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Augustinian Friars: One In Mind And Heart Intent Upon God
Gregor Mendel: Planting the Seeds of Genetics
MAY 24–SEPTEMBER 28, 2008
This traveling exhibit, sponsored by the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and Villanova University, delves into the life of Gregor Mendel, O.S.A., and the origins of the study of genetics. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova is a proud co-sponsor of this exhibit. Learn more about this fascinating friar, naturalist and botanist, whose experiments have shaped today’s understanding of genes, crossbreeding, and heredity. Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA

Mendel 21st Century Symposium
SEPTEMBER 21–23, 2008
Mendel Symposium at Villanova (presented as part of Gregor Mendel: Planting the Seeds of Genetics): This two-day interdisciplinary academic symposium, entitled, “Mendel in the 21st Century: The Scientific, Social and Ethical Impact of Genetics in Our World,” will be held on Villanova’s campus. The University is hosting the symposium as part of its campus-wide celebration to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the awarding of the Mendel Medal. The symposium will include a series of engaging speakers in fields ranging from molecular genetics, genomics, biotechnology, and evolutionary biology to history, medicine, and international studies. Speakers will discuss the impact and relationship of 21st century genetics from the perspective of their respective disciplines.
Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Vocation Funds
One of the key resources in the Augustinian Order is the Vocation Fund, which is used to support the work of the vocations and communications departments. This fund helps to support the work of the Order in promoting the Augustinian way of life and attracting new members to the Order.

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The Connors Center
The Connors Center is a facility located at Villanova University that is used for academic and athletic purposes. It is a multi-purpose facility that includes classrooms, laboratories, and athletic facilities. The Connors Center is an important part of the university’s mission to provide a quality education to its students.
Dear Friends,

What do an actor, lawyer and counterterrorism expert have in common? In a word, everything!

It’s the theme of a new promotional effort we are undertaking for vocations — and it says a lot about who we are as Augustinians.

In this issue of The Augustinian, you will learn more about this actor, this lawyer and this counterterrorism expert. Why? Because they are Augustinians with different backgrounds and different talents, but one vocation. Driven by a desire of “something more,” these men found their calling in a community centered on love of God and love of neighbor.

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Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor

Charity, Compassion and Justice in Philadelphia

As servants of God, Augustinians have touched many communities through various ministries, especially in Philadelphia, PA. Through Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor (ADROP), the praxis arm of the Justice and Peace Office, the Augustinians and volunteers provide health services, education and legal counseling to these communities in need. Fr. John F. Deegan, O.S.A., Director of Justice and Peace for the Province and Executive Director and Chairperson of ADROP, describes the program as matching identified needs of the poor with known resources. The Unity Health Clinic and The Tutoring/Mentoring After-School Program are two programs that are helping local communities in South Philadelphia. By providing these programs, the Augustinians not only help but also initiate a healing process for these communities wounded by the violence, drugs, racial and ethnic divisions.
The Unity Health Clinic, established by ADROP in 2006, is located at St. Agnes Continuing Care Center on South Broad Street. With over 400 patients of record, the Unity Health Clinic offers primary care to the uninsured, the immigrant and those often deemed unimportant by society. Open Tuesday evenings from 4-9 p.m., the three-room clinic handles up to 30 adult patients of Indonesian, Chinese and Hispanic ethnicities. The clinic treats diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, acute respiratory problems and immunizations. Other services include: blood work, nutritional assessments, prescribed medications and free, generic medications. The clinic also provides 15 interpreters, drawn from the community, for communications between patients, medical staff and doctors. Taking a preventive approach, the clinic provides health assessments, prescribed medications and additional nutritional information to the patients, thus ultimately preventing visits to the emergency room.

According to Fr. Dregan, “ADROP has received generous support in establishing the clinic from Dr. Louise Fitzgerald, Dean of Villanova’s College of Nursing, and nurse practitioners of the College of Nursing. Their role is essential for making the clinic a practicum site for the College’s students, and providing volunteers and support. The volunteer staff consists mostly of students, alumni and faculty from Villanova’s College of Nursing as well as volunteers from local universities and from the local Indonesian community, who are dedicated in helping their own people. Also, ADROP has been helped by the Methodist Foundation with two generous grants and technical support through its blood analysis laboratory. St. Agnes Continuing Care Center has provided free space and parking for the clinic.”

Lisa Willis, RN, Unity Clinic volunteer, enthusiastically states: “I came to Unity Clinic for a Villanova nursing community health project and never really left. It was easy to see that the needs were great. I found the patients and staff to be warm, welcoming, and open to ideas. Because of this, I felt I could really apply my knowledge and experience to make a difference for these good people. Besides that, the smiles, ‘thank you’ and ‘God bless you’ I receive are an invaluable currency.”

Fr. Dregan points out that, “ADROP is in the business of not only delivering services to the needy, but also, in working to effect systemic change in the present systems that trap people in the cycle of poverty.”

Since education is important to systemic changes, ADROP also offers an after-school tutoring/mentoring program for the educational needs of the children. For the past three years at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in South Philadelphia, Rays of Sunshine, Villanova University volunteers, meet the children twice a week after school and tutor in all subjects from grades 1-6. These dedicated students give the children their time and positive energy. Beyond teaching the children multiplication tables, the students provide mentoring, guidance and encouragement.

According to Justin English, a former Augustinian Volunteer who is now Associate Director of ADROP: “The tutoring program has really evolved into more of a mentoring program. Some of the children lack role models, especially if there is no father or mother present in the home. The older children also help out the younger ones with homework acting as mentors themselves.”

Lori Blake, a Rays of Sunshine coordinator, says, “We send Villanova students every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon to tutor the children at St. Nick’s. The mission of Rays of Sunshine is to reach out to disadvantaged and/or diverse communities with kindness and compassion. Whether through tutoring, mentoring, visiting the elderly, sick, or disabled, we work together as a group to bring some sunshine into the lives of others. We strive to enrich the lives not only of those we serve but also of the volunteers.”

Fr. Dregan sees the Church as a key player in advocacy for the poor, especially the immigrant population, an array of direct services, addressing medical, psychological and educational needs, not only in terms of a place for them to come for help, but also for learning about their rights to these services through other agencies, in particular city and state agencies.”

The mission of ADROP is to work towards creating a community that recognizes the dignity and respects the value of all persons. Fr. Dregan succinctly explains that, “At the heart, we are about community, recognizing that we all play a role in society and that we all journey together. ADROP delivers charity and advocacy for a different and better way of serving our brothers and sisters, so that we can move from charity to advocacy to true justice for all.”

Through ADROP, the Augustinians use their talents, resources, and spirit to reach out to communities here in Philadelphia in their mission to build bridges, to connect communities, to grow together and to recognize the dignity and the respect owed to all persons. It is beyond charity, it is about justice.

For more information about ADROP please visit our website at www.rightsoftheunborn.org or contact Jack Deegan at jp@augustinian.org/

THE AUGUSTINIAN • SPRING 2008
What do an Actor, Lawyer, and Counterterrorism Expert have in common?

A community facing the challenge of promoting the Augustinians in a media-saturated world, the strategy was to take a bold, outside-the-box approach to promoting a culture of vocation.

“In revamping the advertising campaign, our creative strategy had to be original, genuine and bold. The campaign depicts Augustinians as real people working in the real world and that anyone like an actor, lawyer and counterterrorism expert can discover a meaningful life as an Augustinian,” said Abigail Peche, Director of Communications.

“We hope to highlight that for us Augustinians Friars, while we may come from diverse backgrounds, we have come together to share our lives in common as brothers in service of the sacred truth of Christ. That’s why when the question is asked, what do an actor (Fr. David Cregan), lawyer (Fr. Rob Hagan), and counterterrorism expert (Fr. Joe Narog) have in common? We can boldly claim, ‘Everything’,” said Fr. DePrinzio.

Beyond the interesting lives of these Augustinians, we also will highlight the diversity in race and culture experienced in this community. For instance, the print ads will also feature Augustinians from Cross Agustin and will be run in both English and Hispanic publications. In this campaign, the goal is to feature many Augustinians including those in Japan, Peru, South Africa and other regions in order to promote a culture of vocational as well as geographical diversity.

“We want people to identify with the Augustinian way of life. We are reaching out to those searching for a spiritual meaning and connection, thus illustrating the ‘sharing all things in common’ of the Augustinian community.

“People will often remark, ‘We love the Augustinians’ and I will usually ask, both humbly and proudly, ‘What is it about you that you love?’ Most usually cannot pinpoint one specific thing or buzz word; we even have a difficult time at that! After reflecting on this several times, I think that we, Augustinians, in our community life and ministry (try to) capture what Augustine himself captured – insights into the human person. At the end of his life, Augustine tells his followers to look “in this book as in a mirror.” I think we are mirrors to the people with and to whom we serve, and when they see us, when they encounter us, they see and encounter themselves,” said Fr. DePrinzio.

As the new promotional effort launches in May 2008, the ultimate goal is to build awareness of the Augustinian community and reach effectively to potential candidates by conveying the spiritual journey as brothers together in one Augustinian family.

Robert P. Hagan, O.S.A., J.D.

Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A. was born in Ridgefield, N.J. He graduated from Cardinal O’Hara High School in Springfield, PA in 1983. Fr. Rob attended Villanova University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1987. He pursued a law degree at Widener University School of Law and graduated in 1990. Fr. Rob practiced Criminal Defense at Widener University Negotiation at Gillin and Associates in Philadelphia and surrounding counties from 1990-97. In 1997, Fr. Rob entered the Augustinian Order and studied at Washington Theological Union where he received a Masters in Divinity. Fr. Rob made his profession as a solemn vow to the Order in January of 2003 and was ordained in September of 2003. He is the Associate Athletics Director at Villanova University and works with University administration. He oversees the Sports Medicine Department, NCAA Drug Testing, as well as various student, staff, and personnel matters. He is currently teaching two courses: Business and Professional Communications and Student Athlete Leadership Institute. He is the Picone Chaplain at Chester Correctional Institution, Chaplain of Villanova Men’s Basketball and Football teams as well as the Weekend Assistant at St. Paul’s Parish in South Philadelphia.

Joseph L. Narog, O.S.A.

Son of the late film C. and Agnes M. Narog, Fr. Joseph Narog was born and raised in Pottsville, PA. Growing up he developed an interest in learning about other countries and cultures, which he pursued as an undergraduate student at St. Joseph’s University obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations in 1981. Fr. Joseph then earned an M.A. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in 1983, where he was a Thomas Jefferson Fellow. This led him into a 15 year career with the Federal Government, working first as an intelligence analyst, then as an instructor and, ultimately, as the manager of the U.S. Government’s Counterterrorism Training Program. He even got to do a stint at the Olympic Intelligence Center in Atlanta in 1996. But despite what he viewed as very interesting and rewarding work, Fr. Joseph began to feel called. He joined as a pre-Associate at the Samuel Beckett Centre, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. For the past four years, Fr. David has been an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Villanova University where he himself is a certified yoga instructor. At Villanova University’s theatre department, Fr. David is presently teaching Modern Irish Drama, Scene Study and a graduate course entitled, Gender, Politics, and Performance.

David A. Cregan, O.S.A., Ph.D.

Fr. David Cregan, O.S.A. graduated from Monsignor Bonner High School in 1985. He attended Villanova University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre. From 1989-93, he worked as a professional actor in New York City doing Off-Broadway productions with the Light Opera of Manhattan, two national tours in the USA, one tour in Europe, as well as multiple productions in Regional Theaters. Fr. David professed his solemn vows in 1995 and was ordained in October of 1999. Fr. David received a Master’s in Divinity from the Washington Theological Union 1999 and Master of Arts in Irish Studies at the Catholic University of America in 2001. He also pursued a Master’s in Film 2002, followed by a Ph.D. from the Samuel Becket Centre, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. For the past four years, Fr. David has been an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Villanova University where he himself is a certified yoga instructor. At Villanova University’s theatre department, Fr. David is presently teaching Modern Irish Drama, Scene Study and a graduate course entitled, Gender, Politics, and Performance.

Fr. Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A., Vocations Director, states that “We’re hoping that this new marketing campaign will assist us in our overall approach to promoting a culture of vocation. What was essential to Saint Augustine when he gathered the first members of his community was capturing the spirit of the first Christian community found in the Acts of the Apostles: a community that came together and shared all things in common, one in mind and heart.”

NEW PROMOTIONAL EFFORT TO HIGHLIGHT AUGUSTINIAN WAY OF LIFE BY ABIGAIL PECHE

The vocations and communications departments are implementing a new promotional effort to appeal to potential candidates for the Augustinian community. With new, creative copy and an innovative promotional effort to appeal to potential candidates, the campaign, “Sharing All Things in Common” targets a diverse audience.
Krista Dicker, an Augustinian Volunteer, is presently volunteering in San Diego, CA and working with the children at St. Vincent de Paul Village as the Service Literacy Provider. She loves spending time with the children, and she hopes that her time in San Diego will not only be of help to those she’s serving, but also provide her with an idea for her future plans. We are grateful and inspired by Krista and these volunteers who are not only serving others but also are bringing hope and compassion.
A HOME OF dignity&care

The Residential Care Center at Saint Thomas Monastery on the campus of Villanova University

ON ENTERING THE MONASTERY, one is greeted by a friendly receptionist and offered a genuine welcome. If people are looking for The Residential Care Center, they are directed to an elevator on the right which takes them to the end of the second floor corridor described above. In this bright passageway, hallway chairs are arranged in a row and friars can relax with a book, absorb the sunlight, or gaze upon the beautiful campus spread out before them.

One proceeds along this corridor to the nursing station of The Residential Care Center where one is greeted by one of the nursing or support staff. In the bright, light-filled corridors of the center, beautiful watercolor paintings sketched by Augustinians past and present adorn the walls. Fresh air permeates the halls, and the rooms are pristine. The monastery’s long-term care residence is immaculate. It truly feels like a home that anyone would like to move into.

As Price of Saint Thomas Monastery and Counsellor to the Provincial for the Elderly and the Infirm, Fr. Anthony M. Genovese, O.S.A., says, “We are taking care of our men in our home. We are not a healthcare facility in the traditional sense. The vision for the renovation of the Monastery here at Villanova was not just a place to care for the friars who are in need of physical assistance but to strengthen the relationship of the friars to the surrounding community.”

The staff here goes to great lengths to ensure the dignity and health of the sick and elderly friars. The equipment is state-of-the-art and meets the health needs of the friars. The center includes a physician’s examination room, nurse’s station, physical rehabilitation facility, and recreation room.

As Director of Nurses, Alenika Hocevar, RN, BSN., brings a tremendous amount of expertise, experience and energy to the position. She also brings a tremendous amount of “heart.” “My first challenge in the restructuring of this clinic was to find a nursing staff that was well educated, experienced, and patient,” said Ms. Hocevar. “The nursing staff’s top priority is to provide excellent preventive care. Better health assessments can prevent frequent hospitalizations and reduce emergency room visits. We are truly raising the bar with healthcare. I also looked for a staff that exhibited an understanding of the special needs of the elderly.”

With these high expectations, the staff and student nurses from Villanova’s College of Nursing incorporate a sensitive, caring approach to the friars. In their training the students learn how to speak, listen and interact with the friars in a patient, caring manner. Ms. Hocevar added, “We put a lot of love and care into what we do. These men have spent a lifetime compassionately caring for others; it is our privilege to now provide them with compassionate care.”

In addition to daily Mass and meals with the larger Monastery community, the friars now welcome many other volunteers who provide a variety of activities and entertainment. The Caritas Group, a service organization of Villanova students, celebrates the holidays with the friars with parties for Hallowe'en, Christmas and the Super Bowl. The students also participate in card games, movies and provide musical entertainment from choiral groups. Recently, pre-school children performed Irish songs to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. When weather permits you can also see the friars sitting in the Garden of St. Thomas of Villanova, just outside the Monastery, chatting with students and enjoying the energy of the campus.

“Many relationships have developed between the University students and the friars. During the day, many students come between classes to visit individual friars,” remarks Fr. Genovese.

The recreation room has a large TV where the friars can watch Villanova basketball and other TV shows. There are additional games provided for the friars’ recreational needs. The monastery also houses a state-of-the-art fitness facility equipped with excellent cardiovascular and weight machines as well as free weights and therapeutic exercise gear. Mrs. Hocevar stresses the importance of keeping the friars active to eliminate boredom and to prevent depression. She states that engaging the friars in fun activities prevents loneliness as well as physical problems that can develop from a sedentary lifestyle.

Mrs. Hocevar concluded, “The Residential Care Center is a very special place, not only from the perspective of the physical space, but also from the spirit that radiates from it. It allows the friars to age in place within their community. In the most Augustinian sense, it is a community of brothers journeying together.”

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Non-profits, especially religious non-profits like the Augustinians, are so much better at providing these services than governments. They are more efficient, and more importantly, they are truly caring and compassionate.

I made my living running a community bank, United Savings. As a banker, I am community minded. A good bank invests in the community and helps it thrive. Thriving communities don’t have problems with drugs, blight, vandalism and crime. Fr. Deegan’s project is about giving people the tools to build a strong community. Partnering with ADROP was a natural for me.

NA: What motivates you to get involved with any non-profit especially the Augustinians?
JN: I think all of us have a need in our lives to help our fellow man, a need to give back. I worked hard all my life, and at some point, I was able to say, “I have enough”. I can take care of myself and my family, and I don’t need more “things”. We’re not going to be on this earth forever; we can’t take it with us. So, I started to ask what can I do to take care of myself and my family, and I don’t need more “things”. We’re not going to be on this earth forever; we can’t take it with us. So, I started to ask what can I do to

Philanthropy: n. (Greek, love to humankind)
Altruistic concern for human welfare and advancement, usually manifested by donations of money, property, or work to needy persons.

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:

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THE AUGUSTINIAN FAMILY: A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS: AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY NATALIE AGRAZ

JOHN NIGRELLI

John Nigrelli, Chairman & CEO, United Savings Bank Philadelphia, PA, was born and raised in South Philadelphia. His father and three children graduated from Villanova University, and three years ago, he partnered with Fr. Jack Deegan as a member of the Board of ADROP (Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor).

NA: When did you first encounter the Augustinians?
JN: My father, Samuel, graduated from Villanova in 1937. When I was young, he and I would take the train out to the college to attend football games, my father had always been involved with the team. In those days it was like going out to the country. Later, I met Fr. George Riley, O.S.A. through mutual friends, and we get together once in awhile. Then my three children graduated from Villanova and through them, I met Fr. John Farrell, O.S.A. I have known the Augustinians for a long time, and I have always appreciated their work at Villanova, but I wasn’t aware of their other ministries.

A couple of years ago, a good friend of mine, Tony DeCarlo, told me he was working with Fr. Jack Deegan, O.S.A., on a project for the various immigrant populations in South Philadelphia. They were trying to help assimilate the groups into the community. They were also partnering with Methodist hospital, St. Agnes, and Villanova University. So I met with Tony and Fr. Deegan for lunch and liked what I heard so I got involved with ADROP (Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor).

NA: What about ADROP attracted you?
JN: ADROP provides healthcare, English as a Second Language classes, tutoring for children, and some legal services to the poor. I believe these are the basic, essential services in building the foundation for a strong immigrant community. ADROP partners with the Villanova School of Nursing and the Villanova Law School, a collaborative effort and a win-win for both ADROP and the university. The students get the hands-on experience and service opportunities, and the clients receive services they could never afford on their own.

As Christians, I believe we should help these newcomers to our country with their basic needs and also help to make them productive in society. Through the Augustinians model of caring and commitment to the community, ADROP allows me to practice my faith, to be more Christ-like and to help our fellow human beings.

NA: What does ADROP do that is unique?
JN: ADROP provides what I call the “whole person” approach. We don’t just give out fish. You have to teach people to fish. Is it meaningful? Is it making a difference? I’m not motivated to give because I get a deduction on my tax return. I give because I want to leave this world a better place. I want to see results, and I want to see the dollars are getting results. I am investing to educate the people, strengthen the community and create a positive impact by building a community with better housing conditions, decent jobs and a better way of life. I hope I’m doing some good.

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Augustine Martyr to be Beatified

Thomas Kainthla Jihoye, O.S.A. was born in Japan circa 1609, joined the Augustinians while in the Philippines, and returned to Japan – despite the risk of persecution – to minister to the people of his homeland. He was martyred in 1637. His beatification, along with 176 fellow martyrs, will be held November 24, 2008, in Nagasaki.

Augustinian Press:

Saint Augustine, edited by the late Tarcisius van Bavel

In this new classic edition, published by Mercator in Belgium and Augustinian Press in Villanova, Augustine of Hippo is revealed to be a highly multifaceted personality: intellectual, mystic, biographer, philosopher, biblical thinker. This book aims to give a deeper insight into the man with the burning heart. The heart is the common thread that runs through the book and the iconic symbol used in all illustrations of Augustine. Against the backdrop of North Africa, where he was active, some twenty scholars (including our own Fr. George Lawless, O.S.A., Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A., and Fr. Thomas Martin, O.S.A.) seek to shed light on Augustine’s thought. This beautiful “coffee-table” style book of over 250 full color photographs and illustrations approaches this monumental figure, the person of the biblical thinker. This book successfully portrays to the reader many aspects of the vast contribution left by this monumental figure, the person of the person of Augustine to all people. The cost is $69.95 plus $11.50 shipping. It can be ordered online at www.augustinianpress.org, by phone (toll-free 888-273-0771) or Augustinian Press, 214 Ashwood Rd, Villanova, PA 19085.
Joseph D. Calderone, O.S.A.

Rev. Joseph D. Calderone, O.S.A. has been named interim president of Merrimack College in Andover, MA following the announcement by President Richard J. Santagati that he will retire at the end of this academic year. To ensure a smooth transition in leadership and a presidential search process, Santagati began an earned sabbatical on January 14, 2008. Fr. Calderone comes to Merrimack from Villanova University, having served as chaplain and counselor for the Villanova University School of Law and the former associate director of campus ministry at Villanova. He is a member of the Order of St. Augustine, the founding order of Merrimack College. Fr. Calderone has served on the Board of Trustees of Merrimack College since 2003. In addition, Fr. Calderone retired as Captain of the U.S. Navy Reserve Chaplain after 21 years, six of those with the 3rd Marine Air Wing. He served five years at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. and eight years with the Loyola University Medical Center as chaplain. Also an educator, Fr. Calderone was an adjunct professor at DePaul University, Neumann College, Rollins College, and St. Leo College. He served as the former director of campus ministry and dormitory counselor at Merrimack College from 1974 to 1978. He was director of campus ministry for the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., was a director of continuing education for the Washington Theological Union, and served as an educator/chaplain at Loyola University Medical Center (Maywood, Ill.). He is currently a board member of both MedImmune/Jansen Pharmaceuticals and Augustinian Press, Inc. Fr. Calderone holds a Doctorate of Education in Higher Educational Administration (Ed.D) from Northeastern University, a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in leadership and supervision in higher education from Northeastern University, and an M.A. in theology from Washington Theological Union. He also has an M.A. in guidance and counseling and a B.A. in social sciences from Villanova University.

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Joseph A. Genito, O.S.A.

Fr. Joseph Genito, O.S.A. is the new pastor and rector of the National Shrine of St. Rita. Fr. Joe was proposed as pastor by Fr. Donald Reilly, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Augustinians of the Eastern Province and appointed by Cardinal Rigali in November. He will assume office on May 1, 2008. Fr. Joe was assigned at St. Rita twice previously, as pastor from 1993 to 1995, and returned again in residence for a short time before assuming his most recent duties as Director of Formation for Augustinian students in Washington, D.C. Fr. Joe has spent the years of his religious life in parochial ministry, formation work, and as Director of the Office of Justice and Peace for the Eastern (Villanova) Province of the Augustinians. He is also a member of the Provincial Council and is an accomplished musician and composer. Fr. Joe was born in the Bronx, New York and raised in Cutchogue, New York. He professed first vows as an Augustinian in 1968 and was ordained in 1975.

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The following friar was recently called home to God. You can read full biographies of this Augustinian, and post your own reflections or favorite memory, online at www.augustinian.org.

Ralph C. Shurer, O.S.A.

Born: 5/20/1928
First Profession: 9/10/1947
Ordained: 6/5/1954
Died: 4/8/2008

“Af. Ralph Shurer was an excellent teacher, a wonderful mentor and a Christian gentleman. I learned a great deal from him, having had him for several courses in biology at Villanova University over the years.”
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– Fr. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., Prior Provincial, Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova