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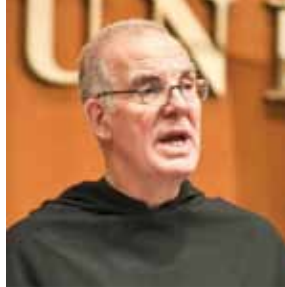


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LETTER FROM THE PRIOR PROVINCIAL



## LETTER FROM THE

# PRIOR PROVINCIAL

### Dear Friends,

In the last edition of *The Augustinian* magazine my brother Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., wrote his last letter to you as Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and with this Winter Edition, I am privileged to write my first letter to you. Much has happened in our Province since last June.

Our Provincial Chapter, where all the members are called together every four years to discuss our way of life together, was held on the campus of Villanova University, and, as the Constitutions of the Order exhort us, “friars gathered must desire the good of the province with their whole heart and strive to attain it as far as possible.” (Const. 316.) The friars worked for the ten preceding months in preparing for the “disciplined conversation” that we experienced in June. We looked at our spirituality, our community life, our relationship with our brother Augustinians, the body of Christ, the world. We brought our hearts to the Chapter and shared them with each other. You will get a glimpse of the joy of being together in these pages.

From February 18th, when I was elected as Prior Provincial, to the Chapter, I requested that all the friars of the province submit to me the names of men who could assist me in the governance of the province by their prudent advice and energetic work. You will meet the Counselors, my Secretary, and Treasurer as selected by the vote of the Chapter in this issue. These friars each have unique gifts and experiences that are of great help in promoting our apostolic undertakings and providing for the good of the province.

The week before I was installed as Prior Provincial, the Very Rev. Bernard C. Scianna, O.S.A., was installed as Prior Provincial of the Midwestern Augustinians, the Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel. Fr. Reilly and I were able to attend Fr. Bernie’s celebration with our brothers from the Midwest. Fr. Bernie and I have since traveled to visit our brothers in Japan, to the Philippines for our Intermediate General Chapter and to Korea to be with our Korean brothers as they celebrated their 25th anniversary as a mission. This time spent together was significant because both the Villanova Province and Good Counsel Province have voted to explore working together in key areas of operation, and our time traveling together gave us an opportunity to bond in brotherhood as new Provincials on a new course.

One of my first acts as Prior Provincial was to assign a new friar to South Africa. What a graced moment for me to say “yes” to this request. My heart was filled as it was the day I was asked to send forth the Augustinian Volunteers for 2010-2011 for their missions to the provinces where Augustinians work. One evening, while having dinner with our volunteers in New England, I was asking how they were doing and what could be shared at orientation that would help the volunteers in their transition. Without any hesitation one of the volunteers said, “More should be said about the relationship of the volunteers and the Augustinian communities.” That volunteer got it. “One mind, one heart intent upon God.”

In Augustine,

Very Reverend  
Anthony M. “Fr. Mickey” Genovese, O.S.A.  
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PROVINCE OF SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

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## AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS

### LETTERS

#### South Africa



What protects your heart? Is it stability in life, love and family?

Take away stability. Evaporate the table of food, well constructed roof and warm bed. Eliminate

access to medical professionals, education and a reliable income. Add a lifetime of suppression and a generation of death and diseases pillaging your community, your neighbors and your home.

Welcome to South Africa. Welcome to the life of Lindiwe, a patient of mine at the Hillcrest AIDS Respite Centre and a dear friend.

Often Lindiwe slept the day away silently so I was surprised one morning while giving her a bed bath when she asked me if she could have the cloth to wash her own face. Typically patients who cannot make it through a standing shower are bathed in their beds – head to toe. As I handed Lindiwe her washcloth I was silently thankful for her newfound strength.

Her bath was finished and her hair was braided. She told me that even though her body was not doing well, her heart and her head were protected because of the love in her life. Love from her beautiful family and love from Jesus.

Mid sentence she paused.

She took one deep breath and she asked me to help her lay down saying she wasn't feeling well. As she neared the pillow her eyes rolled into the back of her head. Her body grasping for air, her breaths shallow. As 7 A.M. turned to 10 A.M. I sat there. I held her hand and I prayed.

Lindiwe, age 40, passed away. She left behind a family who adored her, including three beautiful young children.

I often leave the AIDS Centre at a crossroads of heartbreak and discouragement. It is in those moments that I pause and think about what protects my heart.

It's the unspoken love that I am surrounded with during beautiful days and most importantly during harder days. It's the deep faith and ever-present strength in the eyes of my patients even when their pain is intense and their bodies are giving up. It's the loving support of my three roommates whose hands support mine in friendship, love and prayer at the start and end of each day.

My heart is protected by experiencing first hand how freely love flows in South Africa. It's protected by witnessing the deep faith of my patients who, like Lindiwe, have encouraged my strong belief in something bigger than myself.

**MEGHAN MCKENNAN**

*South Africa 2010  
Bronx 2008-2009*

#### Peru



My new local friends in Chulucanas, Peru, tease me about how I always say "yes" to taking on random jobs or favors or activities.

For example, Peruvians really love Michael Jackson. When the students I teach at the parochial school found out I shared their love for the King of Pop (RIP), they asked me to choreograph a dance for the annual Mother's Day celebration. Of course, I said yes. They wanted to do *Thriller*. I didn't take into account that they didn't understand the song was about zombies. The kids rented a smoke machine, a strobe light and found a guy to paint their faces like dead people. We were the last number... the grand finale in an auditorium packed with moms. It was a huge success and the kids were so happy... I don't think the moms even cared that their Mother's Day gift was their child coming back from the dead.

So as not to make this entry obnoxiously long, I will conclude with a brief summary of other "yeses". Yes to learning and dancing a traditional Peruvian dance in front of a team of volunteer doctors from the U.S. Yes to quitting vegetarianism and eating pig intestine my second week in Peru (which turned into eating lots more meats...that I ended up really enjoying). Yes to going to baby showers and birthdays and saying yes to participating in their games (which may or may not have consisted of dressing up as Barney). Each of these experiences were unique and (as clichéd as it sounds) once in a lifetime opportunities.

I will miss the beautiful life I've lived in my year in Chulucanas, but from it I will take so much. Above all, an adventurous outlook that seeks to suck all the juice life has to give.

**CLARISSA NEGRETE**

*Chulucanas, Peru 2010*

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# THE 2010 ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CHAPTER: STANDING ON HOLY GROUND

BY TEDDIE GALLAGHER

In the opening moments of the 2010 Ordinary Provincial Chapter, Fr. Anthony M. Genovese, O.S.A., Provincial-Elect, addressed the friars: “As we gather, we stand on holy ground. Mindful of our history we are aware of the courage and vision of the friars of the past who have created this Province.”

Fr. Mickey’s words about the friars of the past are truly significant when you realize a “chapter” is actually an event that is regulated by Constitutions that trace its roots back some 700 years!

The earliest known Constitutions came 34 years after the founding of the Order, when friars at the 1290 chapter, held at Ratisbon, Germany (now Regensburg) voted to adopt the Ratisbon Constitutions. It is thought that Constitutions were created at that time to regulate Augustinian houses, out of fear the Order would be suppressed by the Pope for lack of organization.

The Constitutions of the Order underwent various revisions over the centuries, most recently in 1968 after the Second Vatican Council, and again in 2008, after the publication of the Code of Canon Law.

The “Acts of the Chapter” is the official document that records the comments, proposals and the final adopted “Program of the Province.”

One famous chapter proposal was recorded in Heidelberg, Germany in April 1518, when Martin Luther, O.S.A., defended his thesis on the practice of indulgences. Now referred to as the Heidelberg Disputation, it is this thesis, defended in this chapter, which ultimately led to the Reformation.

Provincial Chapters are still places where proposals are put forward. Last June, on the campus of Villanova University, friars from all over the world returned for the celebration of the 2010 Ordinary Provincial Chapter. Solemnly professed friars who are ascribed to the province are charged to attend, provide disciplined discussion, form proposals for programs, and vote on those programs.

Days of the chapter are planned for prayer, sacred music, presentations, group discussions, open comments from friars, meals—and more prayer and sacred music. In the middle of the chapter, the re-elected or newly-elected Prior Provincial is installed. On subsequent days, friars vote for the new Secretary, Treasurer, Counselors and the new programs.

*“Mindful of our history  
we are aware of the courage  
and vision of the friars of  
the past who have created  
this Province.”*

FR. ANTHONY M. GENOVESE, O.S.A.

Amid prayers for the success of the chapter and the call to be mindful of the courage and vision of friars past, the members of the chapter formulated almost a dozen proposals. All achieved a majority of the vote and all were adopted to be part of the “Program of the Province.”

One proposal that might be considered holy-ground shifting, centered on taking first steps to renew and develop a greater

and more effective Augustinian presence in North America through partial Federation. The proposal seeks to explore increased collaboration in the areas of Missions (Foreign and Domestic); Communications; Development for Common Ministries; Justice and Peace; and New Initiatives in Ministries. The friars adopted this proposal to do more and do it better. Vocations and Formation, already Inter-Provincial Ministries, will continue to be handled in the same way.

The Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel in the Midwest and the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova in the East, have approved moving forward with this Federation plan. Statutes to define it have been prepared by the respective Prior Provincials for approval by the Prior General and his Council—as specified in Constitutions #271c. These statutes have been prepared and will be submitted for approval in February 2011.

The Acts of the 2010 chapter now join Acts of all other chapters in Augustinian history. The adopted “Program of the Province,” will drive the work of the Prior Provincial and his Council for the next four years. In 2012, an Intermediate Provincial Chapter will be held to benchmark the progress made on the programs and make adjustments to achieve the programs as needed.

*Highlights of the 2010 Ordinary Provincial Chapter were captured through the lens of Fr. Dan McLaughlin, O.S.A., and are presented on the pages that follow as a tribute to the success of the chapter. More photos can be seen in photo galleries at [www.augustinian.org](http://www.augustinian.org).* ✚





THE CHAPTER OPENED WITH EVENING PRAYER, LED BY THE PRIOR GENERAL, ROBERT F. PREVOST, O.S.A.



THE PRIOR GENERAL DECLARED THE COMPLETION OF THE OFFICE OF FR. DONALD F. REILLY, O.S.A., AS PRIOR PROVINCIAL. THE PROVINCIAL HANDED OVER THE SEAL OF THE PROVINCE AS THE SIGN OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE.



FR. JOHN LYDON, O.S.A. (PERU) AND FR. JACK MCATEE, O.S.A. (SOUTH AFRICA) GREETED EACH OTHER AS THEY CELEBRATED THE CHAPTER.



FRIARS DISCUSSED PROPOSALS IN SMALL GROUPS AND THEN SHARED THE GROUP'S THOUGHTS AND IDEAS WITH THE ASSEMBLY.



INDIVIDUAL FRIARS COULD ADDRESS THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLY. THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN ON THE DAY THE FRIARS HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE THE LAST CHAPTER IN 2006 BY HAVING THEIR PICTURES IN THE MEETING ROOM. LATER THAT EVENING, FRIARS GATHERED WITH FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED TO CELEBRATE MASS.





THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRIOR PROVINCIAL, VERY REVEREND ANTHONY M. GENOVESE, O.S.A.



FRIARS, ONE BY ONE, CAME FORWARD FOR A FRATERNAL EMBRACE AND PLEDGE OF COLLABORATION.



THE OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTO OF FOR THE 2010 ORDINARY CHAPTER OF THE PROVINCE OF ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA.



VOTING ON PROPOSALS WAS HANDLED USING HAND-HELD VOTING DEVICES.



DURING EVENING PRAYER BR. CRAIG M. MCMAHON, O.S.A., RENEWED HIS VOWS.



FR. MICHAEL DIGREGORIO, O.S.A., THE VICAR GENERAL, PRAISED THE CHAPTER FOR ITS DISCIPLINED CONVERSATION AND THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL CONCERNING FEDERATION.





# the provincial's *new team*

Fr. Mickey Genovese, O.S.A., stands with the new Province Council

BY TEDDIE GALLAGHER



**MICHAEL H. BIELECKI, O.S.A.**  
*Secretary*

#### Ordained

July 30, 1983

#### Favorite quote from St. Augustine

"Your best Servant, O Lord, is not the one who gets what he wants, but rather wants what he gets." - *The Confessions of Saint Augustine* (Book X, Chapter XXVI)

#### Current

Secretary, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova

#### Education

Cabrini College, *B.A. Religious Studies*  
The Angelicum, Rome, *Diploma in Spiritual Theology*  
Pontifical College of Saint Bede the Venerable, Rome, *Philosophical and Theological Studies*  
Pierce Junior College, *A.A. Business Management*

Fr. Michael was in the 4th grade when Sister Martin, CSFN, gave him a book on the priesthood. He remembers thinking "Why didn't she give it to my twin brother?" At sixteen, he was attracted to the life of work and prayer of the Augustinian Brothers when he and his mother visited his cousin, a Brother working at Augustinian Academy on Staten Island. He entered the Order at the age of 18 and was professed as a Brother in 1968. In April, 1979 he had a heart attack and, while he was in the hospital, he was surprised to feel a strong call to become a priest. Eighteen years after he entered the Order, he was ordained a priest. This year he celebrated Mass for Sister Martin's Golden Jubilee.

**Looking forward:** Fr. Michael firmly believes in God's Providence -- that God orders all things in our lives. He prays daily to want what God wants.



**MARTIN L. SMITH, O.S.A.**  
*Treasurer and Counselor*

#### Ordained

October 15, 1977

#### Favorite quote from St. Augustine

"You have made us, Lord, for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." - *The Confessions of Saint Augustine* (Book I, Chapter I)

#### Current

Treasurer and Counselor,  
Province of St. Thomas of Villanova

#### Education

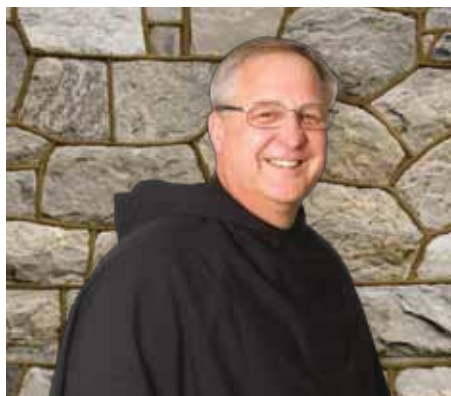
Washington Theological Union, *M.Div.*  
Biscayne College (now St. Thomas University), Miami Fla., *B.A. History Education*  
Samuel Gompers Vocational and Technical High School

Fr. Marty knew he was called by God for something, but didn't think he was worthy. So he ran. He rarely showed up for high school, dropped out when he was 15, returned when he was 19 and graduated when he was 22. He wanted to go to college, but because his new grades were averaged with zeros from his early high school days, no college would consider him. He met Fr. Ray Geisser, O.S.A., at a college fair in New York City. Fr. Marty told Fr. Ray his story and surprisingly, Fr. Ray accepted him to Biscayne College on the spot! It was through Fr. Ray, other friars at Biscayne and research about the Order, that Fr. Marty found he was Augustinian in his bones – the restless journey, the rough stuff – had all been true for him.

**Looking Forward:** Fr. Marty believes he has not yet fulfilled what God has called him to do.

*“The Counselors have the duty of assisting the prior provincial in the governance of the province by their prudent advice and energetic work. Together with the prior provincial they constitute the council of the province.”*

*Constitutions of the Order of St. Augustine, Chapter XX (Const. 395)*



**RAYMOND F. DLUGOS, O.S.A.**  
*Counselor*

**Ordained**

November 26, 1983

**Favorite quote from St. Augustine**

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new. . . you touched me and I burn to know your peace.” -*The Confessions of St Augustine* (Book X, Chapter XXVII)

**Current**

Vice President for Mission and Student Affairs, Merrimack College

**Education**

University at Albany, State University of New York, *Ph.D. Counseling Psychology*  
Washington Theological Union, *M.A. Systematic Theology*  
Villanova University, *B.A. Honors Program, English*

Fr. Ray grew up in Sharon Hill, PA., where he and his family were very involved in their church. He thought about becoming a priest when he was five, but did not seriously think about the priesthood again until the end of his high school years. “I am an Augustinian because I went to Bonner High School.” Fr. Ray remembers many friars at Bonner who influenced his choice, including Fr. Bill McGuire and Fr. Gordon Marcellus. They demonstrated the Augustinian values of service and community, a path Fr. Ray chose for his life.

**Looking forward:** Fr. Ray is restless to bring down walls, to create 21st Century ministry that is not business as usual. He sees people everywhere who long to be grounded in community, grounded by the Word of God and the Bread of Life—and he wants to find that ground.



**JOSEPH L. FARRELL, O.S.A.**  
*Counselor*

**Ordained**

June 29, 1991

**Favorite quote from St. Augustine**

“Love, and do what you will.”-*7th Sermon on the First Letter of John*

**Current**

Associate Vice President,  
Office for Mission and Ministry,  
Villanova University

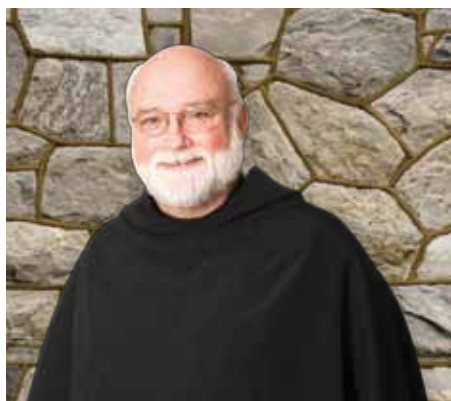
**Education**

Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, *S.T.D. Theology, Summa Cum Laude*  
*S.T.L. Theology, Magna Cum Laude*  
Washington Theological Union, *M.A. Theology*  
Villanova University, *B.S. Business Administration*

Fr. Joe did not entertain a vocation to religious life as a child, while in Msgr. Bonner High School, or while attending Villanova. He met many friars at Bonner, stayed in touch with them and enjoyed their company, but planned to use his B.S. in Business Administration for a career. In his senior year at Villanova, Fr. Joe started interviewing for jobs and found his plan to work in corporate America felt oddly wrong for him. It was then that he spoke to Fr. Joseph Mostardi, O.S.A., about his restlessness and Fr. Mostardi asked him if he might consider religious life. After graduation, Fr. Joe entered the Augustinian pre-novitiate program; 25 years later, Fr. Joe is directing the pre-novitiate program for the Province.

**Looking forward:** Fr. Joe has lived and traveled abroad, but has never gone on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He hopes to visit there soon.





**GARY N. MCCLOSKEY, O.S.A.**  
*Counselor*

#### Ordained

July 23, 1977

#### Favorite quote from St. Augustine

"Search in ways to make discoveries, and discover in ways to keep on searching."

-*De Trinitate*, IX, 1, 1

#### Current

Prior of Saint Thomas of Villanova Monastery;  
Director of Augustinian Friends

#### Education

Teachers College, Columbia University

*M.A. Computing in Education*

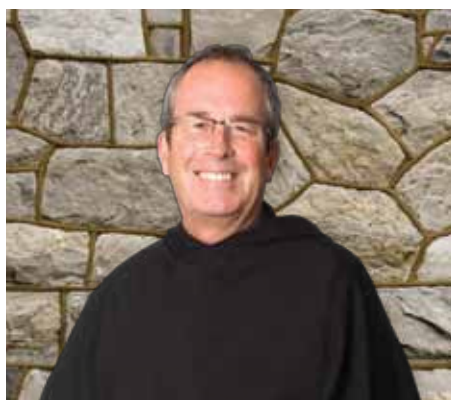
University of Miami, *Ph.D. Instructional Leadership*

The Catholic University of America, *M.A. Theology*

Villanova University, *B.A. Honors Program*

Fr. Gary first met the Augustinians when he was ten while attending events at the Augustinian Academy on Staten Island, where his brother and cousin (Fr. Mickey Genovese, O.S.A.) were day students. Four years later, at the age of 14, he entered the Order. Thus began years of study and teaching that would provide prolific contributions to educational leadership in pedagogical, curricular and programmatic development. Fr. Gary says his proudest possession as a kid was his library card and his 3rd grade passion was reading books about English Aristocracy. Now, Fr. Gary lists Irish Genealogy, all things Celtic and the study of Popular Culture, particularly in films, as his interests.

**Looking forward:** Fr. Gary would like to visit Norman Gothic Cathedrals in Sicily and Mosaics in Ravenna, Italy.



**JAMES D. PARADIS, O.S.A.**  
*Counselor*

#### Ordained

June 29, 1991

#### Favorite quote from St. Augustine

"The first step in the search for truth is humility. The second, humility. The third humility. And the last one, humility." -Letter 118, 3, 22

#### Current

On Sabbatical after serving as Personnel Director and Counselor for the Province for eight years

#### Education

Andover-Newton, Boston, *D.Min. Clinical*

*Pastoral Psychology*

Washington Theological Union, *M.A. Theology*

Michigan State University, *B.S. Advertising Management*

Fr. Jim grew up in Michigan, in a devoutly Catholic family. He attended Michigan State, majoring in Advertising. After college, he accepted a job in Philadelphia where he became VP and Account Supervisor for a major ad agency. He moved into Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish and it was there that he came to know the Augustinians and their unique window on the Gospel message. He also came to see that business was not his calling. He started asking new questions about his life and found unexpected grace to answer the call to be an Augustinian. Fr. Jim's journey as a friar has taught him to honor all human restlessness and to share with others the riches of Christ.

**Looking Forward:** Fr. Jim would like to use his passion and skills in counseling and communication in new, creative ways to serve the mission of the Order.



**CARLOS E. URBINA, O.S.A.**  
*Counselor*

#### Ordained

August 28, 2004

#### Favorite quote from St. Augustine

"You have made us, Lord, for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

-*The Confessions of Saint Augustine* (Book I, Chapter I)

#### Current

On loan to the Midwest Province as Assistant Pastor, St Rita of Cascia, Chicago

#### Education

Washington Theological Union, *M.Div.*

St. John's University, New York, *M.A. Theology*

Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, *Theology courses*

Universidad Salesiana, Guatemala,

*Pastoral Theology Courses*

Seminario San Jose de la Montana, El Salvador,

*B.S. Philosophy*

As a boy in El Salvador, Fr. Carlos was inspired to become a priest by the religious devotion of his grandmother and mother. However, from the age of 12 to 18 he went away from the church and did not return until Feb. 24, 1980 when he heard Archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero preach, just a month before Romero was assassinated. In January 1984, Carlos joined the Carmelites but ultimately left them and decided not to pursue a religious life. He went to school in New York where he met Augustinians and worked with friars in lay ministry in New York and Massachusetts. Fr. Carlos credits Art Johnson, O.S.A., for leading him back to the priesthood and speaks of Fr. Art as one of the greatest men of faith.

**Looking Forward:** Fr. Carlos would like to spend time as a Missionary, because the best teachers for him are those people of simplicity, who simply trust.

# GOD'S





# S FOOT SOLDIERS:

## THE GOOD WORKS OF THE LAITY

BY TEDDIE GALLAGHER

There's no denying that the footage of the South African Missions in *The Visionaries* Public Television documentary, "God's Foot Soldiers," is extremely touching. The fact that 20 percent of the Zulu children who attend St. Leo's school are HIV positive is devastating. The moment when 10-year old Nelisiwe Zonde tells the story of her mother dying from AIDS and what it means for her to go to St. Leo's school is hard to get through without tears. But then you say, wait a minute. This poised ten-year old, who is living in an impoverished part of South Africa where Zulu is the predominant language, just told her story to us in near-perfect English! This is a moment of triumph. This is a real-life example of what forms the underlying subtext of "God's Foot Soldiers" — the collaboration of Augustinians with committed lay staff, Augustinian Volunteers and benefactors, and the hope that it brings to others.

### THE MISSIONS OFFICE— COLLABORATION AT THE TOP

In "God's Foot Soldiers" Fr. Tony Burrascano, O.S.A., Director of the Missions Office and Brian Strassburger, Assistant Director of the Missions Office (pictured left), set the context of the enormous challenges the Zulu people face in dealing with a generation lost to AIDS; educating the children left to cope; and breaking through the remnants of Apartheid to relieve the dire poverty. Their words are powerful and insightful.

Their tenor is compassionate and yet challenging—determined to tell the story, to help and get help from others.

Fr. Tony and Brian are a team at the top of the Missions Office that drives the education and fundraising work of the Augustinian Missions. They are an impressive example of an effective lay and Augustinian collaboration for the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

For many years, up until January, 2009, the Missions Office was headed by a sole friar. In the fall of 2008, Brian, who was serving in South Africa as an Augustinian Volunteer, was having a very powerful experience and did not want to have a disconnect from it when his year ended. Coincidentally, the Augustinian Friars were looking to expand the Educational piece of the Missions and Brian was offered the job starting in January of 2009.

"Brian is very good with technology, a very good speaker, has had experience as an Augustinian Volunteer in the U.S. and South Africa, and is able to speak about that in educational programs and the missions. He's very dedicated to the missions, dedicated to the Augustinians. He does as much as I do. He's as much a part of it as I am. It's really just a co-sharing."

Fr. Tony got his first experience with Mission work in 1987 when he was asked to go to Peru to fill in for friars who needed to come back to the U.S. for health reasons. "You can't work in the Missions and not be changed," said Fr. Tony about his experience in Peru. And indeed, Fr. Tony stayed closely connected

to the Missions over the years as Missions Procurator, as Treasurer of the Province and working on weekends during the past 18 summers doing Mission Appeals.

Fr. Tony has a special connection to South Africa because he spent over four years living on-and-off in the Augustinian Mission in South Africa and was Treasurer of the Province at the time the Augustinians were asked to take on a Mission in South Africa:

"Fourteen years ago, when we were asked to consider taking a Mission in South Africa, Fr. Jack Deegan, (then Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova) and I went to South Africa, to meet with Wilfred Cardinal Napier, O.F.M., Archbishop of Durban, to see what type of work he might want us to take on. We were thinking what kind of manpower, parishes or schools would he want and wondering how much it would cost."

"What he [Archbishop Napier] said that he needed most, in a country which has been divided by Apartheid for so long, and so brutally, is a religious order to come here whose charism is living community. He needed them to live their community life, to show to a divided nation that different types of people can live together in harmony and peace. That 'blew our minds,' because that's not what we were thinking. We were being very American and thinking about things you can touch—the man, the work and the money. Archbishop Napier challenged us to live the Spirit."

**“Being an Augustinian Volunteer is much more about the relationships that you build and about creating change in your own heart and your own life and hoping that you’ve made some sort of impact in the hearts and minds of others.” BRIAN STRASSBURGER**

### **AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS— COLLABORATION ON THE GROUND**

One of the reasons Brian can speak so knowledgeably about the Missions is because Brian was an Augustinian Volunteer for two years: in 2006-07 in the Bronx, NY; and beginning in January 2008, Brian went to serve at the Augustinian Missions in Durban, South Africa. He worked at St. Theresa’s Primary School, St. Theresa’s Boys Home and at the Respite Unit for the Hillcrest AIDS Centre. The experience was one of the most important years of his life:

“The friars and the volunteers work side by side and share the Augustinian charism of community. Fr. Frank Doyle (Pastor of Our Lady of Kloof and the three Zulu Mission churches in South Africa) had an open door policy where the Volunteers shared in the common community. It was never us and them; it was very inclusive. In many ways Volunteers become an extension of the friars.”

If Brian has to use one word to describe the traits of an Augustinian Volunteer it’s *perseverance*:

“Encountering situations of extreme poverty, encountering situations of death and dying on a very regular basis, take a large emotional but also physical toll on a person. And having to encounter that while being completely removed from your comfort zone and your own support system is very, very challenging. One of the gifts that is given to the Volunteers is living in community with other volunteers and creating this new support system.”

“You don’t get the daily, monthly or even annual feeling of *Oh, I can see I’m really making a difference here*. Being an Augustinian Volunteer is much more about the relationships that you build and about creating change in your own heart and your own life and hoping that you’ve made some sort of impact in the hearts and minds of others.”

In speaking about the Augustinian Volunteers seen in “God’s Foot Soldiers” Fr. Tony says:

“The Volunteers teach very well in the schools, they work well in the respite units

and in the orphanage. But when you see the whole history of Apartheid, you see what the Volunteers are all about. They are there to build the bridges, to break down the stereotypes, and to live the Gospel in their own way. That’s by touching people, especially there in their deepest hurts. And that is Apartheid, the division by race. They show whites what we’re called to be and they show the Zulus what it can be. That’s the big impact.”

### **SUPPORTERS AND BENEFACTORS— COLLABORATION BENEATH THE WINGS OF THE MISSIONS**

For Fr. Tony and Brian, a big part of their role is to raise the funds to support the Missions in various ways. The bulk of the funds they raise come through lay support of the Mission Appeals. Fr. Tony, Brian, Augustinian Friars and Augustinian Volunteers spend weekends during the summer traveling around the country to speak to congregations about the Augustinian Missions.

They write and distribute a quarterly Missions Newsletter and they receive donations for jewelry and ornaments made by Zulus, Mission Christmas gift cards and Missions Mass cards.

The Augustinian Development Council, a lay group of successful, professional business people, with its Chairman, Charles P. Connolly, Jr., give time, talent and treasure by leading The Augustinian Fund, now entering its fifth year. In its four years of existence, the Augustinian Fund has raised \$4,017,791, of which \$1,727,650 (43%) has been given in support of the Missions in Japan, Peru and South Africa.

As Fr. Tony sees it, “None of this could happen without the donors. We couldn’t feed the children. We couldn’t build a new church. They have made a tremendous difference. They have no idea how much of a difference they have made. Take a small thing like the fruit program. That was the first food the children received outside of rice and beans. And the teachers, after a couple of months, talked about how they could see a difference in the kids in afternoons

after they get fruit, because they have some nutrients. They’re not falling asleep in class. They’re more alive and they are learning better. Children cannot learn without food, and they didn’t have it. They have food now because of our donors. They can learn, and their lives can change. Without education, there’s no hope. You can have a school, but if the kids can’t learn in it, what good are the buildings? Food, supplies, desks, blackboards, things like that, it’s all due to the donors.”

Brian is impressed by the benefactors of the Missions for their commitment:

“Fr. Dick Appici was the Mission director for such a long time and so many of our supporters came to be supporters through their personal relationships with Fr. Appici. And with his passing, I’ve been continually buoyed by the fact that a lot of those donors continue to be very generous in their gifts to the missions, for the sake of the legacy of Fr. Appici, and just because their own personal compassion and personal commitment to the Missions has lasted beyond the life of Fr. Appici himself.”

### **WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

In “God’s Foot Soldiers,” Augustinian Volunteer Rebecca Little tells us about the Zulu word “ubuntu,” which means “I am because we are.” It’s a beautiful word. A word we don’t have an equivalent for in English. A word that poignantly expresses the relationship between the Augustinian Missions and their collaborators of lay staff, lay volunteers and lay benefactors.

For Brian, the biggest thing is just continuing the work that’s happening:

“Working in the underdeveloped world is a patient, patient process. Creating change globally is a patient process. It doesn’t happen overnight. It doesn’t happen quickly. It takes a long time and a long commitment. I want to see the missions exhibit that sense of patient commitment, regardless of the timetable.”

To Brian, it’s a very important aspect of volunteer programs that there’s a continuity of volunteers. So volunteers are not singular in their efforts, but are one in a chain of volunteers, stretching back into the past and moving into the future:

“For example, in my work at St. Theresa’s orphanage: it’s challenging because here you are coming to make a difference, wanting to help the lives of these young kids, who haven’t had consistent role models in their lives. You’re building strong relationships, knowing full well that at the end of the year



you're getting on a plane and leaving them completely. If anything, you end up reinforcing the issues of abandonment they've dealt with their entire lives."

"The only way to see past that is if you see yourself as not one volunteer, but as one of many volunteers. Where there is this continuum. You introduce yourself as an Augustinian Volunteer. I'm not just Brian when I'm meeting you, I'm an Augustinian Volunteer. And so, just as you knew Jake and Bri and Matt before, you'll know me now and you'll know Meg and Mary Kate and Sinéad and Becca in the future, etc.

It's part of that continuum of volunteers." "The partnership between lay volunteers and Augustinians needs to continue. The church needs it to continue. Regardless of the direction that vocations go in the next generation or so, what we've learned recently is that there's a healthy partnership that can be established there between the laity and those in consecrated life. And I think the Augustinians in their missions have been a great example of that, where you have volunteers and friars sharing elements of community together and sharing ministry together." ✚

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*To find out more about Augustinian Missions, the Augustinian Volunteer program and Special Ministries, go to [www.augustinian.org](http://www.augustinian.org). The Province of St. Thomas of Villanova is grateful to our many lay collaborators and volunteers, including alumni of the Villanova College of Nursing, doctors from the University of Pennsylvania and translators who volunteer at ADROP's Unity Clinic; volunteers to Adeodatus Prison Ministry; and dedicated professionals who sit on our Boards and Finance Committees.*

## SCENES FROM "GOD'S FOOT SOLDIERS"



"The Augustinians, they organize the breakfast, they organize the afternoon meals and they have made a big change with us, a big one."

**THEMBA THEMBA**  
Head Teacher, St. Leo's School



"Ubuntu—I am because we are—it means I can't really fully exist as a person unless all of us are existing together."

**REBECCA LITTLE**  
Augustinian Volunteer



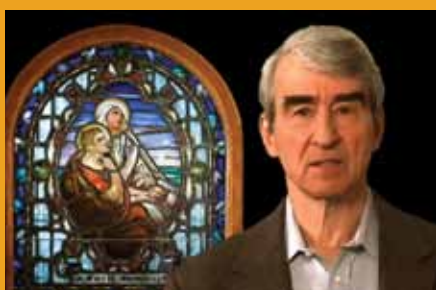
"I am somebody. I may be poor, but I am somebody. I maybe make mistakes, but I am somebody."

**ANDILE**  
Student, St. Leo's School



"I love to go to school because it is the best thing I need in my life that could make my tomorrow be good, be nice, be happy, be excited—and that can make my future go well."

**NELISIWE ZONDE**  
Student, St. Leo's School



"Where the Augustinians work, over half the population has HIV/AIDS."

**SAM WATERSTON**  
Host, *The Visionaries*



"As much as there's despair, there's hope. Hope is everything. Hope is why we're here."

**BRIANT STRASSBURGER**  
Assistant Director of the Missions Office



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## A GLIMPSE

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It's likely the "learners" seen in this still photo from the "God's Foot Soldiers" documentary have always had fruit as part of their daily meal at St. Leo's School. But the older children and teachers know the Augustinian fruit program has only been happening since 2007. The inspiration for the fruit program came from Karen Thurman, a leader in philanthropic work for the Augustinian Missions, while she was on a service trip to South Africa. Karen noticed there was nothing fresh in the children's diet. She went to a market, filled her car with boxes of fruit and brought them back for the children. The school has doubled in size, but Karen, her husband Randy and donors to the Augustinian Fund's food program have kept the fruit coming.

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THE AUGUSTINIAN FAMILY: A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS BY NATALIE AGRAZ

## HARRY R. HALLORAN, JR.

*Harry R. Halloran, Jr., is Chairman and CEO of American Refining Group, and ARG Resources, and is the Founder and CEO of Energy Unlimited, Inc., a company involved in the renewable energy field.*

*Mr. Halloran is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduating, he entered the Augustinian Seminary for four years and earned an M.A. in Theology.*

*Mr. Halloran founded Halloran Philanthropies in 2007 with the belief that business is one of the most powerful drivers of social change.*

*Mr. Halloran very generously agreed to be the main underwriter of The Visionaries episode, "God's Foot Soldiers."*

**NA:** How did you first encounter the Augustinians?

**HH:** Although I went to St. Joseph's Prep, my younger brothers went to Malvern and I used to drive them there. My father became very close to the Augustinians and became involved with the school; he was President of the Fathers' Club. And through my brothers we really got to know a number of wonderful Augustinian priests, particularly Fr. Coffey, the Headmaster, who became a real presence in our lives, and through him the Provincial, Fr. Greenlee.

**NA:** When you decided to enter the seminary to become a priest, why the Augustinians and not the Jesuits or a Diocesan seminary?

**HH:** I decided to enter the seminary because I had this feeling of wanting to "go all the way," to do something "all the way." I come from a strong Catholic family; I had an aunt who was a nun and an uncle who was a Redemptorist. This was 1961, vocations were in their heyday, I was a college graduate with an engineering degree and I guess I was considered a pretty interesting candidate. I first spoke to the pastor of my church, St. Madeleine Sophie, he was a Diocesan priest—and then I decided to look into the different religious orders. So I visited the Jesuits, the Augustinians, the Benedictines and the Franciscans. The Franciscan vocation director said to me, "I don't know what you're looking for, but we're all pretty similar; if I were you, I would just take a stab and go with the one you're most comfortable with." Well for me, that was the Augustinians. The Augustinians appealed to me, it was just that simple. So I went to the seminary for about four-and-a-half years.

I really enjoyed the experience. We were a good group. I met Paul Morrissey, Miles Glasgow, Ray Schanley, Ray Jackson, Shawn Tracy, Bill Dolan, and Jim McCartney. Fr. Ray Jackson was real character and became a very close friend. He later became our family priest; he baptized our children. I made a lot of good friends, and have a lot of wonderful memories, but I decided it wasn't a good fit for the long term for me.

**NA:** So what came next?

**HH:** So I left and taught Religious Studies at St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, PA. Then I was a VISTA volunteer (Volunteers in Service to America) for two years and went to a craft village and cooperative in Oreland, ME. Home Workers Organized for More Employment was the name of the organization. I was one the managers. We built a craft village and started an adult education program and a sheep co-op. I ran the hand craft

**Visionary** *n.* one who thinks about or plans the future with imagination or wisdom; a visionary leader; one who has the ability to imagine how a country, society, industry etc. will develop in the future; a visionary reformer

co-op. It was also my first stab at fundraising. David and Peggy Rockefeller gave us a grant and came to visit the craft cooperative. Then in 1973, my father got sick and I was called back to help in the family's construction business. It was a fairly large regional construction company. We did parts of the NJ Turnpike, the Schuylkill Expressway, Spring Garden St. Bridges, and Great Adventure Amusement Park. Then, through my brother, I got into the oil refining business. In 1975 I took over American Refining Group and became the CEO and really learned the oil business. Eventually I purchased the refinery in Bradford, PA. In 1980 I started to get into the wind business; I was one of the founders of wind energy. I am now into a diversity of energy businesses: oil refining, oil and natural gas production, wind, solar, geothermal, fuel cells, biomass, and all kinds of things. Then, about four years ago I got interested in philanthropy. I hired Anthony Carr, who was also in the novitiate with me back in 1961; he was retiring as the CEO of a hospital in Fresno, CA so I offered him a job as Executive Director of Halloran Philanthropies. We have about four or five staff members in different parts of the United States and the world.

**NA:** Halloran Philanthropies is involved in microfinance, global ethics, community service, inter-religious dialogue, clean energy to improve the health and livelihood of the rural poor. Is there a unifying principal for these seemingly diverse initiatives?

**HH:** Our mission statement says we are trying to be a factor in improving the world. We're moving toward "the world we all want." We're not as focused as some philanthropies, but it's somewhat the way I approached energy: I diversified my interests in energy, I have diversified interests in philanthropy, but they are all tied to the mission statement. They now feel like they're connected in some way.

**NA:** Tell me more about "the world we all want."

**HH:** It's a world where the basic elements of human well-being are met: enough money, safety, education, health care, food. Getting to the world we all want is continuing the evolutionary process of progress. To do what has to be done to get us all there. Religious people, like the Augustinians, business people, entrepreneurs and charities are developing economies and helping people create the world we all want, helping people have decent lives.

**NA:** What made you decide to underwrite *The Visionaries* segment for the Augustinians?

**HH:** It just occurred to me that this was a project that was going to show people that the Augustinians were more than Villanova, or the parishes and schools, as wonderful as that all is. Few people would have guessed the Augustinians were involved in mission work in South Africa, Peru and downtown Philadelphia or had an Augustinian Volunteer Program. It could have fantastic results in tying all of this together. I thought it was a good investment that would show returns for several years, and a natural follow-up of my support for the Augustinians over the years.

Also, it was a real opportunity to partner with *The Visionaries*, an organization that is value-based and has had so many other successful projects. I think it turned out better than anyone had expected. +

## ANNIVERSARIES 2010

### ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

#### 70 YEARS

James L. Nolan  
Augustus C. Sandmann

#### 65 YEARS

Joseph A. Duffey  
John J. Ferrence  
James G. Glennon

#### 60 YEARS

Harry J. Erdlen  
John J. Hagen  
Bernard J. O'Dowd  
Joseph C. Schnaubelt

#### 55 YEARS

John E. Deegan  
Kevin F. Dwyer  
Alfred J. Ellis  
William R. Faix  
Arthur D. Johnson  
Maurice J. Mahoney  
Gordon E. Marcellus  
William A. Recchuti

#### 50 YEARS

Francis X. Gallogly  
George P. Magee  
John J. Shea  
Michael P. Sullivan

#### 25 YEARS

Stephen J. Baker  
Francis J. Caponi

### ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

#### 60 YEARS

Harry A. Cassel  
James L. Galligan  
Robert E. Steinman

#### 55 YEARS

Robert M. Burke  
Donald X. Burt  
John J. Byrnes  
Eugene A. DelConte  
Joseph A. Spinelli

#### 50 YEARS

James P. Conway  
Richard L. Foley  
Maurice J. Mahoney

#### 25 YEARS

John J. Sheridan

## NEWS AND NOTES

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



#### Bellesini Friary Dedication and Blessing – December 5, 2010

On December 5, 2010, a Dedication and Blessing of the Blessed Stephen Bellesini Friary was held. The newly renovated friary, located in Ardmore, PA, will serve as a pre-novitiate/house of discernment for men pursuing or considering a vocation to religious life. Prior Provincial Anthony M. “Fr. Mickey” Genovese, O.S.A., conducted the ritual Dedication and Blessing. While the assembled guests recited a prayer, Fr. Mickey moved throughout the house to bless each room, accompanied by the house residents. Following the ceremony, refreshments were served while guests had an opportunity to move about and view the renovated residence.



(ABOVE LEFT) FR. MICKEY GENOVESE, O.S.A., READS PRAYERS FOR THE DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF BLESSED STEPHEN BELLESINI FRIARY, CONDUCTED DECEMBER 5, 2010.

(ABOVE) THE NEWLY RENOVATED BLESSED STEPHEN BELLESINI FRIARY IN ARDMORE, PA, SERVES AS THE AUGUSTINIAN INTER-PROVINCE PRE-NOVITIATE AND HOUSE OF DISCERNMENT. INVITED GUESTS GATHERED FOR THE DEDICATION AND BLESSING CEREMONY.



RESIDENTS OF THE FRIARY INCLUDE (L-TO-R): FR. JOE FARRELL, O.S.A. (DIRECTOR OF THE PRE-NOVITIATE), DISCERNERS, DAVID KIBLINGER (VIL) AND CARL VATER (VIL); FR. TONY BURRASCANO, O.S.A., ESTÍME FRADER (PRE-NOVICE, VIL), FR. KEVIN DEPRINZIO, O.S.A. (DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS) AND RICHIE MERCADO (PRE-NOVICE, CHI).





PICTURED ABOVE: PROVINCIALS OF ALL THE AUGUSTINIAN PROVINCES AT THE INTERMEDIATE GENERAL CHAPTER IN THE PHILIPPINES. FR. MICKEY IS IN THE LAST ROW, 5TH FROM THE LEFT. OTHER FAMILIAR FACES ARE FR. MICHAEL DIGREGORIO, O.S.A., (ASSISTANT FOR NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES AND VICAR GENERAL), 1ST ROW, 5TH FROM THE LEFT, AND FR. GUS ESPOSITO, O.S.A., (WHO ATTENDED AS A TRANSLATOR) 2ND ROW, 2ND FROM THE LEFT.

## New Prior Provincial Travels to Asia

Prior Provincial Anthony M. Genovese, O.S.A., attended the Intermediate General Chapter of Augustinian Provincials, held in the Philippines, in September 2010. This was the first time an Augustinian Chapter was held in Asia. Fr. Mickey's travels also included a visit to Seoul, Korea, where the Augustinians celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Province in Korea, as well as a visit to the Vicariate of Japan.



THE AUGUSTINIAN NOVITIATE COMMUNITY WITH FR. JACK FLYNN, O.S.A., THE NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NOVICES. TOP ROW (L-TO-R): BR. BOB SCHURMAN, O.S.A., MICHAEL HALLMAN (NOVICE-VIL), FR. HENRY MAIBUSCH, O.S.A., FR. KEVIN MULLINS, O.S.A., BOTTOM ROW (L-TO-R): RICHARD YOUNG (NOVICE-CHI); FR. JACK, STEPHEN ISLEY (NOVICE-CHI), FR. JERRY KNIES, O.S.A., AND BIENVENIDO RODRIGUEZ (NOVICE-VIL)



## The Ordination of the First Native Missionaries of our Vicariate in Peru

Pascual Cordova (left) and Jose Manuel Vizcara (right) stand below the Basilica of St. Augustine in Annaba, Algeria, where they serve as missionaries promoting inter-religious dialogue. Annaba was formerly named Hippo and is the city

where St. Augustine was bishop. Jose Manuel and Pascual were both ordained last year: Jose Manuel on June 12th in the Basilica of St. Augustine; Pascual on July 24, 2010 in Peru. Jose Manuel is the first Augustinian to be ordained in the Basilica, which was built over a century ago. Pasqual and Jose Manuel are the first native Missionaries from our Augustinian Vicariate in Peru and are a source of great grace for the whole church of Chulucanas.





SOME OF OUR NEW AFFILIATES GATHER FOR A GROUP PHOTO (L-TO-R): JOHN QUINDLEN, FR. JOHN DELLORUSSO, O.S.A., PAT ODESSA, KATHLEEN THOMPSON, FR. JACK DEEGAN, O.S.A., JOHN GALLAGHER, FR. JOSEPH MOSTARDI, O.S.A., ROSE D'ANTONIO, FR. MICKEY GENOVESE, O.S.A., DR. JOSEPH GOLDSCHMIDT, JOANNE FABIETTI, FR. PAUL GALETTTO, O.S.A., AND AGOSTINO FABIETTI. AFFILIATION TO THE ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE IS BESTOWED UPON THOSE WHO HAVE PERFORMED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO AN AUGUSTINIAN COMMUNITY.



FRONT ROW: DAVID KIBLINGER, SARAH JANE ENGLE, KELLY DIDOMENICO, BRIAN STRASSBURGER.  
MIDDLE ROW: FR. KEVIN DEPRINZIO, O.S.A., FR. RONALD HAMADAY, O.S.A., BRIAN MCCABE, DAVID KARIVALIS,  
BRANDON ORR, FLANNERY O'CONNOR, DAVID QUINTANILLA, FR. JOSEPH MOSTARDI, O.S.A., PATRICK DIDOMENICO  
BACK ROW: JACOB SMEJKAL, MILES FORKS, ALEXANDER PIRATZKY, CHRISTOPHER ENGELHART, CHRISTOPHER GOUGH,  
FR. JOSEPH, FARRELL, O.S.A., BRIAN HONICK, BR. CRAIG MCMAHON, O.S.A., ANDREW SLIKE, FR. BRIAN LOWERY, O.S.A.,  
ANDREW PAGLIARIA, BRENDAN TOWELL.

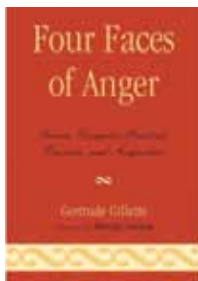
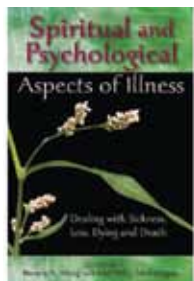
## Affiliation June 2010

Joy filled the St. Thomas of Villanova church as sixteen faithful friends of the Augustinian Order were granted affiliation to the Order by the Prior General. The Affiliates are Dr. Daniel and Marguerite Coleman, Rose D'Antonio, Agostino and Joanne Fabietti, John Gallagher, Margaret Gallagher, Dr. Joseph Goldschmidt, Shirley Hillyer, George Marble, John McDonough, Jr., Robert and Carol McKiernan, Patricia (Pat) Odessa, John Quindlen, Sr. Marie Rudegeair, SSJ, and Kathleen Thompson.

## Augustinian Youth Encounter 2010

From August 9-15, the Province of St. John Stone (England/Scotland) hosted the 10th international Augustinian Youth Encounter. The event brought together 250 youth, young adults, friars and sisters from Augustinian schools and parishes around the world. Students from St. Augustine's Prep and Villanova University were part of a group of twenty-four people from the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, one of the

largest groups in attendance. In total, eighteen countries from six different continents were represented. Each day a different country led the Mass and prayer session, featuring songs and prayers in their native language. One of the highlights of the event was a day trip to Clare Priory, established in 1248 as the first Augustinian house in the English-speaking world. Held every 2-3 years, the next Augustinian Youth Encounter will be in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2013.



## Book News

***Spiritual and Psychological Aspects of Illness*** is a new ministry resource comprised of twenty essays written by experts on the theological, psychological and personal dimensions of loss, dying and death. What's the O.S.A. connection? Neil McGettigan, O.S.A., co-edited the book with Beverly Musgrave and both Fr. Neil and Fr. John Shea, O.S.A., have essays in the book. Published by Paulist Press, and released in June of 2010, the book is available online.

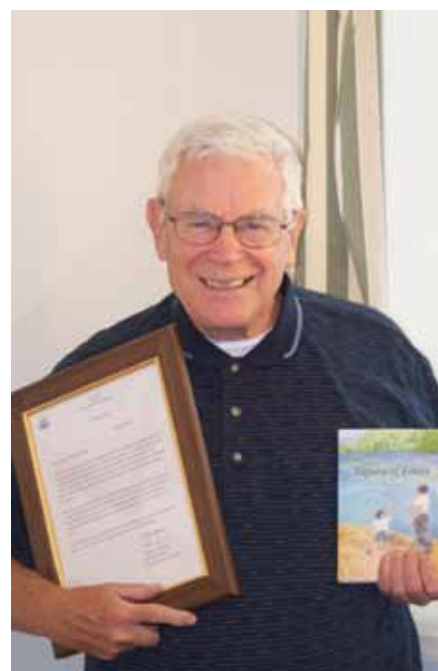
**George Lawless, O.S.A. pens the forward in a new book, *Four Faces of Anger* by Gertrude Gillette, O.S.B.** Anger is examined through the views of four ancient authors: Seneca, Evagrius Ponticus, Cassian and Augustine. While Augustine wrote much on anger as preventing growth in community, the focus here is on the toll the vice of anger takes on spiritual growth in our relationship with God. (University Press of America, Inc., Lanham, MD 20706). Available online.



## Historic 16-Bell Carillon Restored at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Lawrence, MA

For a decade, since it was hit by a lightning strike, the historic 16-bell carillon at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Lawrence, MA, had been silent. The 16 bronze bells were built by William Blake of Boston, who apprenticed for Paul Revere. On Sunday, October 18th, at a Mass where over 3000 were packed into the pews, Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., of Boston, blessed the restored bells. Cardinal O'Malley preached at the Mass and praised Fr. Jorge Reyes, O.S.A., and the Augustinians for the work they do ministering to the Hispanic population in Lawrence. The bells, which have a high-tech system, can play over 2000 tunes, including traditional hymns such as "Ave Maria" and "Tantum Ergo" and the theme from the 1945 film, "The Bells of St. Mary's." The system will be programmed to sound "The Angelus" three times a day. Funds for the restoration were jointly raised by parishioners and an outside group. Cardinal O'Malley was scheduled to be at St. Mary's in honor of the 20th anniversary of La Voz Católica, a Spanish-language, Catholic radio station, for which Fr. Reyes serves as spiritual director. The news of the restoration was covered in an article in the Boston Globe and Cardinal O'Malley noted his visit to St. Mary's Church and the blessing of the bells in his weekly blog.

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## A Loving Tribute

Fr. Tom Dwyer, O.S.A., was honored by his staff, students, friends and the U.S. Consulate as he ended 52 years of service in Japan.

On May 2, 2010, 300 people gathered to honor Fr. Tom Dwyer as he prepared to retire to the U.S. after 52 years in Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Tokyo and Nagoya. The group, many of whom met Fr. Tom during his 26 years as principal of the Augustinian kindergarten program in Fukuoka, prepared a festive and loving event to honor his service. The group performed an original song about him, acted out scenes from his favorite movies, and showed a slide show of his life, set to the theme song of "Rocky." Consul Mark S. Dieker, who was invited to speak at the dinner, presented Fr. Tom with a citation for his service to the children of atomic bomb victims, the homeless, special-needs children and foreign-born workers in Japan.

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## 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, co-worker or friend.*

### John R. Flynn, O.S.A.



Ordained in 1971, Fr. Jack Flynn's ministries have included formation work for St. Thomas Province at Good Counsel Novitiate in New Hamburg,

NY and at Augustinian College in Washington, D.C. His assignments also included work in the educational apostolate, teaching at Villanova and Merrimack, as well as parish assignments in Massachusetts and Florida. While in Florida, he also worked in Hispanic ministry. Fr. Jack served as Province Secretary under Fr. Donald Reilly (2002 – 2010). Having come full circle, Fr. Jack is once again assigned to formation work, serving as Director of Novices at the Inter-Provincial Novitiate in Racine Wisconsin.

### Joseph H. Getz, O.S.A.



Ordained in 1951, Fr. Joseph J. Getz began his priestly ministry in formation work, serving as sub-master at St. Mary's hall and the novitiate.

Fr. Joe has served many years in parish ministry; his assignments have included parishes in New York City (St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Jamaica), upstate NY (St. Patrick, Cambridge; Assumption/St. Paul, Mechanicville), Philadelphia (St. Augustine) and its suburbs (Our Mother of Good Counsel, Bryn Mawr; St. Denis, Havertown). From 1982 – 1993, Fr. Joe directed the health care program for the Province of St. Thomas. He most recently served at St. Augustine Parish in Troy, NY. Fr. Joe now resides at St. Thomas Monastery, Villanova, PA.

### Joseph L. Narog, O.S.A.



Prior to joining the Augustinians, Fr. Joseph Narog earned a B.A. in International Relations at St. Joseph's University (1981) and an M.A. in Foreign Affairs

at the University of Virginia (1983). Fr. Joe spent 15 years working for the Federal Government, including a position as manager of the Counterterrorism Training Program. In 1998, Fr. Joe joined the Augustinians in Washington, D.C. where he studied and earned a Master's of Divinity from Washington Theological Union. Following his ordination in June 2005, he taught and was chaplain at Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, PA. His next assignment was to St. Augustine Parish, Andover, MA, where he served as Associate Pastor. Fr. Joe is now Pastor at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish.

### Robert P. Terranova, O.S.A.



Fr. Bob has had a long association with the Augustinians, having attended St. Denis Grade School, Monsignor Bonner High School and

Villanova University. He was ordained in 1973. His first assignment was teaching

at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C. His parish ministry has included Our Lady of Good Counsel, Staten Island, NY; Holy Rosary in Lawrence, MA; and St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Bronx, NY. Fr. Bob had previously served in the mission in Peru for several years, after which he returned to St. Nick's in the Bronx for nearly seven years. Fr. Bob is now serving the missions again, this time in South Africa.

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## IN PARADISUM

*The following friars were 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](http://www.augustinian.org)*



### STANLEY C. SMITH, O.S.A.

BORN: 2/9/1935  
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1953  
ORDAINED: 12/17/1960  
DIED: 1/1/2010

Fr. Smith taught for several years at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., but the majority of his priestly ministry was in parishes. His parochial assignments included St. Joseph, Greenwich, NY; Assumption, St. Augustine and St. Mary Parishes in Lawrence, MA as well as St. Augustine Parish, Andover, MA where he had been baptized and attended elementary school. With degrees in philosophy and theology, Fr. Stan in later years devoted his studies to matters concerning spirituality in the second half of life. He was an advocate among his brothers for recognizing and appreciating the wisdom of the elder friars.



### RAYMOND E. GEISSER, O.S.A.

BORN: 2/1/1925  
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1955  
ORDAINED: 6/4/1960  
DIED: 4/6/2010

Fr. Geisser was an Army veteran who had survived the 1944 D-Day invasion. After his ordination, Fr. Ray's ministry was devoted to the educational apostolate.

His first assignment was to Villanova University, where he taught theology and engineering, and served as Assistant Director of Admissions. Later, he was assigned to Biscayne College (now St. Thomas University), Miami, where he taught and served as a student advisor, Registrar and Director of Admissions during his 34 years there. He was well known and appreciated by students, faculty and staff for his service to Biscayne.



### JOHN R. HAVENER, O.S.A.

BORN: 8/3/1928  
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1950  
ORDAINED: 6/4/1955  
DIED: 6/1/2010

Fr. Havener spent the majority of his priestly ministry in education. After ordination, he studied at Catholic University, receiving his degree in Physics. His first assignment was to Msgr. Bonner High School, Drexel Hill, PA. He also

taught at Merrimack College, North Andover, MA; Augustinian Academy, Staten Island, NY and Malvern Prep, Malvern, PA. A highly qualified teacher, he modernized the Physics Departments at the schools where he served. Fr. "Riley" also served at St. Mary's, Waterford, NY and was chaplain to the Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA.



### ROBERT F. ANDREWS, O.S.A.

BORN: 3/25/1929  
FIRST PROFESSION: 9/10/1948  
ORDAINED: 6/4/1955  
DIED: 8/15/2010

Fr. Andrews' priestly ministries included service in schools and parishes. His assignments included Msgr. Bonner High School, Drexel Hill, PA; Augustinian Academy, Staten Island, NY; Archbishop Carroll High School, Washington, D.C. He served as Principal at St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School, Bronx and Prior of the Augustinian Collegiate Seminary, Villanova. Parish assignments included St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Bronx; St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Jamaica, Long Island; St. Augustine, Castleberry, FL; St. Denis, Havertown, PA and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Staten Island, NY. He is remembered fondly by many of his students as a teacher who instilled the desire to learn and as a mentor who showed compassion.

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## The Augustinian Fund

To kickoff the fifth year of the Augustinian Fund, a Gala event was held at the Connelly Center on the campus of Villanova University. The centerpiece of the evening was the private premiere of "God's Foot Soldiers," a piece done by *The Visionaries*, a Public Television series, in its sixteenth season. Hosted by Sam Waterston of *Law & Order*, the series documents rarely told stories of nonprofit organizations that work to make a positive difference in their communities and beyond. This special event was hosted by Fr. Mickey Genovese, O.S.A., Prior Provincial and Fr. Don Reilly, O.S.A. The documentary was underwritten by Halloran Philanthropies and by the law firm of Lavin, O'Neil, Ricci, Cedrone & DiSipio.

More than 250 people were in attendance. The co-chairs of this year's fund are Claudia Piccirilli and Anthony Dellomo.



Kay and Harry Halloran at the premiere of "God's Foot Soldiers," the Public Television documentary on the work of the Augustinians. The piece was underwritten by Halloran Philanthropies in collaboration with the law firm of Lavin, O'Neil, Ricci, Cedrone & DiSipio.



Mr. and Mrs. John Horstmann with Prior Provincial, Fr. Mickey Genovese, O.S.A., at the kickoff of the 5th Augustinian Fund Event.



Bill and Mary DiSipio. Bill is a member of the Development Council and is the Managing Partner of Lavin, O'Neil, Ricci, Cedrone & DiSipio, underwriters of "God's Foot Soldiers."



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