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Gregor Mendel: Planting
the Seeds of Genetics
MAY 24-SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

This traveling exhibit, sponsored by the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and Villanova University, delves into the life of Gregor Mendel, O.S.A., and the origin of the study of genetics. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova is a proud co-sponsor of this exhibit. Learn more about this fascinating friar, naturalist, and botanist, whose experiments have shaped today’s understanding of genes, crossbreeding, and heredity.

Academy of Natural Sciences,
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Mendel 21st Century
Symposium
SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2008

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

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ON THE COVER

A student participating in St. Nicholas of Tolentine after-school tutoring program.

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LETTER FROM THE PRIOR PROVINCIAL

Dear Friends,

What do an actor, lawyer and counterterrorism expert have in common? In a word, everything! It's the theme of a new promotional effort we are undertaking for vocations – and it says a lot about who we are as Augustinians.

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

It is a testimony to the appeal and the relevance of the Augustinian way of life. You'll also find in this issue further testimony for our way of life through an inside look at life at Saint Thomas of Villanova Monastery on the campus of Villanova University. Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we were able to undertake a unique and massive renovation to the monastery, a renovation which models our way of life through its design and architecture. The focal points of our way of life – chapel, community room and dining room – are centered at the core of the building. Our health care unit on the second floor enables us to take care of our own and keep our aged and infirm friars living in community with us. And the chapel has been transformed into a welcoming space in the heart of Villanova's campus, a tangible witness to the Augustinian way of life.

We owe much to Saint Augustine, but he'd be the first to remind us that the focus of our lives must always be centered on Christ. When we refer to an Augustinian way of life, we are really talking about a life shared searching for Christ. Augustine's first community was modeled after the early Christian community depicted in the Acts of Apostles – a community who practiced what Christ preached. As Augustinians, we strive to do just that. In these pages, you'll read about our Justice and Peace program and the Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor (ADROP). Founded by Fr. Jack Deegan, O.S.A., ADROP puts our Christian faith into action. Through outreach to others, ADROP also provides a witness to the Augustinian way of life.

Indeed, we all have a lot in common, for we are all called to the Augustinian way of life.

Better stated, we are all called to Christ. Join us!

In Augustine,

Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A.

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AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS, 2007-08.

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LETTERS

San Diego, CA



I went into this experience with a “save the world” attitude and to be perfectly honest, I found myself, in early September,

somewhat uneasy during my first encounters with the homeless. They were afflicted with so many issues: substance abuse, mental illness, poor hygiene, physical illness, criminal conviction, and even child predator charges.

I have to say, however, that it only took about a week or two for me to get past any lurking social stigmas I had for the homeless in San Diego. I found myself developing a love for my patients and for my work. I go to work looking forward to seeing familiar faces, and on a given day, I work in the clinic doing assessments and having many therapeutic encounters. I've really gotten to know so

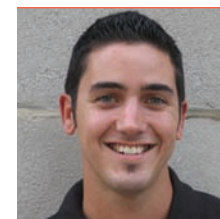
many residents on a personal level, and on an average day, when I'm leaving work for the day at 5pm, I'll often get stopped by residents/patients who want to share with me how they are feeling, how their last appointment went, or just how their day went. I've experienced the sorrows of a recent cancer diagnosis, and I've experienced the amazing feeling of letting children use my stethoscope to hear their very own heart beating. I have truly learned that they are real people with real feelings, and taking the time to listen to a story or share a smile can make one's day.

BECKY COYLE

Augustinian Volunteer, San Diego Community

Becky Coyle, 22, from West Chester, PA, is a 2007 graduate from Villanova with a bachelor's degree in Nursing. Becky has spent the past year in San Diego working as a nurse in the medical clinic at St. Vincent DePaul Village.

Lawrence, MA



Service has taken on a new meaning. When I thought about service, it was always in the direct way. It was doing a food drive, helping at a soup kitchen, or anything else that would reveal its result in a timely manner.

VOLUNTEER LETTERS



Teaching at Notre Dame High School has proven otherwise. Teaching is a tricky field because the results are not seen immediately, but instead are revealed in the years to come. That has been difficult for me to grasp. Not seeing the product frustrates me at times because I am unsure if I am making any difference. Religion, especially Morality, is tough to teach to juniors. And so it is discouraging at times, but then there is a glimmer of hope because in passing they will mention something about morality and how they are learning. Those are the times when I realize that I am doing some good for them. Just being there and showing that I am dedicated to them for that year has strengthened the bonds of our relationship. There is one student I have named Gip. He is one of my juniors. He is one funny kid. He can be loud and wild at times, but he knows when to sit and listen as well. Every day before class starts he walks up to me and shakes my hand, and makes the comment, “New shirt, New tie!” He gets me every time. I think about those times and I can't do anything but smile and realize that God is doing great things in my life. He has brought so many wonderful people into my life, and will continue to bring new faces and new stories.

ANDREW MCMILLAN

Augustinian Volunteer, Lawrence Community

Andrew McMillan, 22, from San Dimes, CA, is a 2007 graduate of the University of San Diego with a degree in Theology and Religious Studies. He is living in Lawrence, MA where he is teaching Morality, Basic Computer Skills and Entry Level Spanish at Notre Dame High School.

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MS. ELISE PIZZI, VILLANOVA PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF NURSING, GRADUATE PROGRAM TALKING WITH A PATIENT AT THE UNITY CLINIC.

Augustinian Defenders *of the* Rights *of the* Poor

BY ABIGAIL PECHE

Charity, Compassion and Justice in Philadelphia

As servants of God, Augustinians have touched many communities through various ministries, especially, in Philadelphia, PA. Through Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor (ADROP), the praxis arm of the Justice and Peace Office, the Augustinians and volunteers provide health services, education and legal counseling to these communities in need. Fr. John F. Deegan, O.S.A., Director of Justice and Peace for the Province and Executive Director and Chairperson of ADROP, describes the program as matching identified needs of the poor with known resources. The Unity Health Clinic and The Tutoring/Mentoring After-School Program are two programs that are helping local communities in South Philadelphia. By providing these programs, the Augustinians not only help but also initiate a healing process for these communities wounded by the violence, drugs, racial and ethnic divisions.

The Unity Health Clinic, established by ADROP in 2006, is located at St. Agnes Continuing Care Center on South Broad Street. With over 400 patients of record, the Unity Health Clinic offers primary care to the uninsured, the immigrant and those often deemed unimportant by society. Open Tuesday evenings from 4-9 p.m., the three-room clinic handles up to 30 adult patients of Indonesian, Chinese and Hispanic ethnicities. The clinic treats diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, acute respiratory problems and immunizations. Other services include: blood work, nutritional assessments, prescribed medications and free, generic medications. The clinic also provides 15 interpreters, drawn from the community, for communications between patients, medical staff and doctors. Taking a preventive approach, the clinic provides health assessments, medications and additional nutritional information to the patients, thus ultimately preventing visits to the emergency room.



AYANNA PATTERSON, ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE STUDENT, WORKING DILIGENTLY ON HER MATH HOMEWORK.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fr. Deegan sees the Church as a key player in advocacy for the poor, especially through ADROP. Implementing Catholic, social teaching, ADROP’s mission goes beyond ministering to people’s needs and creates a community of common ground, understanding and acceptance. Fr. Deegan stresses that the church must be the key player in such a movement.



ANDY CAO, ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE STUDENT, FINISHES HIS HOMEWORK WHILE ADAM LUDMAN, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, RAYS OF SUNSHINE VOLUNTEER, SETS UP A GAME OF DOMINOS.

The proposed Reconciliation Center at St. Rita of Cascia Parish, South Philadelphia, is an initiative to provide a wellness center for the community. The center will offer education, counseling services and workshops. As a way to increase community “wellness”, the center will sponsor anger management classes, mediation of family and neighborhood disputes, alternatives to violence and abuse, and spiritual practices for finding inner peace. “We want the center to be a place where the whole community might be healed in mind, body and spirit, a community that is reconciled to one another no matter their race, religion or cultural difference,” says Fr. Deegan.

The envisioned Cascia Community Center hopes to expand ministry by hosting days of prayer and reflection and housing a center for reconciliation and peace-making, a true embodiment of the Patroness of peace, St. Rita. The need for this center is apparent as the communities struggle with violence and discrimination. Fr. Deegan believes this center and the efforts of the Augustinians and volunteers can build one more bridge to connect people together.

Foreseeing a greater impact with ADROP, Justin English added, “The Augustinians are committed to these communities with charity, social programs and advocacy. There is a movement to healing the community. At ADROP, you are a part of something greater.”

As the designs of the much anticipated Cascia Community Center are sketched, the need for the wellness center becomes more evident. Fr. Joseph Genito, O.S.A., the new pastor and rector of the National

Shrine of Saint Rita as of May 1, 2008, states concerning ADROP, “Our hope is that the Cascia Community Center will provide for the poor, especially the immigrant population, an array of direct services, addressing medical, psychological and educational needs, not only in terms of a place for them to come for help, but also for learning about their rights to these services through other agencies, in particular city and state agencies.”

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

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

For more information about ADROP, please visit our newly designed website at www.rightsofthepoor.org or contact Jack Deegan at jdb@augustinian.org / 215-925-3566.

What do an Actor, Lawyer & Counterterrorism Expert have in common?

{Everything}

NEW PROMOTIONAL EFFORT TO HIGHLIGHT AUGUSTINIAN WAY OF LIFE

BY ABIGAIL PECHE

The vocations and communications departments are implementing a new promotional effort to appeal to potential candidates for the Augustinian community. With new, creative copy and an innovative design, the campaign, “Sharing All Things in Common” targets a diverse audience and illustrates how the Augustinian Order represents a contemporary, diverse group comprised of unique, empowering individuals.

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

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

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

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

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

of vocational as well as geographical diversity.

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

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

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

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



Fr. David Cregan, O.S.A. graduated from Monsignor Bonner High School in 1985. He attended Villanova University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre. From 1989-93, he worked as a professional actor in New York City doing Off-Broadway productions with the Light Opera of Manhattan, two national tours in the USA, one tour in Europe, as well as multiple productions in Regional Theatres. Fr. David professed his solemn vows in 1995 and was ordained in October of 1999. Fr. David received a Master’s in Divinity from the Washington Theological Union 1999 and Master of Arts in Irish Studies at the Catholic University of America in 2001. He also pursued a Master’s in Film 2002, followed by a Ph.D. from the Samuel Beckett Centre, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. For the past four years, Fr. David has been an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Villanova University where he teaches graduate and undergraduate writing intensive courses, and does some theatrical direction. In 2007, he directed Someone Who’ll Watch Over Me, by Frank McGuinness, at the Villanova Theatre. He is published scholar in the area of Irish Theatre as well as a critic for a Philadelphia paper and Irish Theatre Magazine. After spending five weeks in India last year Fr. David is now a certified yoga instructor. At Villanova University’s theatre department, Fr. David is presently teaching Modern Irish Drama, Scene Study and a graduate course entitled, Gender, Politics, and Performance.

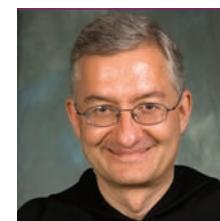
Robert P. Hagan, O.S.A., J.D.



Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A. was born in Ridgewood, N.J. He graduated from Cardinal O’Hara High School Springfield, PA in 1983. Fr. Rob attended Villanova University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1987. He pursued a law degree at Widener University School of Law and graduated in 1990. Fr. Rob practiced Criminal Defense Law and Contract Negotiation at Gillin and Associates in Philadelphia and surrounding counties from 1990-97. In 1997, Fr. Rob entered the Augustinian

Order and studied at Washington Theological Union where he received a Master’s in Divinity. Fr. Rob made his profession of solemn vows to the Order in January of 2003 and was ordained in September of 2003. He is the Associate Athletics Director of Villanova University and works with University administration. He oversees the Sports Medicine Department, NCAA Drug Testing, as well as various student, staff and personnel matters. He is currently teaching two courses: Business and Professional Communication and Student Athlete Leadership Institute. He is the Prison Chaplain at Chester Correctional Institution, Chaplain of Villanova Men’s Basketball and Football teams as well as the Weekend Assistant at St. Paul’s Parish in South Philadelphia.

Joseph L. Narog, O.S.A.



Son of the late Felix C. and Agnes M. Narog, Fr. Joseph Narog, O.S.A. was born and raised in Pottsville, PA. Growing up he developed an interest in learning about other countries and cultures, which he pursued as an undergraduate student at St. Joseph’s University obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations in 1981. Fr. Joseph then earned an M.A. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in 1983, where he was a Thomas Jefferson Fellow. This led him into a 15 year career with the Federal Government, working first as an intelligence analyst, then as an instructor and, ultimately, as the manager of the U.S. Government’s Counterterrorism Training Program. He even got to do a stint at the Olympic Intelligence Center in Atlanta in 1996. But despite what he viewed as very interesting – and rewarding – work, Fr. Joseph began to feel called. He joined as a pre-Novice in Washington, DC in 1998. He professed first vows in August 2000 and solemn vows in October 2003. After receiving a Master’s in Divinity from the Washington Theological Union, Fr. Joseph was ordained an Augustinian priest in June 2005 at his home parish in Pottsville. Presently, he is assigned as a Parochial Vicar at St. Augustine’s Parish in Andover, MA. Fr. Joseph really has enjoyed his ministries and getting to journey with people in the most significant moments of their lives. ✚

PRAYER FOR AUGUSTINIAN VOCATIONS

*Please join the Augustinians in
praying for vocations to the
Augustinian way of life:*

Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest
Who calls men and women to
loving service.

All glory and praise are yours,
God of truth, light of our hearts,
for you guide your people
in the ways of holiness.

Help those who follow
in the footsteps of Augustine
to seek you through mutual love
and worship
and to be servants of your Church
as examples that others may follow.

Enlighten men and women to see
the beauty of common life
in the spirit of Saint Augustine
and strengthen them in your service
so that the work you have begun
in them
may be brought to fulfillment.
We ask this through Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

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A GLIMPSE

Krista Dicker, an Augustinian Volunteer, is presently volunteering in San Diego, CA and working with the children at St. Vincent de Paul Village as the Service Literacy Provider. She loves spending time with the children, and she hopes that her time in San Diego will not only be of help to those she is serving, but also provide her with an idea for her future plans. We are grateful and inspired by Krista and these volunteers who are not only serving others but also are bringing hope and compassion.





A HOME OF dignity & care

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

BY ABIGAIL PECHE

ALONG THE HALLWAY
ADJACENT TO THE RESIDENTIAL
CARE CENTER OF ST. THOMAS
MONASTERY A HUGE GLASS
WALL DISPLAYS A BEAUTIFUL
VIEW OF THE VILLANOVA
CAMPUS. THESE WINDOWS
ALSO HELP ILLUMINATE THE
ATRIUM, MAIN ENTRANCE TO
THE MONASTERY CHAPEL,
DINING ROOM, AND LIVING
QUARTERS OF THE FRIARS.

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

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



CHRISTINA HAYES AND BRITTANY WHITE, CARITAS VOLUNTEERS, READING WITH FATHER JOSEPH C. SCHNAUBELT, O.S.A. AND ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL SPRING DAY.



BALCONY AT ST. THOMAS MONASTERY LEADING INTO THE RESIDENTIAL CARE CENTER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

JOHN NIGRELLI

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

NA: When did you first encounter the Augustinians?

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

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

NA: What about ADROP attracted you?

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

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

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

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

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

NA: What motivates you to get involved with any non profit especially the Augustinians?

JN: I think all of us have a need in our lives to help our fellow man, a need to give back. I worked hard all my life, and at some point, I was able to say, "I have enough". I can take care of myself and my family, and I don't need more "things". We're not going to be on this earth forever; we can't take it with us. So, I started to ask what can I do to give something back to the community, how can I help to make opportunity available to those who don't have opportunities. Providing medical care, basic education, the ability to communicate in English; these are basic tools that people need to build a productive life. It gives me great pleasure to be able to give something back.

When I see need and I see an organization that is really filling a need, I want to get involved. I want my dollars to go to where they're doing the most good. There are so many opportunities to give here in our own communities. How do we help these families get out of poverty? How do we provide opportunities to lift people up?

NA: Donors today are very results-oriented. Can you tell us how you feel about accountability?

JN: I want the organizations I support to be accountable, and I want the people they serve to be accountable. Just handing money out is never a good thing. You can't always give out fish. You have to teach people to fish. Is it meaningful? Is it making a difference? I'm not motivated to give because I get a deduction on my tax return. I give because I want to leave this world a better place.

I want to see results, and I want to see the dollars are getting results. I am investing to educate the people, strengthen the community and create a positive impact by building a community with better housing conditions, decent jobs and a better way of life. I hope I'm doing some good. ✚

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Province's Development Council works tirelessly to advise and assist the Augustinians in raising awareness and funds to support the many good works the friars are engaged in. The Province is indebted to all who serve on the Development Council:

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Three New Candidates Admitted to Casa Agustín Program

Casa Agustín, a house of discernment for Spanish speaking inquirers, admitted three new candidates to the program at its December meeting. Three Augustinians serve on the Admission board; Fr. John Dello Russo, O.S.A., Fr. Arthur Johnson, O.S.A. and Fr. Luis Madera, O.S.A. There are also three parishioners as part of the committee: Sr. Margarita Cantaneda, C.N.D., Ms. Margarita Fernandez and Mr. Joaquin Gonzalez. The three men joined the program on January 6th, 2008. They are Elvis de la Cruz from Tamboril, Dominican Republic, Victor Manuel Negrón from Guayama, Puerto Rico and Bienvenido Rodríguez from Salinas, Puerto Rico. All three are presently learning English at Fordham University, New York.



ELVIS DE LA CRUZ, O.S.A.
Tamboril, Dominican Republic



VICTOR MANUEL NEGRON, O.S.A.
Guayama, Puerto Rico



BIENVENIDO RODRIGUEZ, O.S.A.
Salinas, Puerto Rico

English Speaking Provincials Conference in Malta

The Provincials of the English speaking provinces met on the island of Malta, off the coast of Italy, from February 17-23, 2008. The Provincials of Malta, Ireland, England, Scotland, Australia, Canada and the three US provinces shared and discussed on an informal level various topics including: ways to be inter-provincial by sharing resources and pre-novitiate programs, the Augustinian nature of parish commitments and the International Novitiate in Racine, WI. The Prior General, Robert Prevost, O.S.A. and the Assistant General, Michael DiGregorio, O.S.A. also attended the meeting. The Maltese Province consists of 56 friars, three monasteries, and a retreat house on the island of Gozo, as well as the Basilica in Annaba, Algeria, North Africa, (Modern day Annaba is the site of Hippo Regius, the place where St. Augustine was priest and bishop for almost 40 years). The local communities were very hospitable during the meeting. Augustinian life in Malta is alive and vibrant.



PICTURESQUE VIEW OF THE ISLAND OF MALTA.

Augustinian Martyr to be Beatified

Thomas Kintsuba Jihyoe, O.S.A. was born in Japan circa 1600, joined the Augustinians while in the Philippines, and returned to Japan – despite the risk of persecution – to minister to the people of his homeland. He was martyred in 1637. His beatification, along with 187 fellow martyrs, will be held November 24, 2008, in Nagasaki.

Augustinian Press: *Saint Augustine*, edited by the late Tarcisius van Bavel



In this new classic edition, published by Mercator in Belgium and Augustinian Press in Villanova, Augustine of Hippo is revealed to be a highly multifaceted personality: intellectual, mystic, bishop, monk, philosopher, biblical thinker. This book aims to give a deeper insight into the man with the burning heart. The heart is the common thread that runs through the book and the iconographic symbol used in all illustrations of Augustine. Against the backdrop of North Africa, where he was active, some twenty scholars (including our own Fr. George Lawless, O.S.A., Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A., and Fr. Thomas Martin, O.S.A.) seek to shed light on Augustine's thought. This beautiful, "coffee-table" style book of over 250 full color photographs and illustrations approaches this monumental figure, the person of the restless heart, from various aspects, and successfully portrays to the reader many aspects of the vast contribution left by Augustine to all people. The cost is \$69.95 plus \$11.50 shipping. It can be ordered online at www.augustinianpress.org, by phone (toll free 888-275-0571) or Augustinian Press, 214 Ashwood Rd, Villanova, PA 19085.

North American Conference of Augustinian Provincials (NACAP) in San Diego

The Provincials, Counselors, Secretaries and Treasurers of the four North American English Speaking Provinces met in San Diego, February 6-8th. Thirty Augustinians, including the Prior General, Robert Prevost, O.S.A., and Assistant General, Michael DiGregorio, O.S.A., attended this meeting at the Kolbe Center located on the campus of the University of San Diego. This was an opportunity for all of the leadership of the provinces to meet and discuss as a group. The meetings were informative and candid. This was the second gathering. They met together last February 2007 in San Diego.



FOUNDERS CHAPEL, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

Dedication and Ceremony of the Rev. David J. Duffy, O.S.A. Arts Center

On March 1, 2008 Malvern Prep hosted the dedication of the Rev. David J. Duffy, O.S.A. Arts Center. The celebration was attended by Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A. Prior Provincial and His Eminence, Cardinal Justin R. Rigalli, Archbishop of Philadelphia. Fr. Duffy was a legendary figure at Malvern Prep with his 32-year tenure as Headmaster and President, and he left a permanent impression on the lives of students, alumni,

faculty and parents. The new Arts Center is a lasting tribute to him and symbolizes the leadership, vision and strength of Fr. David Duffy. The performing arts center contains a theatre, rehearsal rooms for band and chorus, recording studio, ceramic studio, sculpture studio and set design facilities.

Augustinian Youth Encounter in Sydney

The Ninth Augustinian International Encounter for Young Adults will be held July 21-27, 2008, in Sydney, Australia. This is the first such gathering to be held on a continent other than Europe. The event brings together young adults from around the world to join together in celebration and sharing of Augustinian community. It directly follows World Youth Day, which will take place July 15-20 in Sydney, at which Pope Benedict XVI will be present. For complete information – including a blog, photo gallery, and song competition for the Augustinian Young Adult Encounter – visit www.aye2008.org.

The OSA/NGO Team at the United Nations Department of Public Information Conference

The OSA/NGO Team is conducting its course on the Augustinians at the UN in conjunction with the United Nations Department of Public Information Conference, which this year is held in Paris, France. The dates of the course will be from September 1-14, 2008 with the days of September 3-5 dedicated to attendance at the DPI/NGO Conference. This is the 60th year since the publication of the UN Declaration on Human Rights, and the UN Headquarters at Geneva and UNESCO will be the hosts. The Augustinians are collaborating with The Little Sisters of the Assumption to provide 10 single rooms in their retreat center. ✚

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.

Joseph D. Calderone, O.S.A.



Rev. Joseph D. Calderone, O.S.A. has been named interim president of Merrimack College in Andover, MA following the

announcement by President Richard J. Santagati that he will retire at the end of this academic year. To ensure a smooth transition in leadership and a presidential search process, Santagati began an earned sabbatical on January 14, 2008. Fr. Calderone comes to Merrimack from Villanova University, having served as chaplain and counselor for the Villanova University School of Law and the former associate director of campus ministry at Villanova. He is a member of the Order of St. Augustine, the founding order of Merrimack College. Fr. Calderone has served on the Board of Trustees of Merrimack College since 2005. In addition, Fr. Calderone retired as Captain of the U.S. Navy Reserve Chaplain after 21 years, six of those with the 4th Marine Air Wing. He served five years at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. and eight years with the Loyola University Medical Center as chaplain. Also an educator, Fr. Calderone was an adjunct professor at DePaul University, Neumann College, Rollins College, and St. Leo College. He served as the former director of campus ministry and dormitory counselor at Merrimack College from 1974 to 1978. He was director of campus ministry for the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., was a director of continuing education for the Washington Theological Union, and served as an educator/chaplain at Loyola University Medical Center (Maywood, Ill.). He is currently a board member of both Medifast/Jason Pharmaceuticals and Augustinian Press, Inc. Fr. Calderone holds a Doctorate of Education in Higher Educational Administration (Ed.D) from Northeastern University, a Certificate of

Advanced Graduate Study in leadership and supervision in higher education from Northeastern University, and an M.A. in theology from Washington Theological Union. He also has an M.A. in guidance and counseling and a B.A. in social sciences from Villanova University.

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Joseph A. Genito, O.S.A.



Fr. Joseph Genito, O.S.A. is the new pastor and rector of the National Shrine of Saint Rita. Fr. Joe was proposed as pastor

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

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IN PARADISUM

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Ralph C. Shurer, O.S.A.

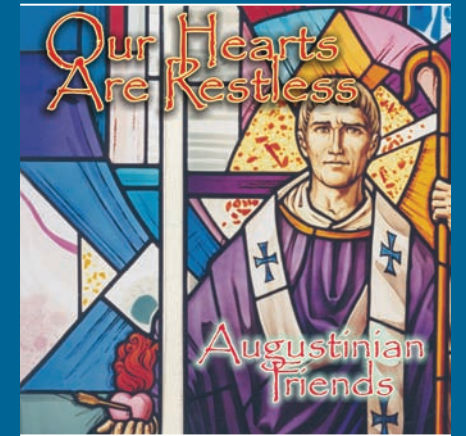


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TOP: Marcy Wolfington greets children from St. Leo's School in Durban, South Africa. **BOTTOM:** Tara Guido poses with her new fan club at St. Leo's School in Durban, South Africa.

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