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Dear Friends of the Augustinian Missions:

Everyone loves the celebration of an important anniversary. It is an extra joy when we celebrate 25 or 50 years of a commitment. In our missions in northern Peru we had a 50th and 25th Anniversary. Two of the Augustinian Friars who have served in the Peruvian missions celebrated 50 years of religious profession as Augustinian Friars. Read their story inside.

Our community of friars in Peru recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary as a Vicariate, which is a region of the Order moving toward independence from the mother province. In 1963, the Midwest Augustinian Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel was asked by Pope John XXIII to minister in the Prelature of Chulucanas, Peru. They were joined by friars of the Villanova Province.

In the 48 years of service, in addition to establishing the Order with native friars, the Peruvian missions have served innumerable people. The mission started in parish ministry and has expanded over the years to include education, seminary, and even sending Peruvian missionaries to foreign lands.

The missions of Peru have been exciting. The celebration of the many years of ministry and the growth of the Augustinian Order in Peru are exciting. Please read the following articles which are just a small sample of the joyous celebrations.

It is not just a celebration for the friars, but also for you, our donors. The 48 years of service and the 25 years as a Peruvian Vicariate would not have been possible without your continued support over the decades. The anniversary celebrations are also the celebration of you, our special mission friends.

Happy 50th Anniversary to the two friars. Happy 25th Anniversary to the Vicariate of San Juan de Shagun in Chulucanas, Peru.

In St. Augustine,

Anthony P. Burrascano, O.S.A.
Director, Mission Office





The Growth of the Friars in Peru

A goal of any missionary group is to put itself out of business. This is done by dedicated work for many years in establishing in the mission territory native leaders in the local Church and the Order. In the 25th year of the Vicariate, the American friars can look with great satisfaction to witness this goal: native Peruvian friars in leadership roles as the Vicar, as pastors in our parishes and as priors in our Augustinian Communities. Of the 24 friars of the Vicariate in solemn vows, 18 are native Peruvians. Of the Peruvian friars, 16 are ordained; two are deacons, to be ordained to the priesthood on November 16, 2011; seven have professed their simple vows; three are novices, soon to profess their first simple vows and eleven are in preparation for the novitiate. This is a tremendous joy and a great credit to the friars who have worked so hard over the years.



Peruvian Friars

The 25th Anniversary of the Vicariate of San Juan de Shagun

Twenty-five years ago, the American friars serving in Peru petitioned for the establishment of a semi-autonomous region within the Order called a Vicariate. The celebration of this anniversary occurred on the weekend of September 9-11, 2011 in Peru. Friars gathered from the United States, Rome, Algeria and Peru.



Procession into the Church of San Isidro

The festivities began with a dinner in Chulucanas on Friday, September 9. On Saturday morning Mass at the mission church of San Isidro, Morropon, was celebrated by the Prior General of the Augustinian Order, Very Rev. Robert Prevost, O.S.A., a friar from Chicago, who served for many years in the missions. That evening a prayer service was held to commemorate those friars who,



Friars from the Villanova Province

having served the missions, now rest with God in heaven. On Sunday morning, as the bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Chulucanas, tolled, crowds of people approached to celebrate the Eucharist. The Most Rev. Daniel Turley, O.S.A., the second bishop of Chulucanas, celebrated Mass in the presence of the Most Rev. John McNabb, O.S.A., the first bishop of Chulucanas. Joining the friars at the Eucharist were the people of the many missions served by the Order, with missionaries and clergy from the area. In true Augustinian spirit, the festivities concluded with a fraternal meal.



Two Missionaries Celebrate 50 Years of Augustinian Life



Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A. and Rev. Richard Palmer, O.S.A.

Two of the first friars to serve in Peru since the mid 1960s celebrated their 50th Anniversary as Augustinian Friars. Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A., Bishop of Chulucanas, Peru and Father Richard Palmer, O.S.A., from our mission of Pacosmyo, Peru, professed their first vows as Augustinian Friars in the Midwest Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel 50 years ago. Both friars were part of the early establishment of the Peruvian mission and have served there these many years.

A New Missionary in Peru

Brother Robert Basler, O.S.A., has begun a year of service in the Peruvian missions. He was born on April 19, 1970, in Chicago Heights, IL. He entered the Pre-Novitiate Program of the Midwest Augustinian Province in January, 2005, and professed his first simple vows on August 13, 2006. During his year of service in the parish of San Jose Obrero, Chulucanas, he will be involved with vocation ministry, working with the catechesis teams from the various zones of the parish, preaching and other liturgical ministries. He will also be present in various roles at the mission school of Santissima Cruz in Chulucanas.



Brother Robert Basler, O.S.A.

The Future of the Order and the Church



Peruvian Friars in Formation

When a religious order begins ministry in a foreign mission, its entire purpose is to establish and grow the local Church. The Augustinians who serve in foreign lands look to establish the Order in that mission territory. We have been blessed with many vocations in our missions in Japan and Peru. The cost of educating, housing and preparing a young Peruvian or Japanese friar is expensive. Can you help us? It costs approximately US \$5,000.00 per year for the education and formation of a young Augustinian Friar in Peru. Your donation today, or a monthly donation, will help us to continue to build the Church and the Order for the future in a foreign land. Please mark your donation "Formation" and we will use it to help build the future. Thank you for your support!

When the Missions Send Missionaries



Fr. Jose Manuel Vizcarra, O.S.A.

The Augustinian Friars arrived on the shores of the United States in 1796. In the early 1950s we began our missionary work in Japan, followed by missions in Peru in the 1960s and South Africa in the late 1990s. Those missions have grown and matured. Our mission in Peru has sent a missionary from South America to Annaba, Algeria, the site of the first monastery of St. Augustine. Fr. Jose Manuel Vizcarra, O.S.A., pursued his theological studies in Peru and Rome. Approximately five years ago, the Order requested friars to serve in this important site. Fr. Jose responded to the request by serving as a deacon and then as a priest. A mission territory is maturing when it begins sending missionaries to new areas of the world

Feast of All Souls

November 2 is a special day in the life of the Church, the day when we remember in a very special way our family, friends and loved ones who have ended their earthly journey and returned to our God in heaven. We remember them at the central point of our faith, the Eucharist. To commemorate this very special day the Augustinian Friars in Japan, South Africa, Peru and the United States will offer prayer and Mass for the departed .

If you would like your loved ones commemorated in this special way, please print the attached All Souls flyer and mail it to the Mission Office.

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Feast of All Souls

As St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, prepared to leave this life, she said to her son:

"Lay this body where you will; ...this only I request, that you would remember me on the Lord's altar, wherever you may be." (Conf. 9.11.27)

As we celebrate the *Feast of All Souls*, **November 2, 2011**, your deceased family, friends and loved ones will be remembered on that day at Masses and prayer by the Augustinian Friars in Japan, Peru, South Africa and the United States.

On the *Feast of All Souls* please remember the following at prayer and Mass:

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