



The Dedication of a new Seminary in Peru

By Natalie Agraz

On Sunday March 7th , 2010, the new wing of the Holy Trinity Seminary in Chulucanas, Peru was dedicated by Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A. of the Chicago Province. This addition was made possible by a grant from the Papal Foundation which was written by our Development Council member, Mary Ellen Maggitti. Six friends of the Province attended the large local gathering: Jim O'Connor, Anthony Dellomo, Natalie Agraz,



Larry Legner and Terry Sousa. All members of the group were close friends of Fr. Richard Appicci, O.S.A. (deceased) who spent 20 years of his life in Chulucanas. The group spent several days viewing the improvements made under Fr. Appicci's direction, projects done by Villanova's Christian Service ministry, Malvern Prep's Senior Service projects, and the Augustinian Volunteers. The Augustinians and our friends have been involved in the Chulucanas ministry for

over 40 years. It was very gratifying to see the impact made on the lives of the poor by our participation. You would be very proud to see what your gifts have accomplished. Much remains to be done but with your help it will be.

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Dear Friends in Christ:

We have concluded the observance of the Lenten Season, a time to die to sin and self. Death in itself has no purpose or meaning, especially for the Christian who is constantly called to life in this world and the next. Our Lenten journey gives way to the New Life of the Risen Lord. As Christians we seek life, especially the life given to us through Jesus Christ.

In this edition of our **Mission Newsletter** we see many wonderful examples of new life. After many years of work, the consecration of a new Church for our Zulu mission of St. Helen's in South Africa was celebrated. This place of worship will see so much new life through the celebration of the sacraments and was only possible due to the generosity of our benefactors.

We read about the Ordination to the priesthood of Fr. Isoe Dominguez, O.S.A. in our mission in Peru. As he begins his new life as a priest we reflect on how much new life he will bring to the people he serves as a priest of Christ.

Also in Peru we see the new life given to the Diocese of Chulucanas as Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A. dedicates a newly built seminary, where new life will come for generations of young men as they are ordained to the priesthood.



In this Easter Season we recall how our Father, St. Augustine sought the new life which only baptism brings. How he longed for the fullness of life in Baptism. We are also called to reflect on the challenges of our own baptism, the challenge to live our daily lives centered in our faith, centered in the Lord of Life, the risen Jesus Christ.

We in the Augustinian Mission Office and the friars who serve in foreign lands wish you a joyful Easter Season. May the new life of the risen Lord bring you great joy and hope.

In Augustine,

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

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Peruvian Augustinian Ordained to the Priesthood

Fr. Isoe Dominguez, O.S.A. was ordained to the priesthood on November 11, 2009 at the Augustinian parish of St. Isidore in Morropon, Peru. The ordaining bishop was Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A., Bishop of Chulucanas, Peru, an American friar from Chicago.



Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A., ordaining Fr. Isoe Dominguez, O.S.A.

Fr. Dominguez is from the Augustinian mission of St. Dominic, in the town of Santo Domingo. He is the second youngest of nine children in the family. The friars who served in the mission parish were a tremendous influence on his decision to enter the Augustinian Order and to be ordained a priest.

It is through the generous support of benefactors such as yourself that we are able to maintain our Formation program in Peru and Japan bringing new life to the Church through young native friars and priests. We thank you for your generous support of our Formation program.

We wish Fr. Dominquez our congratulations on his ordination and our prayers as he begins to bring the life of the risen Christ to others as an ordained priest.

A New Home for a Community to Worship

By Francis Doyle, O.S.A.

After many years of prayer, hard work and the leadership and generosity of Randy and Karen Thurman and other benefactors, the dream of the Zulu community in South Africa was finally realized on Sunday February 14, 2010, as Cardinal Wilfred Napier, O.F.M. Archbishop of Durban consecrated the new church of St. Helen's in Edwaleni, South Africa.



The Zulu community was there for over 24 hours, cooking and setting up the chairs. Three cows were slaughtered on the church grounds by the men and cooked by them as well. All the food was cooked overnight so that all the people could be in attendance at Mass.

We estimate that over 700 people were in attendance, some spilling over to the outdoor verandas. The choir certainly "rocked" the place for all four hours of the Mass and celebration. The cardinal and the chief (i.e. the Inkosi) each received a live goat and a ceremonial blanket. These two sheep were also slaughtered during the dinner that followed. The cardinal even received a Zulu headband and staff which in a very kindly spirit he put on as he sat in front of the altar once the Mass ended! (see photo to the left)



Present also were the Augustinian Volunteers serving in South Africa and many parishioners from Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Kloof.

This project began in the dreams of Father Edward Hattrick, O.S.A. and through the tireless work of three pastors and the parish this dream has been realized.

A New Provincial is Elected

On February 18, 2010 Fr. Anthony (Mickey) Genovese, O.S.A. was elected as the Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova to a four year term. Fr. Mickey has served in parishes, the preaching apostolate and most recently as the Prior of St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery on the campus of Villanova University. For the past eight years he has served as a Provincial Counselor. He will be installed as the Prior Provincial during the Provincial Chapter in June 2010.



Fr. Mickey succeeds Fr. Donald Reilly, O.S.A. who has served for eight years as the Prior Provincial.

Can you help?



Over the past forty years we have been blessed with the Peruvian response to God's call to be Augustinian Friars. It costs approximately \$5,500.00 per year to educate and provide food and housing for a friar in formation. Can you help us to defray even part of the cost of a young friar? Just mark on your check or envelope "Formation."