.

BORN: 5/23/1942
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1966
ORDAINED: 8/28/1971
DIED: 10/13/2006

"His greatest gift was the ability to help all of us attend to our spiritual journey back to God."



John V. Casey, O.S.A.

BORN: 8/4/1912
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/13/1932
ORDAINED: 5/30/1939
DIED: 3/13/2006

"Father John was always a most gracious, humble and kind man."



William E. Atkinson, O.S.A.

BORN: 1/4/1946
FIRST PROFESSION: 7/20/1970
ORDAINED: 2/2/1974
DIED: 9/15/2006

"A true saint."



Thomas J. Shea, O.S.A.

BORN: 7/8/1923
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/16/1949
ORDAINED: 2/9/1952
DIED: 11/25/2006

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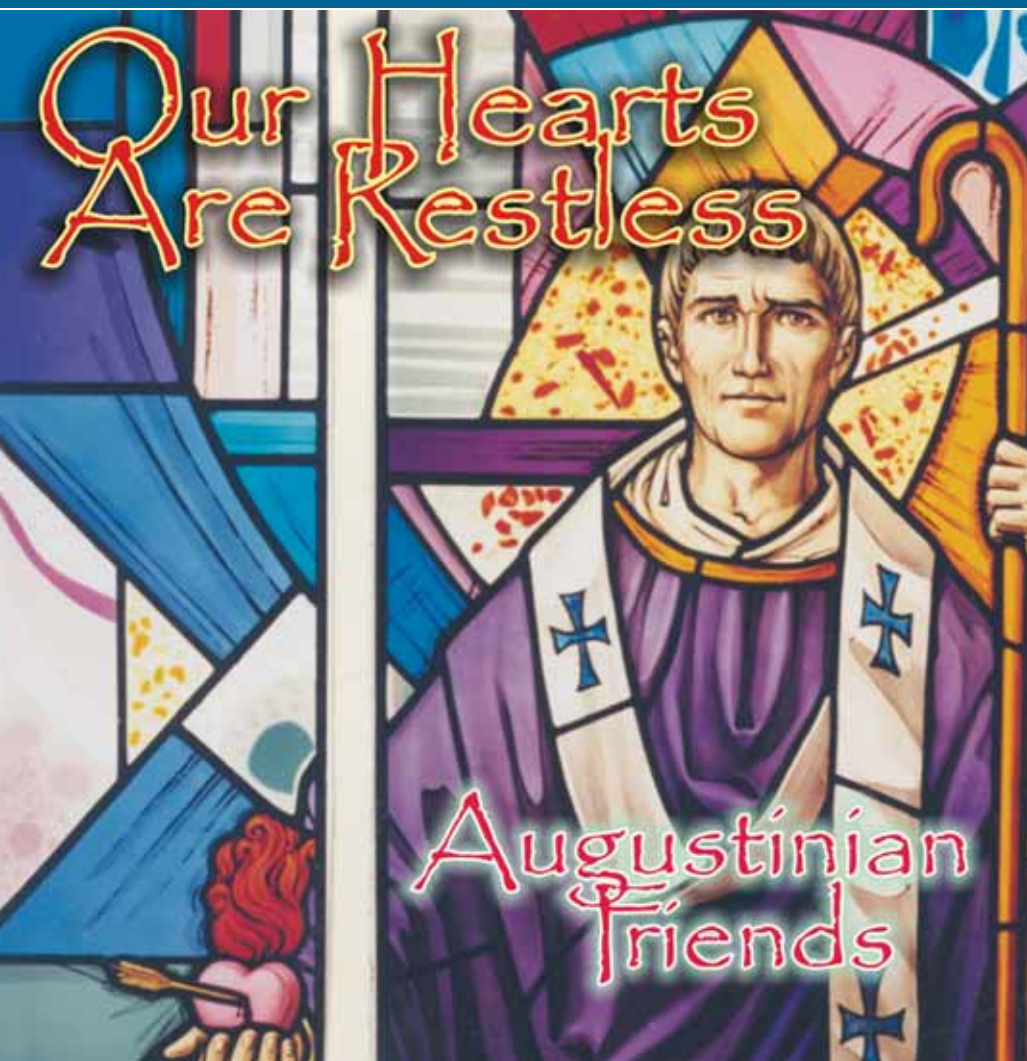
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