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Augustinian College Closes, House of Studies Moves to Chicago

For most of the 20th century, friars from the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova have pursued theological studies at Augustinian College in Washington, D.C. This summer the house of studies moves to the Windy City, where professed students from four different Provinces will join the new inter-province community of Saint Augustine Friary. It is indeed a historic move.

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Pellegrinaggio in Italia

Each March, Fr. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A., leads a community of pilgrims from Merrimack College on a trek through Augustinian history. Following Saint Augustine's footsteps in Italy, the community encounters Augustine, his spirituality, and the earliest roots of the Order of Saint Augustine. Not only does the journey transform their lives, but it has an everlasting impact on the Merrimack campus as well.

ON THE COVER

Jack and Zach Morey with a student at Saint Leo's School in South Africa.

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LETTER FROM THE PRIOR PROVINCIAL

Dear Friends,

In one of his sermons, Saint Augustine spoke: “We are the holy Church. But I do not say we as though to indicate only we who are here, you who have just been listening to me. I mean all of us who are here and by the grace of God faithful Christians in this church, that is, in this city; all those in this region, in this province, across the sea, all those in the whole world. Such is the Catholic Church” (Sermon 213, 7).

It is an inherently Augustinian notion, for the words reflect the major characteristics of Augustinian ministry – community and collaboration.

In this issue of *The Augustinian*, you’ll read about such collaboration. You’ll learn about our new international theologate in Chicago, where students from the North American Provinces will receive their theological training at the Catholic Theological Union. After so many years, it is difficult to depart Augustinian College in Washington, DC, but the opportunity for collaborative ministry is much greater in Chicago. Our students will benefit from their shared experience, as in turn will the future of the Augustinian Order in the United States.

You’ll also read about two students from Saint Augustine College Preparatory School in Richland, NJ, who returned from a trip to our mission in South Africa ready to do whatever it took to change the face of poverty and disease they discovered there. They have rallied the community in their efforts, and to date this collaborative spirit has raised over \$35,000 for a mission half a world away from South Jersey.

Likewise, you’ll discover in these pages an effort to bridge two Augustinian worlds with Merrimack College’s *Pellegrinaggio in Italia*. Begun by Father Jim Wenzel, O.S.A., this annual tour of Italy takes members of the Merrimack community to the places where Augustine himself walked and where the Order was first founded. In its eighth year, the *Pellegrinaggio in Italia* has transformed Merrimack by inspiring ownership of its Augustinian mission to all those who have walked in Augustine’s footsteps.

Such stories remind us that it is through community and collaboration that we will carry on Augustine’s message – Christ’s message – of love to the world.

“...in this city; all those in this region, in this province, across the sea, all those in the whole world...”

Such is the collaborative spirit of the Order of Saint Augustine.

Please join us!

In Augustine,

Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A.
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LETTERS

San Diego



I have been working at St. Vincent de Paul Village for almost seven months and one of the most valuable lessons I have

learned is to treat everyone with dignity and respect. Homelessness is dehumanizing and degrading. There is a lack of peace on the streets surrounding the Village and there is a lack of peace in the Village as people are oppressed and suffering. Chronic homelessness is what plagues most of the impoverished population in San Diego and throughout the U.S. Working specifically with the wonderful children at the Village; I have come to understand more clearly the cycle of poverty operating in the U.S. The cycle harms a child’s dignity. The children I teach, tutor, and play with every day suffer at such a young age from abuse, violence,

and instability. I know there is a liberating path for them. Each day when I see the kindness, selflessness, and love that comes from the staff and volunteers at the Village as well as from my housemates, Anthony, Keeley, Beth, Zack, and Cheryl, I am so hopeful and energized to continue working for that path towards peace, that path that exists when all people can smile because they have been treated with dignity and respect.

CAITLIN SHEEHY
Augustinian Volunteer, San Diego Community

Philadelphia



As I process everything that has happened thus far in my year of service, I cannot help but feel overwhelmed.

Overwhelmed by the people I have met, the stories I have heard, the injustices I have experienced, and the lives and hearts of which I have been blessed to become a part. The past six months have been a mixture of daily joys and struggles. My frustrations focus on the afflictions, sorrows, and hardships that arise from a cycle of poverty which seems endless and almost impossible to break. All of this compels me to somehow, in my own way, make a difference.

Archbishop Oscar Romero’s words of conclusion charge me to action, “We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it’s a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.” Wholly understanding these words is a constant struggle, especially when realizing that I may never know the end result of my service. Through all of this I recognize that what is truly important is my whole hearted attempt to plant and water seeds, continually hoping that one day they will grow.

AMY MISKOVSKY
Augustinian Volunteer, Philadelphia Community

Lawrence



Every Tuesday when I go with students to the soup kitchens I realize the value I give people based on their appearance and material wealth

and based on their usefulness to me. I find that I am uncomfortable (though I try to appear otherwise). I want to see each person as Christ...I do. But I find it is much easier to talk about the dignity of the human person than to preach it with my life because poverty, when you actually have to face it, is ugly. It’s uncomfortable.

...it is in the discomfort that we become better people. It is in the discomfort that we find the true God...the God that doesn’t judge based on appearance or material wealth or usefulness, but on how we love.

JAKE SCHNEIDER
Augustinian Volunteer, Lawrence Community

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FROM JERSEY TO NATAL

TWO STUDENTS FROM SAINT AUGUSTINE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN RICHLAND, NJ, VISIT THE AUGUSTINIAN MISSION IN SOUTH AFRICA, RAISING FUNDS IN SOUTH JERSEY TO HELP A STRUGGLING COMMUNITY A WORLD AWAY.

BY MICHAEL T. DOLAN

The need is great in South Africa, and the work of the Augustinian missionaries there never stops, for Third World poverty and AIDS combine to create a devastating landscape.

It was just such a landscape that two students from South Jersey encountered last fall when they visited the Augustinian missions, and it is just such a landscape that they wish to change.

MEET ZACHARY AND JORDAN MOREY, a senior and sophomore at Saint Augustine College Preparatory School in Richland, NJ, a school of 585 founded by and run by the Augustinians.

This wasn't Zach's first trip to Africa, though. As a sophomore he participated in a third-semester trip to Kenya offered by Saint Augustine Prep. The Prep is known for this unique third-semester program, which provides opportunities for students to join teachers on learning and service oriented trips at the end of the school year.

"The third semester is why we are at this school," says Zach. "You learn the most in the shortest period of time."

Indeed, as the Moreys demonstrate, the third semester program is often a life-changing and life-guiding experience for Saint Augustine students.

When the need to attend a conference in Durban arose last year, Jack Morey, executive Vice President of Morey's Piers and Beachfront Waterparks in Wildwood, NJ, and his wife Karen saw it as an opportunity for the entire family.

Through Father Paul Galetto, O.S.A., President of Saint Augustine Prep, the Moreys learned of the Augustinian missions in South Africa, located outside of Durban in the Province of Natal.

Established in 1997, the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova's mission in South Africa includes a parish in the Durban suburb of Kloof and two outstation parishes serving the impoverished Zulu community living in Natal's "Valley of a Thousand Hills." The friars there partner with the Augustinian Sisters, who minister throughout Natal to the Zulu people.

It was also through Father Paul that the Moreys established a relationship with Matt Liccketto, a 2000 alum of the Prep currently serving his second stint as an Augustinian Volunteer with the Augustinian mission in South Africa. In advance of their trip, Matt shared with Zach and Jordan the needs of the mission in South Africa.

A few months before the November trip, Zach and Jordan sent out a letter and plea for help



ZACH MOREY, MATT LICCKETTO, AND JORDAN MOREY VISIT STUDENTS AT ST. LEO'S SCHOOL IN EMOLWENI.



JORDAN MOREY WITH TWO STUDENTS AT ST. LEO'S SCHOOL IN EMOLWENI.

THE MOREY FAMILY GOT TO WITNESS FIRSTHAND WHAT A POWERFUL IMPACT THEIR EFFORTS WILL HAVE ON THE PEOPLE OF NATAL.

to friends, family and family business associates. The letter explained the desperate need for food, shoes, medicine, and school supplies needed by the Zulu community the Augustinians serve.

Hundreds of letters went out. Thousands of dollars came in. Many thousands of dollars. Through the appeal alone, Zach and Jordan were able to raise over \$35,000.00 for the South Africa mission. And in November, the Morey family got to work side-by-side with the Augustinians – volunteers, friars and sisters – to witness firsthand what a powerful impact their efforts will have on the people of Natal.

They visited the outstation parishes of Saint Helena's in Edwaleni and Saint Leo's in Emolweni in the "Valley of a Thousand Hills." The small school there, Saint Leo's, provides the only meal most of its students will eat each day.

They witnessed the devastation of AIDS at both a hospice outside of Durban as well as at an orphanage run by the Augustinian sisters. Many of the children at Saint Theresa's Orphanage are there as a direct result of losing a parent to AIDS.

Zach and Jordan know their fundraising efforts have a huge and

immediate impact on the Zulu community. \$35,000.00 is well over 250,000.00 rand, the currency of South Africa, and 250,000.00 rand can go a long way in changing countless lives.

When the Moreys think of their efforts, they remember the faces and names of the children they embraced – and who in turn embraced them – on their trip to Natal.

Thinking of his most powerful memory from the November trip, an immense smile takes over Jordan's face.

"The kids," he says, shaking his head. "I love 'em."

This summer, Zach and Jordan plan to continue to raise funds for the Augustinian missions, where they hope to return in August.

The landscape they encounter will indeed be devastated by poverty and disease, but the Moreys know firsthand a different landscape offered by the Augustinians – one painted with love and hope. ✚

To support the Augustinian missions, donate online at www.augustinian.org or contact Father Scott Ness, O.S.A., Director of the Augustinian Missions, at missions@augustinian.org

Augustinian College Closes, House of Studies Moves to Chicago

BY MICHAEL T. DOLAN

In 1919, under the leadership of Fr. Nicholas J. Vasey, O.S.A., the Augustinians of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova opened a house of studies in Washington, D.C. – Augustinian College. Today, 88 years later, the Augustinians find themselves closing Augustinian College. It is a bittersweet moment in the history of the Province, but it also marks the beginning of new and exciting initiatives.

THIS SUMMER, students in formation from the North American Provinces will move to Chicago as part of a new inter-province house of studies at Saint Augustine Friary. There they will progress through the Augustinian formation program while studying at the Catholic Theological Union.

It is indeed a change of scenery for the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova. Nearly all friars in the Province have been part of the Augustinian College community. For years students were taught by an internal faculty of Augustinians at Augustinian College, and more recently students pursued theological studies with the Washington Theological Union. They all, however, were part of the Augustinian College community.

In recent years, the Augustinian College community has been comprised of friars from the Villanova, Midwest, West Coast, and Canadian Provinces. As the number of vocations to the Order has fallen in the United States, greater collaboration became necessary. That collaboration became official last year when the Saint Augustine Friary National Theologate Corporation was formed, an independent inter-province corporation that will own and operate the new house of studies in Chicago.

Such collaboration is nothing new to the Provinces of North America. For many years, the North American Provinces have sent their novices to a national novitiate in Racine, WI. Inter-province committees work together to share needs, resources and ideas in various ministries, including secondary education, parish, and Latino ministries. Personnel are often shared among the Provinces and the Priors Provincial gather together each year to work on areas of collaboration.

“A spirit of collaboration has always existed,” said Fr. Donald Reilly, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova. “Current and future needs have dictated that such collaboration increase. The new theologate in Chicago grew out of this, and it is indeed an exciting venture for all of us.”

The Augustinians believe the move to Chicago will enhance the formation experience of friars in formation.

“With no Augustinian schools or parishes in Washington, DC, our students are a bit isolated from our apostolates,” said Fr. Joseph Genito, O.S.A., Director of Formation. “In Chicago, however, there are many opportunities for our students to experience Augustinian ministry on a regular basis.”

And indeed there are. The Augustinians of the Midwest Province have four communities in Chicago and minister at both Saint Rita Parish and Saint Rita High School. Other communities are also in the region, including Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish in Homer Glen, IL, St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, IL, and Providence Catholic High School, also in New Lenox.

Fr. Genito, O.S.A., along with Fr. Luis Vera, O.S.A., and the Midwest Province’s Fr. Philip Cook, O.S.A., will be moving to Chicago as part of the formation team at Saint Augustine Friary.

Joining them will be ten professed students from four different Provinces. They include: Robert Basler, O.S.A., and Stephen Payne, O.S.A., of the Midwest Province; Ronnie Custorio, O.S.A., Kirk Davis, O.S.A., and Tom Davis, O.S.A., of the West Coast Province; Jorge Cleto, O.S.A., and Michael Scuderi, O.S.A., of the Villanova Province; and Romanus Maduabuchi from the Province of Nigeria.

A closing ceremony for Augustinian College was held on April 14 in Washington, DC. Indeed, an era may have ended, but a new chapter in the history of the Augustinians of North America has begun...in Chicago. †



REMEMBERING AUGUSTINIAN COLLEGE

Friars have varied experiences of what is called Augustinian College. Many lived and studied at the original site of the college on Harewood Road near Catholic University (shown above). In recent years, friars lived at Oakview Terrace and studied at the Washington Theological Union. Following are some of their reflections on their experience of Augustinian College (Date indicates last year as student at Augustinian College).

Kevin M. DePrinzio, O.S.A. (2004)



“Augustinian College is not just a building. It has been a home to so many of our friars. I can remember the first time I referred to it as home in front of my parents, probably a month or so into my pre-novitiate year. My mom said to my dad, “Oh great, one month in, it’s already home to him!” Seriously though, the college community was always quick to make friars and guests feel at home: it was a place of comfort, of hospitality, of friendship – some of my best friendships in the Order began there. It will always be home to me.”

Francis J. Doyle, O.S.A. (1971; Director of Students: 1992-98)



“I always felt very much at home at the Oakview Terrace property and I appreciated the spaces there that allowed us to offer Augustinian hospitality to hundreds of people coming to Washington for all sorts of events. Though our official educational ‘charter’ with the District of Columbia had long since been terminated, it truly was for me and countless others a place of learning to live the common life as we Augustinians are called to live.”

William R. Faix, O.S.A. (1963)



“Augustinian College was more than a passing stage in theology; it was a place where the Order became a reality through and with the friends I made in the 48 years I was associated with this grand place. Augustinian College, my friends and teachers living and dead, those who both shared my life and made my visits not so much a vacation but a return home: God bless. I will sorely miss this memory-filled place.”

Thomas M. Murnane, O.S.A. (1965)



“1961-1965: The end of an Era. Vatican II had not yet come to a close with its many changes. The Horarium was simple, structured yet flexible. Community prayer and life were lived not preached. A powerful March storm in ‘62 left us deep in snow with neither heat nor electricity for several days. This was followed by the sudden death of our beloved Prior, Fr. Francis Dennis, O.S.A. The first concelebrated Mass at Augustinian College was Holy Thursday, April 15, 1965. Yearly ordinations brought joy and hope to all in formation.”

Luis A. Vera, O.S.A. (1996; Prior: 2002-07)



“As we say farewell to Augustinian College, St. Augustine reminds us in Sermon 346, ‘We must go on with our journey, and even if we don’t want to, the journey is what in fact, we have to go on with... Let us call past times to mind, and the Holy Scriptures.’ In other words, let us remember and re-tell our story. Let us tell our story and our history in the light of the Scriptures and of the Paschal Mystery. Eighty-three years ago we dreamed and imagined formation, education and ministry in a different way. It might take the eyes of a mystic to discern and imagine a different future... but we all carry within us mystical qualities. As we say farewell to Augustinian College, may we have the wisdom to keep dreaming and imagining and the courage to remember and be transformed.”



A GLIMPSE

Collegio Santa Monica in Rome is home to a community of some 60 friars from over 20 countries. Thanks to a team of five friars headed up by Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A., the community has a newly renovated chapel. At the heart of the renovation is a new mosaic depicting the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath and the gospel of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Created by an international community of artists, the mosaic unites hospitality and the Eucharist in a reflection about Christian life. For more than a glimpse, catch the complete renovation story at www.augustinian.org/chapel.htm.



Pellegrinaggio in Italia



In early March, a group of thirty people associated with Merrimack College boarded a plane at Boston's Logan Airport, leaving the Massachusetts winter behind them. When they arrived at their destination, some 3800 miles away, they found themselves in the foothills of the Italian Alps, in the small town of Cassago Brianza.

They were there to find Augustine.

BY MICHAEL T. DOLAN

THIS WAS THE EIGHTH SUCH GROUP to travel to Italy as part of Merrimack College's *Pellegrinaggio in Italia*. The pilgrimage, which is offered by the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy at Merrimack, began in 2000. It was the brainchild of Father Jim Wenzel, O.S.A., Director of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy.

The *Pellegrinaggio* gives participants the chance to visit sites in Italy significant in both the life of Saint Augustine and the history of the Order of Saint Augustine.

"The Center sponsors the *Pellegrinaggio*," says Father Jim Wenzel, "to give participants a deeper understanding of the spirit and charism of Saint Augustine as well as a sense of the origin, history and spirituality of the Order of Saint Augustine which founded Merrimack College in 1947."

To date, 175 individuals have participated on the *Pellegrinaggio*, including students, faculty members, administrators, alumni/alumnae, Augustinian friars and friends of Merrimack.

Leading up to each March's trek through Italy, participants gather on several occasions to discuss the life of Augustine and his writings, giving the group a solid introduction to the man whose footsteps they will follow.

In the small town of Cassago Brianza outside of Milan, known as Cassaciacum in Augustine's time, the group visits the area reputed to be where Augustine gathered with friends and family in the winter of 386 to read, reflect, pray, and prepare for his baptism.

After spending two days in beautiful Cassago Brianza, meeting with townspeople who share a deep love of Augustine, the group travels to Milan, where, among other sites, they visit the magnificent Duomo, the cathedral of Milan. At the rear of the Duomo the group passes through a turnstile and descends seemingly down through history. At the base of the steps is a cavernous excavation of the site where Augustine and his son were baptized by Ambrose on April 24, 387. It is a powerful moment for the group, as they renew their baptism vows, listen to the words of Augustine, and reflect on the powerful experience.

Leaving Milan, participants on the *Pellegrinaggio* travel to Pavia, where they visit the tomb of Saint Augustine in the Basilica of Saint Peter of the Golden Ceiling.

After visiting Pavia, the group travels south to the Tuscan region of Italy and spend three days at the Convento Sant' Agostino, a 13th century convento in San Gimignano. The Convento, which

sits adjacent to the Church of Saint Augustine, was founded in 1272, twenty-eight years after the beginning of the Order of Saint Augustine in 1244. Today, under the direction of Father Brian Lowery, O.S.A., the convento serves as a place for prayer, rest and retreat for the Augustinian Order and pilgrims from across the world, many of whom come to visit the famed Benozzo Gozzoli frescoes portraying the life of Saint Augustine.

While in San Gimignano, the group takes two outward excursions into the Tuscan countryside to see some of the earliest

foundations of the Order, including the ancient ruins of a thirteenth century Augustinian foundation in Rosia as well as the renowned monastery of Augustinian nuns in Lecceto.

Traveling south, the next stop on the *Pellegrinaggio* is Rome, where participants visit the Generalate of the Augustinian Order, Saint Monica's International College, and the Augustinianum, the Patristic Institute. In Vatican City, the group celebrates Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica, tours the Basilica, and visits the Augustinian Church of Sant' Anna, the parish church of Vatican City. They also take the scavi tour of the excavations beneath the basilica to see the tomb of Saint Peter. Near Rome, the pilgrims visit the ruins of Ostia Antica, where Saint Monica died.

The pilgrimage concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist in Genezzano, a small town a few hours south of Rome which is home to the famous Basilica of Our Mother of Good Counsel and the resting place of Blessed Stephen Bellesini, O.S.A.

To say that the pilgrimage concludes, however, is misleading, for the *pellegrini* return to Merrimack College energized and inspired by their experience.

"The participants return with renewed energy about what we are doing here at

Merrimack," says Merrimack Provost Joseph Kelly, who has led all but one *Pellegrinaggio* with Father Jim.

"Not only do they discover our Augustinian roots while in Italy, but they discover a true sense of Augustinian community – with one another and with the worldwide Order."

"Participants begin to take ownership of our Augustinian mission here at Merrimack," says Father Jim. "It is a transforming experience for both the individual and the school."

Each March, with each completed *Pellegrinaggio in Italia*, the Augustinian presence at Merrimack grows stronger. ✚





THE AUGUSTINIAN FAMILY: A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS

KAREN THURMAN

With a passion for service, Mrs. Karen Thurman is a true partner in ministry with the Augustinians. She and her husband Randy are Malvern parents (Kyle '05) and have been strong supporters of and volunteers to Malvern Preparatory School. In the past two years, Karen has joined the Augustinians on service trips to the Augustinian missions in Peru and South Africa. She spoke with Natalie Agraz, Director of Development for the Province, about these experiences and their impact on her family's philanthropic decisions.

NA: How did you first get involved with the Augustinians?

KT: Our first introduction to the Augustinians was when our son Kyle joined Malvern in the seventh grade. Malvern was a great experience not only for Kyle, but for our entire family. I think we saw the love and outreach that the Augustinians provided, not only to the Malvern community, but to the surrounding community as well. As the years passed, I was particularly impressed with how their Christian Service Program had grown. Randy and I are very committed to Malvern and it was through that connection that we met the Augustinians.

NA: What was it about the Augustinians' foreign mission work that appealed to you?

KT: At first, I think I just wanted to broaden my horizons. I was always interested in working with the poor, the homeless, and the disenfranchised members of our society – and I felt it was my job to bring an awareness of the less fortunate back to my family. The Augustinian missions have a history of ministering to these groups and became a natural avenue for me to explore. I was so grateful when I was invited to go to Peru and South Africa. These have been amazing adventures – physically, mentally and spiritually. Randy and I had made a decision that we didn't want to financially support organizations that we couldn't be personally involved in. The Augustinians invite a real hands-on opportunity in their missions. That was what most appealed to me.

NA: Your first trip to the Augustinian missions was to Chulucanas, Peru. Chulucanas is a hard place. What was the most striking thing about that trip?

KT: I had worked with the poor in this country but I had never seen poverty outside of the US. Nothing really prepares you for arriving in Chulucanas. I was really struck by the absolute isolation of the place. It is miles and miles from anything that even remotely resembles an American community. When I left Chulucanas, I was left with a real appreciation for the courage and strength of the human spirit. Chulucanas is dusty and dirty and dingy on the outside, but at the heart of the matter there is joy – a joy that comes from faith in God. Their faith is so strong because they don't have anything else

Leader: *n.* Someone who leads; a person who inspires others, commands respect, directs influence through integrity; 2. one driven by unselfish motives, often associated with philanthropic causes and missions of caring, 3. an individual dedicated to success, accomplishment of well established goals.

to believe in. Truly, God is all there is. Their government doesn't do anything for them, the community can't do much, and some don't even have families. There are saints walking those streets in Chulucanas, whether it's Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A., or the Sisters or the Augustinian Volunteers, or just some of the people, especially the children – they just look so innocent and pure in the midst of all the misery. It was the same in South Africa. The home healthcare workers, the kids, the teachers, the clergy and the Augustinian Volunteers – they exhibit a strength of purpose and endurance that you just don't see in this country very often anymore.

NA: What most touched you from these trips?

KT: It's not about the outside circumstances in the missions. It's about the inner beauty of these amazing people. How blessed we are to have the opportunity to be there with them. We get so drawn to their spirit, it's almost addictive, and you don't want to let it go. You relate to people on the most fundamental level. The issues of race, status and culture don't enter into it. They embrace you and you can embrace them. I don't have any particular skills that I bring. I'm not a teacher, not a nurse, but as someone said, the skills aren't important; you just have to bring love. It's their response to that love which is so amazing.

NA: What is the role of philanthropy in our society today?

KT: Philanthropy is a forest for many people. I know it is for my husband and me. We really had to decide what it was we wanted to accomplish... locally, nationally, globally. We feel so blessed to be able to give. We want to give and we want to give to an organization that will make a difference in this world, one that touches someone in need. As a nation we have a huge responsibility. We are so wealthy and have so many opportunities, yet we waste so much and sometimes our priorities are a little off. Philanthropy should be a sacrifice not only in terms of dollars but in stepping out of your comfort zone. I think these mission trips do this. They show us things that make us uncomfortable, things we don't want to see. It's hard to look at a mother dying of AIDS not knowing what will happen to her three children when she's gone.

NA: Do your philanthropic choices have any effect on your life on a day-to-day basis?

KT: Absolutely. We are totally energized by just about everything we give now. It gives us a purpose. We've gotten to this point in our lives where we look back. We've worked really hard, Randy's been very successful in business, and we ask ourselves, "What does it all mean?" It just doesn't feel right to rest on our laurels and pass it on to our kids. We don't want to disable our children by giving them too much. We've been fortunate enough through Malvern and the Augustinians to have situations where we can make a difference. It's totally empowering, totally fulfilling – more fulfilling than anything we've ever done with our money before. Knowing that you can be a part of creating or sustaining life for a community – or for even one person – is so much more energizing than anything we've done before as a couple or as a family. I think in the past two years, I've come to realize that this is what God wants from us. †

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New Mission Director Named



Earlier this year, Father Scott C. Ness, O.S.A., was appointed Mission Director for the Province of Saint Thomas of

Villanova, succeeding Father Dick Appicci, O.S.A., who passed away in February. In this role, Father Scott works to raise awareness of and funds for the Augustinians missions in Peru, Japan and South Africa. For the past ten years, Father Scott ministered at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. Visit www.augustinian.org to learn how you can support the Augustinian missions, or contact Father Scott at missions@augustinian.org

North American Provincials Meet

The priors provincial of the North American Provinces gathered February 7-9, 2007, in San Diego, CA, for the annual North American Conference of Augustinian Provincials. For the first time, counselors from each province also participated in the meeting. One of the primary items discussed was continued collaboration among the North American Provinces. Interprovincial initiatives

already underway include the national novitiate in Racine, WI, the new national theologate in Chicago, and interprovincial committees on secondary education and Hispanic ministry. Also for the first time, the priors provincial decided to hold an interprovincial convocation of all friars from the North American Provinces. This historic event, to be held June 8-12, 2009, in the Midwest, will give friars the opportunity to foster relationships and to see the national novitiate and theologate.

Augustinian Order Returns to Cuba

In 1899, two friars from the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova traveled to Cuba and established the first foreign mission of the American Augustinians. In 1946, the Augustinians established the Universidad Católica de Santo Tomás de Villanueva in Havana, but 15 years later the Castro regime terminated the Augustinian foundations in Cuba. All of

the friars except Father John McKniff, O.S.A., (1905-1994) were forced to leave Cuba. Father McKniff continued to minister in Cuba until 1968, when he returned to the United States for health reasons and was not permitted to return by the Castro regime. Thus ended the Augustinian presence in Cuba. Nearly 40 years later, however, the Augustinians once again have a missionary presence in Cuba. On January 3, 2007, the newest foundation of the Order of Saint Augustine was established in Cuba by two friars, one from the Vicariate of Consolación in Brazil and one from the Vicariate of Antillas.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Receives Award

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Staten Island, NY, was recognized with the Sophie Matthews Memorial Award for Volunteer Service this past March. The award is given each year by Project Hospitality, an interfaith organization whose mission is to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and care for people with HIV/AIDS. Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish was honored for its many service programs, including a Social Action Committee Food Pantry (which provided food to 6300 needy people in 2006), a “Stew Crew” of parishioners who prepare and serve weekly meals for Project Hospitality, and the service projects of many students, scout groups, and individuals in the parish community.



ROBERT PREVOST, O.S.A., PRIOR GENERAL OF THE ORDER (CENTER), GATHERED WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES AT THE NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF AUGUSTINIAN PROVINCIALS, HELD IN FEBRUARY IN SAN DIEGO, CA.

Saint Rita Parish Celebrates Centenary Year

Saint Rita of Cascia Parish in South Philadelphia, home of the National Shrine of Saint Rita, celebrates its centenary year in 2007. The church was founded in 1907 to serve the ever-increasing number of Italian immigrants in Philadelphia and today serves as a popular pilgrimage site for those with a devotion to Saint Rita. A year-long celebration of the parish’s 100th anniversary was kicked off on April 29 with a special Jubilee Mass celebrated by Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia. Centenary festivities continue through May 22, 2008, the solemn feast of Saint Rita. For a complete calendar of events, visit www.saintritashrine.org or call 215.546.8333.

National Novitiate Established in Peru

On February 3, a national novitiate was inaugurated for all of Peru. Prior to this, two novitiate houses operated, one for the Province of Peru and one for the three missionary vicariates of Chulucanas, Apurimac, and Iquitos. After several years of discussion and planning, the single novitiate brings together all the Peruvian novices into one community. There are currently 16 Peruvians in their novitiate year, five of whom are from the Chulucanas Vicariate.

Religious Education Center Dedicated

In the fall of 2006, Saint Augustine Parish in Andover, MA, opened the doors of its new Religious Education Center. The much-needed space is now home to religious education classes and provides meeting spaces for a variety of parish and community organizations. On March 10, Sean Cardinal O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston, presided over the dedication ceremony for the new building.

Newest Augustinian Secular

Mr. Harold Tucci of Linfield, PA, became the newest Augustinian Secular in the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova on May 5. Father Donald F. Reilly,



FRIARS, INCLUDING 16 NOVICES, AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE NATIONAL NOVITIATE FOR PERU.

O.S.A., received Harry’s promises to the Order at a ceremony held May 5 at Saint Augustine Friary in Villanova, PA. If you are interested in learning more about the Augustinian Seculars, visit www.augustinianfriends.org

Diaconate Ordination and Solemn Profession in Japan



On February 11, 2007, Noritoku Paul Yamano, O.S.A., was ordained to the diaconate at the Cathedral Church

of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception in Nagasaki, Japan. Noritoku received his early education from the Augustinians at Saint Mary’s School in Nagasaki. In 1998, he graduated from Teikyo University in Tokyo with a B.A. in Japanese literature. He professed first

vows in 1999 and in 2006 graduated from Sophia University with a licentiate in theology. Noritoku currently ministers at Minato Catholic Church in Nagoya. His oldest brother, Father Kiyotsugo Anthony Yamano, O.S.A., serves as an Augustinian in Nagasaki.

On March 3, 2007, Augustine Yasuyoshi Suzuki, O.S.A., made his solemn profession of vows at Saint Augustine Kasai Catholic Church in Toyko. A native of Futamata, a small town in the western part of Shizuoka Prefecture, Yasuyoshi was baptized when he was in college. After finishing school, he worked in the field of financial services in Tokyo for several years before joining the Augustinian formation program. He was simply professed in 2001 and recently graduated from Sophia University in Tokyo with a licentiate in sacred theology. Yasuyoshi currently ministers at Saint Augustine Kasai Catholic Church. ✚

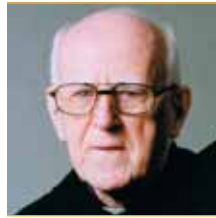


AUGUSTINE YASUYOSHI SUZUKI, O.S.A., FOLLOWED BY FR. TETSUYA HIRANO, O.S.A., AND FR. MASAKI IMADA, O.S.A., AT BR. SUZUKI’S SOLEMN PROFESSION.

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 E. Bresnahan, O.S.A.



At 96 years of age, Fr. John E. Bresnahan, O.S.A., has lived 77 years of his life as an Augustinian. Professed in 1929,

he spent many of those years in the classroom, teaching students and seminarians at Villanova College (and later Villanova University), Merrimack College, and Augustinian College. He has witnessed countless changes in the Province during his lifetime and – with a mind still as sharp as when he first entered the classroom – he brings to his community of Saint Thomas of Villanova Monastery a wealth of wisdom and a gift of friendship that are treasured by his brothers.

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William C. Harkin, O.S.A.



After his first profession of vows to the Order, Br. Bill Harkin, O.S.A., (formerly Br. Vincent) spent the next 35 years ministering to

parishioners in the Philadelphia region – Saint Rita Church in South Philadelphia, Saint Thomas of Villanova Church in Rosemont, Saint Denis Church in Havertown, and Our Mother of Consolation in Chestnut Hill. In 1998, Br. Bill was among the first group of friars to set roots in the small and picturesque town of Maggie Valley, NC. In the shadows of the Great Smoky Mountains, Br. Bill and the Augustinians oversee St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and operate the Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center, a retreat house with a diverse offering of retreat programs for groups, families, and individuals. Br. Bill has been director of Living Waters since 2003.

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Kevin F. Dwyer, O.S.A.



A native of Lawrence, MA, Fr. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., was ordained to the priesthood in 1962 at Merrimack

College's Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. Since 1963, he has served the Merrimack College community as professor in the Department of Religious and Theological Studies. During this time, he served for several years as department chair and archivist of the college. He has also served two terms on the Board of Trustees of Villanova University. Fr. Kevin, who continues to teach at Merrimack, will receive an honorary doctorate of Augustinian education at Merrimack's 57th commencement in May.

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Albert P. MacPherson, O.S.A.



Since 2004, "home base" for Fr. Albert MacPherson, O.S.A., has been Our Mother of Consolation Friary in Lawrence, MA.

Most of the time, however, Fr. MacPherson is traveling from parish to parish with his special healing ministry. After fourteen years of experience in spiritual renewal work, including ten years of pastoral experience in parishes in Ontario, New York, and Florida, Fr. MacPherson began full-time healing ministry in 1983. For nearly 25 years, he has given healing missions throughout the United States as well as internationally. A member of the Association of Christian Therapists, Fr. MacPherson's healing Masses and retreats have helped thousands – spiritually, psychologically and physically.

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IN PARADISUM

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



John J. Gallagher, O.S.A.

BORN: 7/3/1919
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1938
ORDAINED: 5/22/1945
DIED: 12/12/2006

"Fr. Gallagher was the most influential person in my life. At a critical point in my life, he made the effort to force me to learn and he took the time to convince me that I could be successful at whatever I tried."



Bernard A. Lazor, O.S.A.

BORN: 2/5/1925
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1944
ORDAINED: 6/5/1951
DIED: 1/14/2007

"He was a good teacher, and certainly a very faith-filled person. I remember that we seminarians named our house dog, 'Barney,' after him, but he took it all in good spirits. He was a serious and spiritual man, but he also knew how to laugh at himself."



Gerard M. Duff, O.S.A.

BORN: 5/19/1934
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1952
ORDAINED: 12/19/1959
DIED: 1/16/2007

"My memory of Father Duff is one of quiet strength, of gentleness and of his ready, infectious smile. Gerry was a big man but not intimidating in the least. He always provided a calm, gentle and inviting space whenever I encountered him."



Richard D. Appicci, O.S.A.

BORN: 2/4/1928
FIRST PROFESSION: 1/17/1955
ORDAINED: 6/4/1960
DIED: 2/1/2007

"He is one who truly walked in the sandals of the Lord. His work was his life and he helped so many people of Chulucanas feel there was hope."



Arthur F. Smith, O.S.A.

BORN: 11/16/1925
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1950
ORDAINED: 6/5/1954
DIED: 2/17/2007

"His incisive wit, his skill in the classroom, and his kind heart helped to shape a generation of Austin Prep students."
"His greatest gift to me came through his example of quiet, devotional prayer."



Ralph V. Shuhler, O.S.A.

BORN: 1/27/1913
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/11/1933
ORDAINED: 5/30/1939
DIED: 3/6/2007

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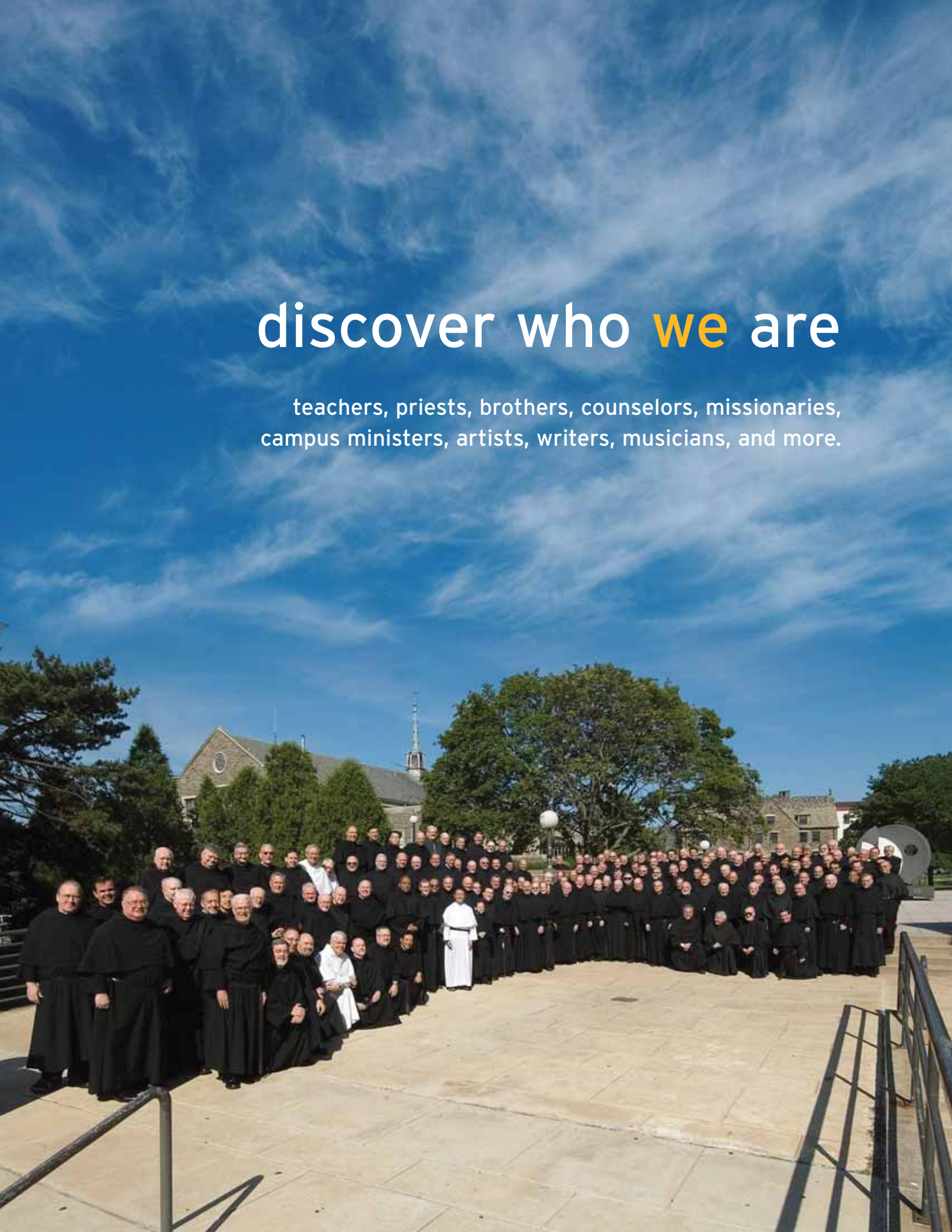
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