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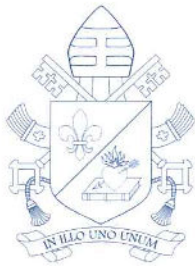
POPE LEO XIV

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

the
Augustinians
Province of St. Thomas of Villanova







August 28, 2025

To my Augustinian Brothers and friends,

Peace be with you!

It is a true honor for me to receive the Saint Augustine Medal of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. I had every intention to be with you in person, and I was sincerely looking forward to being with my brother Augustinians, fellow Villanovans, and members of the Augustinian family. However, it seems that the Holy Spirit had a different plan for me.

Today, as you know, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Augustine—a significant feast day in our Augustinian Order, one typically marked with great festivity. It is only fitting that you come together to commemorate this feast day gathered in the Eucharist, and that you enjoy a celebratory dinner this evening in friendship and community as you reflect on Augustine’s extraordinary life, his teachings, and writings.

Please continue to pray with me that we will continue to journey on life’s path while knowing, loving, and serving God together, and while always remembering those who are poor. May our shared Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love serve as a strong foundation on our spiritual journey to discover God’s love. As Augustine reminds us, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

Thank you for bestowing upon me the Saint Augustine Medal which I will cherish as one who remains always a son of Saint Augustine. May the blessing of Almighty God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit remain with you always.

Fraternally in Christ and in Augustine,

Leo P.P. XIV



Saint Augustine Medal

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with deep joy and profound gratitude that we gather this evening to celebrate the presentation of the Saint Augustine Medal—our Province’s highest honor. This medal is given to those whose lives reflect the values that Saint Augustine held most dear: Truth, Unity, and Charity. This year, we honor a man who has embodied those values not only as an Augustinian, not only as a servant of the Church, but now, remarkably, as Our Holy Father the Pope.

When our Province selected then-Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., to receive the Saint Augustine Medal, we recognized in him a brother who had lived his vocation with humility, conviction, and love. As an Augustinian Friar, a missionary, a bishop, and a cardinal, he remained grounded in our way of life: seeking God together in community and serving the people of God in unity.

In May of this year, the Church – and indeed the world – was witness to a moment of history when our brother was elected Pope. Now Pope Leo XIV, the first American pope and the first Augustinian pope, carries with him not only the legacy of the Order of St. Augustine, but the spirit of fraternity that continues to unite us with him and to one another.

While Pope Leo cannot be with us in person this evening, we are honored to share his words and to know that his thoughts and prayers are with us. The medal we present formally tonight, though he is not here to receive it, is a small way to express our admiration, our support, and our deep affection for a brother who now follows in the footsteps of St. Peter.

On behalf of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, I thank you for joining us in this celebration of faith, community, and joyful witness. May the example of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, continue to inspire all of us to live with courage, compassion, and unity in the Augustinian spirit.

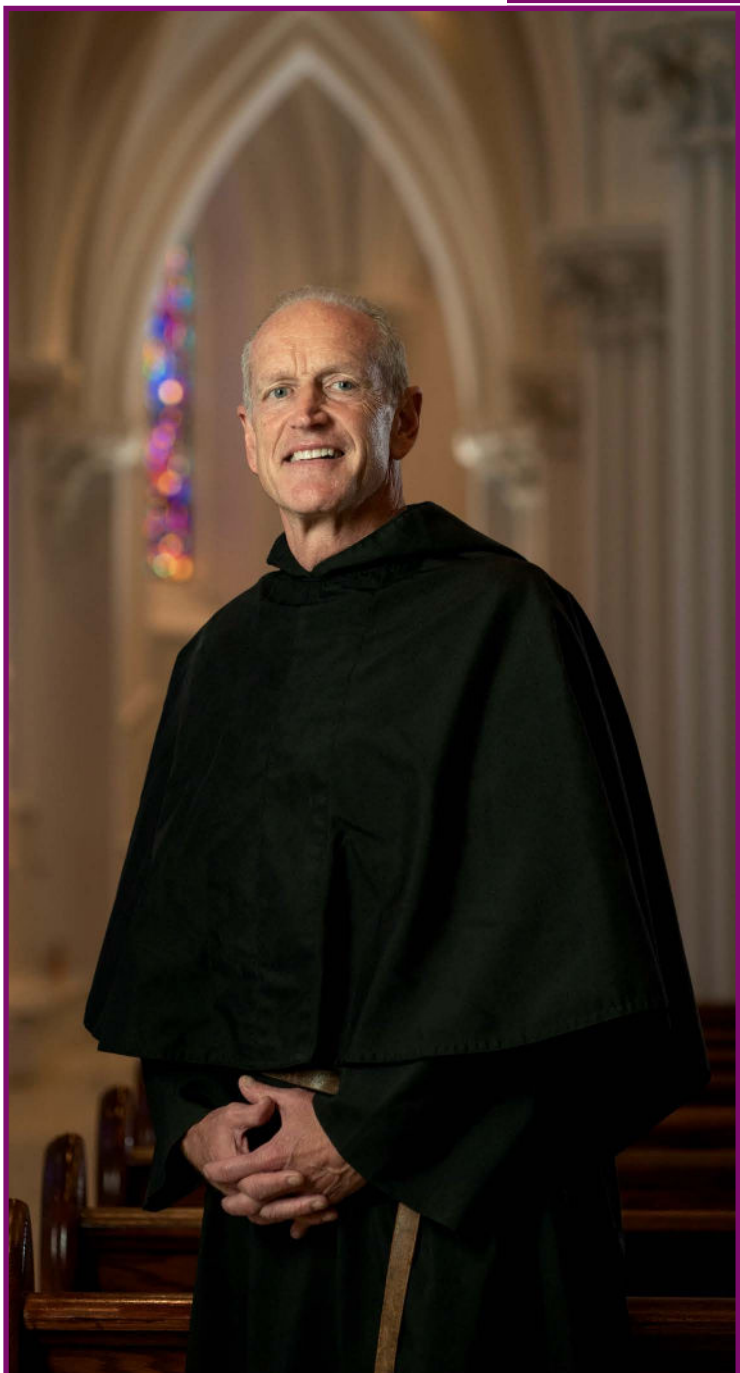
Peace,



Fr. Robert P. Hagan, O.S.A.

Prior Provincial

Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova





KEITH JONES

Keith Jones is a 20-time Emmy Award winning anchor for NBC10 News. You can watch Keith weekday mornings anchoring NBC10 News Today from 5:00-7:00 AM. He also co-hosts The Lineup, a digital newscast streamed on the NBC10 apps on Roku and Apple TV.

A native of New Egypt in Ocean County, New Jersey and graduate of Villanova University, Keith enjoys writing and telling stories that affect the communities in which he grew up. He has also covered Philly's sports teams, Super Bowls, the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games, and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Summer Games.

His favorite stories include stepping over the border into North Korea and covering the national title runs of the Villanova Men's Basketball team in 2016 and 2018. The Villanova alumnus, who studied communications and philosophy, was a former student-manager under head coach Jay Wright. He even practiced with the team on occasion.

Since 2013, Keith has served as an adjunct professor of broadcast journalism at Villanova University. In 2018, Keith received Villanova's Young Alumni Medal, which is given annually to one alumnus who has made outstanding contributions to one or more areas of society, including professional, academic, and service to the college. In 2023, Keith was honored with the Tolle Lege Award, which acknowledges excellence in teaching. In 2024, Keith was recognized by the Augustinians for embodying their values of love, truth, and unity at their annual Profile in Augustinian Leadership.

An active member of the community, Keith volunteers on the board of directors for nonprofits Main Line Deputy Dog, the Philadelphia Fireman's Museum, and Turning Points for Children. He is also an active volunteer with the American Red Cross of Eastern Pennsylvania and Villanova's Office of Disability Services.

In his free time, Keith loves spending time with his wife, Holly, and their son, Keith III.

SAINT AUGUSTINE MEDAL DINNER PROGRAM



WELCOME

Keith Jones

*Award-Winning News Anchor, Host, and Reporter
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MEDAL PRESENTATION

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ACCEPTANCE

Pope Leo XIV

Saint Augustine Medal Honoree

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Saint Augustine Medal Recipient

POPE LEO XIV

Pope Leo XIV—formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A.—is the first Augustinian and first person from the United States to be elected to the papacy. A native of Chicago, he was born on September 14, 1955, to Louis Marius Prevost and Mildred Martínez.

He attended the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Friars and in 1977 earned a degree in mathematics and also studied philosophy at Villanova University. That same year, he entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel of Chicago. He professed his first vows in 1978 and made his solemn vows in 1981. He completed a Master of Divinity at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and was ordained a priest in 1982 at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica in Rome. He remained there to complete a licentiate and doctorate in canon law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Following his return to the Americas, he began over a decade of ministry in Peru. First assigned to Chulucanas, and later transferred to Trujillo, where he directed Augustinian formation for candidates from three regional vicariates. He served as prior, professor, formation director, judicial vicar of the archdiocese, and pastor in two parishes—one of which he helped establish in a poor neighborhood of Trujillo.

In 1999, he was elected Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinian Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel, and in 2001, Prior General of the worldwide Augustinian Order—a role to which he was re-elected in 2007. After completing his second term in Rome, he returned to Chicago in 2013, serving in leadership and formation. In 2005 he was presented with an honorary degree from Merrimack College, and in 2014 Villanova University also awarded Pope Leo XIV an honorary degree.

In 2014, Pope Francis named him Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, having him ordained bishop that December on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He served as Bishop of Chiclayo from 2015 to 2023, while also leading and advising within the Peruvian Episcopal Conference. In 2019, he was appointed to the Congregation for the Clergy, and a year later to the Congregation for Bishops.

In January 2023, he returned to Rome and was named Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. He was created Cardinal on September 30, 2023, receiving the Deaconry of Santa Monica, and in February 2024 was elevated to the Order of Bishops and assigned the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

Shortly afterward on May 8, 2025, he was elected pope, taking the name Leo XIV. As the Church's first Augustinian pope, his election marks a moment of historic significance. His episcopal motto, *In Illo Uno Unum*—"In the One, One"—echoes St. Augustine's call to unity in Christ.



HONORARY DEGREES FROM AUGUSTINIAN INSTITUTIONS:

MERRIMACK COLLEGE, 2005
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, 2014



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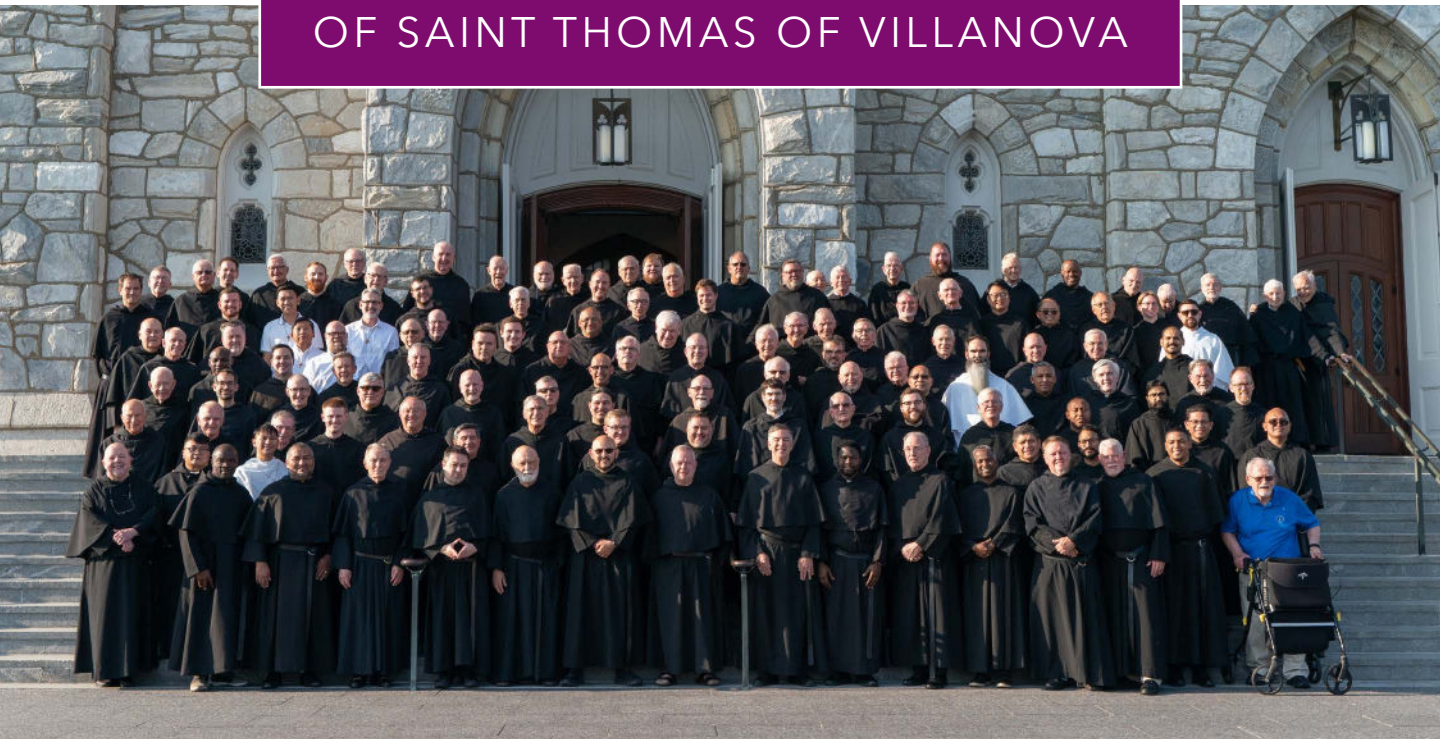
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ABOUT THE PROVINCE OF *Saint Thomas of Villanova*

OUR MISSION

We Augustinians, inspired by the religious insight and teaching of Saint Augustine, and established as a Mendicant Order in the 13th Century, seek to live out our Christian vocation of love for God and neighbor in the fashion of Augustine, in communion of life and service to the Church. To seek God together is our common desire. To share our discovery is our mission. Thus we have always been, and see ourselves still, as active contemplatives in the Church, called to impart to others the gifts we have received.

Who We Are

Augustinian religious life was established in the United States just twenty years after the birth of our nation. In the last quarter of the 18th century, two friars arrived from Ireland to assist here in the missionary work of the Church, with the intention to plant, as well, the seeds of the Order of Saint Augustine on this soil. Fr. Matthew Carr, O.S.A., one of the two pioneers, sought funds to construct the first house and church of the Order, that of St. Augustine in Philadelphia, just weeks after his arrival. Progress on construction was slow, but finally in 1801 it was ready for use. Slow, too, was the expansion of the Order, as American candidates were few. Nonetheless, with perseverance, hard work, and spirited faith, growth did occur. In 1841 the friars purchased a 200-acre farm outside the city and established there what was to become the center of Augustinian community life and ministry for a very long time thereafter, with the establishment of a novitiate to train prospective candidates and a friary in which to follow a conventional form of religious community life in the Augustinian tradition. Here, also, the friars opened a school for boys, from which grew two of our most significant ministries which still maintain our Augustinian values and continue our long tradition: Villanova University and Malvern Preparatory School.

With the eventual increase of new vocations, the United States branch of the Order achieved full stature as the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova in the year 1874. Expansion continued into Massachusetts and New York State with new communities established to serve parishes in various dioceses and the founding of schools by the Province as well as the staffing of others founded by bishops. Friars ventured into the foreign mission field in Cuba and new foundations were made in Washington, D.C., Florida, and later in North Carolina, as well as in cities of the Midwest and Far West. As growth continued, two new Provinces were carved out of the Villanova Province, that of Our Mother of Good Counsel in 1941, centered in Chicago, and that of St. Augustine in 1969, based in San Diego, and new missions were opened in Japan, Peru and South Africa.

Our Ministries

Our Parishes

PENNSYLVANIA

Annunciation B.V.M. Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
St. Augustine Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
St. Paul Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Rosemont, Pa.

NEW YORK

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, Bronx, N.Y.

MASSACHUSETTS

St. Augustine Church, Andover, Mass.

JAPAN

Our Mother of Consolation Shiroyama Catholic Church, Nagasaki
St. Augustine Kasai Catholic Church, Tokyo
St. Monica Minato Catholic Church, Nagoya
St. Augustine Sasaoka Catholic Church, Fukuoka

Our Schools

HIGHER EDUCATION

Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass.
Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School, Philadelphia, Pa.
Malvern Preparatory School, Malvern, Pa.
Saint Augustine Preparatory School, Richland, N.J.

Social Justice

Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor (A.D.R.O.P.)
Prison Chaplaincy

Shrine

National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia

Evangelization

Lay Augustinians

The Charism

OF THE ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

By Fr. Michael F. DiGregorio, O.S.A.

The Order of Saint Augustine, inspired by the unique contribution to religious life fostered by the North African convert, Father and Doctor of the Church, Augustine of Hippo, embraces a vision of Gospel spirituality that is followed today throughout the world by friars, contemplative nuns, active religious sisters and lay men and women who embrace the ideals and spirituality of the Order.

Augustine's journey to Christ in the Catholic Church was a long and arduous one whose experience shaped ever after his resolve to maintain and deepen his search for God in the company of fellow seekers. His desire was to imitate the example described in the Acts of the Apostles whereby devout Christians of Jerusalem placed all things in common and distribution was made to each according to each one's need. This communion of life was not confined to the sharing of material goods alone, however, but was to encourage also the sharing of insights, ideals, hopes and challenges. The spirituality upon which such a program of life is grounded is the two-fold pillar of love of God and love of neighbor as expressed in Scripture and repeated in the Rule of life which Augustine composed. Upon this foundation every Augustinian community is oriented and finds its reason for being. Communion with God by way of deep interior devotion, and communion with others through friendship and service, provide a balanced life that is at once firmly rooted, hospitable and outgoing. Augustinians today, whether engaged in active ministry among God's people or devoted chiefly to a life of prayer and contemplation, strive to follow Augustine's own example with his first companions, "to be of one mind and one heart on the way to God."



Servant of God

FR. BILL ATKINSON, O.S.A.

William Edward Atkinson was born on January 4, 1946, in Philadelphia, one of three sons and four daughters of Allen Atkinson and Mary Connelly. He attended St. Alice's Elementary School and Monsignor Bonner High School, and upon graduation, asked to join the Augustinian Order. He spent a year as a postulant at Augustinian Academy, Staten Island, New York, and then entered the Villanova Province's Novitiate of Our Mother of Good Counsel in New Hamburg, New York, on September 6, 1964.

The following February 22, 1965, while recreating with several other novices on the Novitiate grounds, the toboggan in which he was riding hit a tree, leaving Bill almost completely paralyzed from the neck down. Amazingly, he survived the accident, and following extensive rehabilitation, expressed his desire to continue as an Augustinian. He began again his novitiate year at Villanova, professing simple vows on July 20, 1970, and solemn vows on July 20, 1973. A care team of friars assisted Bill during his time in formation, and for many years beyond, as he moved about with the use of a motorized wheelchair. Bill completed his years of college and theological studies at Villanova, and with a special dispensation from Pope Paul VI, John Cardinal Krol ordained him to the priesthood at his hometown parish of St. Alice in Upper Darby, Pa., on February 2, 1974, almost nine years after the accident that left him a quadriplegic. He celebrated his first Mass at the Fieldhouse of Villanova University.

From 1975 until 2004, almost thirty years, Fr. Bill was stationed at St. Joseph's Friary, where he taught at Msgr. Bonner High School, was assistant school chaplain, senior class retreat coordinator, moderator of the football team, and the director of the afterschool and Saturday detention programs. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor, and was recognized as an excellent teacher, encouraging moderator, and compassionate confessor. Fr. Bill was the recipient of many awards and acknowledgements, among them an honorary doctorate from Villanova University in 2000.

In 2004, Fr. Bill moved to the Health Care Unit of St. Thomas Monastery at Villanova University. He passed over to the Lord on Friday afternoon, September 15, 2006, surrounded by those who loved and cared for him. Fr. Bill was laid to rest on September 19th in the Augustinian section of Calvary Cemetery, West Conshohocken, Pa. On June 14, 2024, his earthly remains were reinterred from Calvary Cemetery to the Our of Mother of Good Counsel alcove in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Villanova, Pa.



Servant of God

FR. JOHN MCKNIFF, O.S.A.

John J. McKniff, O.S.A., was a deeply spiritual Augustinian missionary who is most known for his passion for pastoral ministry to the underprivileged in Peru and Cuba. Born in Media, Pennsylvania, he joined the Augustinian Order in 1924 and was ordained as a priest in 1930.

Most of his adult life was spent working as a missionary in the Philippines, Cuba, and Peru. Though he was a part of the Augustinian Villanova Province, he collaborated closely with Augustinians from the Midwest during his time of service in Peru. After teaching at Villanova College (now Villanova University) he traveled to the Philippines and taught for three years. In 1939, he was transferred to Cuba and was appointed pastor of El Cristo del Buen Viaje Parish in the old district of Havana.

He was a remarkable pastor. Fr. McKniff was well-known to everyone since he frequently strolled through the parish to evangelize and serve others in the name of Christ. He founded numerous Catholic Action organizations, including the Young Catholic Workers and Legion of Mary. His sermons, leadership, and example inspired individuals to have a profound spirituality. He encouraged parishioners to host prayer vigils in their homes.

His work in Cuba was becoming more contested, and it became difficult to defend and advance the Christian faith. At one point, he was held captive and his life was in jeopardy. But the most challenging aspect of this period was that he lost the Augustinian community life that he loved so much when 37 of his Augustinian brothers were exiled from the nation.

Fr. McKniff took his first vacation in eight years in 1968, and the Cuban authorities took the opportunity to forbid him from returning. The following three years were spent in ministry in New York parishes. But Fr. McKniff's desire to continue his missionary work persisted. He visited northern Peru in 1972. He assisted in putting into action the Chulucanas Diocese's New Image of Parish pastoral strategy, which enlists a sizable number of devout laypeople to serve Jesus through various Church initiatives.

Fr. McKniff was weakened by a case of typhoid fever by the end of 1993 and had to depart unwillingly for America from Peru for medical treatment. After being admitted to a hospital, he passed away on March 24, 1994. John McKniff is renowned for his passion for missions, concern for the underprivileged, and closeness to God. He was particularly gifted by God, and those closest to him who knew him best—his fellow Augustinians and the people to and with whom he ministered in northern Peru—acknowledged this. They requested that the canonization process begin for him. In June 2025, Fr. McKniff's earthly remains were moved from Miami, Florida where he had been interred upon his passing, back to Chulucanas, Peru, where he served for so long.



THE AUGUSTINIANS

are a Mendicant Order, and as such rely on the generosity of benefactors and friends to sustain life lived in community and to serve God's people and the Church through preaching, teaching, and service to the poor.

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THE FR. GEORGE F. RILEY, O.S.A. FUND FOR AUGUSTINIAN HEALTHCARE

FR. FRANCIS J. HORN, O.S.A.

As a member of the St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery community for the past ten years, I have had the privilege of sharing our Augustinian way of life with many of my brothers in the last months of their life or who have suffered serious health conditions. This would not have been possible were it not for the Health



Care Unit located on the second floor of the monastery, where our infirm and elderly friars receive round-the-clock care from our dedicated nursing staff. Some of the friars, as able, participate in daily Mass, liturgy of the hours, and meals with the larger community, while those who are more restricted know that their brothers are praying for them every day in chapel downstairs.

The Health Care Unit also serves as a temporary respite for friars who are recovering from medical or physical conditions. I personally experienced the excellent care provided by the staff recently as I transitioned from a lengthy stay in the hospital and rehab facility back to my regular room in the monastery.

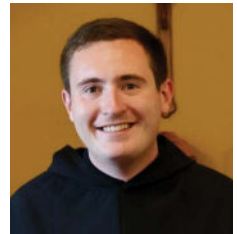
Providing quality healthcare for our friars is the largest expense faced by our Province. It is only with the generous support of our benefactors that this care can be offered in a setting where our brothers can continue to experience the blessings of religious life while exercising their own special ministry of prayer for others.

May God bless you abundantly for your ongoing support.

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BR. FRANK J. CONNOR, O.S.A.

We students in formation know that upon taking solemn vows we may be assigned to any of the wide variety of ministries of the Order of Saint Augustine. We know that we could be sent to foreign lands, to continue our studies, or be sent into any number of challenging pastoral situations. As a result, I think one of our primary concerns is whether or not we are prepared for such eventualities. We hope that we have the skills and education needed to serve the People of God in whatever role is assigned to us.



Fortunately, we have you, our faithful donors, who provide us the resources we need to be prepared to meet the varied needs of the Church. Your contributions enable not only our education in theology and philosophy—the intellectual foundation of our Augustinian life—but also workshops, retreats, research, and courses on Saint Augustine that bolster our spiritual lives and set us up to be more effective ministers. Your service to the Church in the form of your generous donations is what makes our service possible. For this, we are extremely grateful. We are aware that such generosity is also a sacrifice and a sign of your faith in the future of the Order. I pray that we always keep this in mind.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Augustinian formation and be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

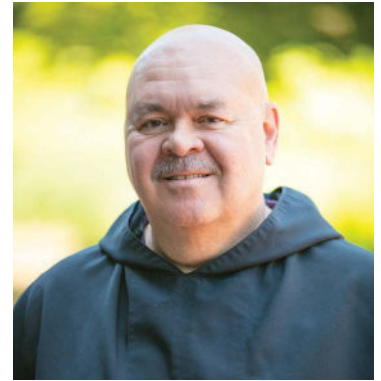
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THE FR. RICHARD D. APPICCI, O.S.A. ENDOWMENT FOR AUGUSTINIAN MISSIONS

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After his Resurrection, as Jesus was preparing to return to the Father, he gave his final commandment to the apostles: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt 28:19). For hundreds of years, Augustinian Friars have brought the message of Jesus through preaching and service to the needs of the people.

In 1796, Fr. Matthew Carr, O.S.A., an Irish Augustinian, traveled to the United States and began ministering as a missionary to the people of Philadelphia. As the Province celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, it can look proudly at the missionary work accomplished in its name. The friars had missions in Cuba with parishes, infirmaries, and the only Catholic university on the island. Soon after the end of the World War II, American friars set sail to war-ravaged Japan, landing in the bombed city of Nagasaki to begin a mission and the first Catholic school. The missionaries spread out to the cities of Tokyo, Fukuoka, and Nagoya. In 1964, we began to serve the needs of the people of northern Peru with parishes, schools, soup kitchens, and other services. In the late 1990s, our friars returned to the continent of Augustine and began a mission in South Africa, serving also the Zulu tribe with a school and parishes, which today is served by Augustinian Friars from Nigeria.



One thing all the missions have in common is gratitude for you, our supporters and benefactors. For no child could be educated, no person fed, no sacraments celebrated without our American benefactors. We thank you with all our hearts and prayers.

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On May 8, 2025, Fr. Jeremy Hiers, O.S.A., and I were sitting in the conference room at the provincial office going over the A.D.R.O.P. budget for the next fiscal year. As we reviewed our hopes and challenges, we were interrupted by someone down the hall who yelled twice, “There’s white smoke!” We both smiled, bowed our heads, and offered up a prayer.

I arrived home to the knowledge that Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A. would step out onto the balcony to deliver his first address as Pope Leo XIV. Overwhelmed with emotion and filled with possibility, I heard him touch on themes of peace, dialogue and unity. We are entering a time in the church when our leader is promoting the strength of community building and the healing of reconciliation, two of our primary goals as stated in the mission statement of A.D.R.O.P.

A.D.R.O.P. stands as a representation of Augustinian values in action. I want to thank you for your support in creating A.D.R.O.P. as it exists today and invite you to co-create our vision for the future.



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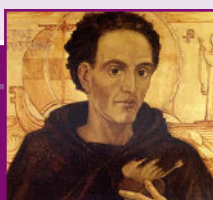
We join the Augustinian Order in honoring
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His life of service, grounded in scholarship, humility, and pastoral care, is a true reflection of the spirit of Saint Augustine.

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MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU,
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK.
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE,
THE RAINS FALL SOFT UPON YOUR FIELDS.
AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.



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God's blessings to the
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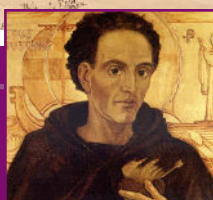
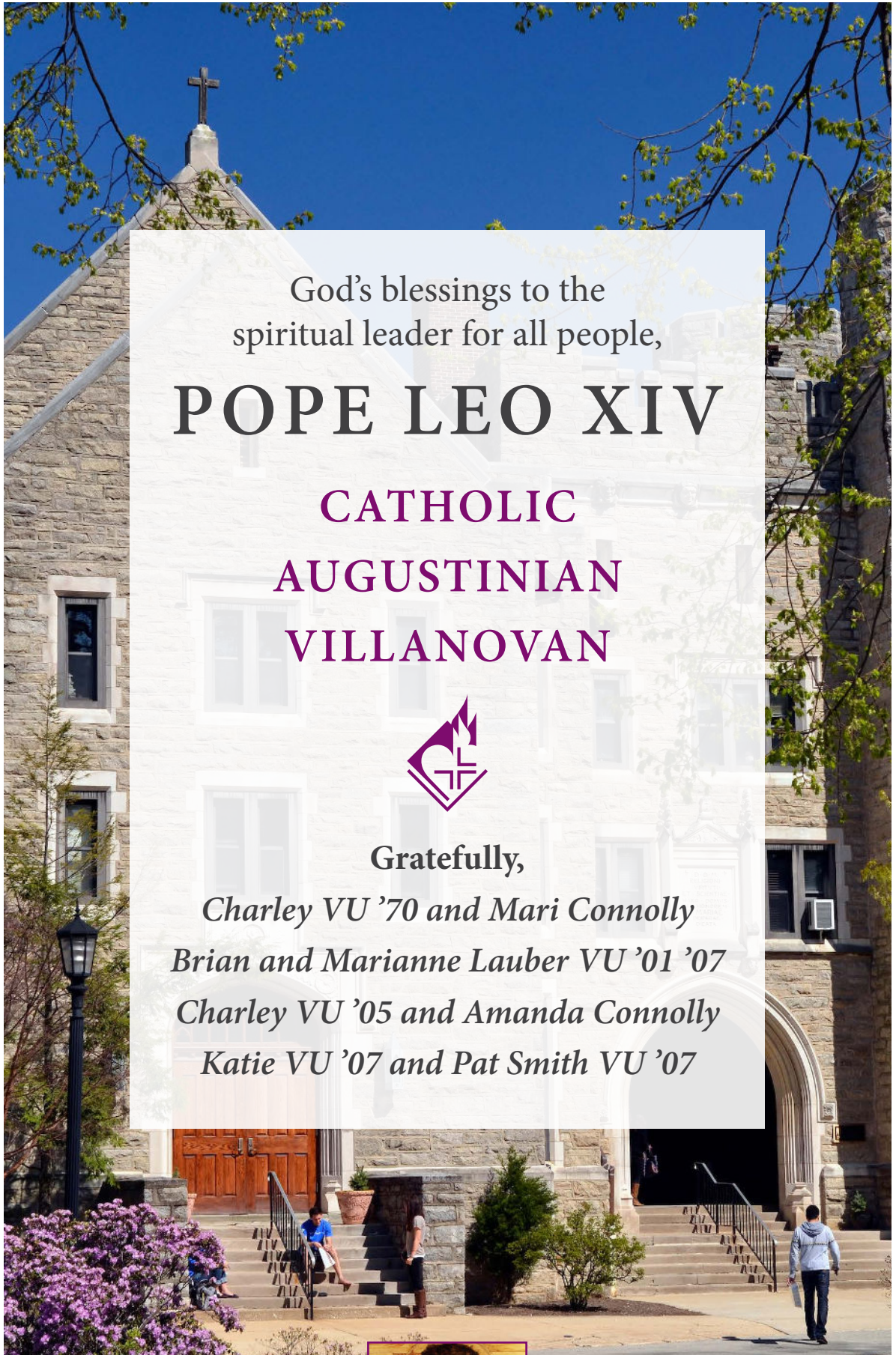
Gratefully,

Charley VU '70 and Mari Connolly

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Katie VU '07 and Pat Smith VU '07



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Congratulations

to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV,
Saint Augustine Medal Recipient

We are grateful that your papal leadership
will be shaped by your Augustinian
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May God bless you and keep you in good health
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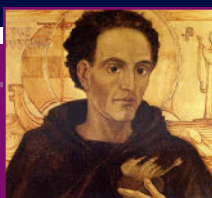
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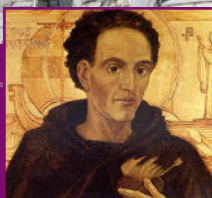
– the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA,
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Pope Leo XIV,
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Wishing our Villanova classmate

Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

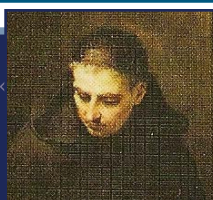
Many happy years of serving our
Mother Church and all her children.



"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care,
watching over them—not because you must, but
because you are willing, as God wants you to be."

1 Peter 5:2-3

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With joy and gratitude,
we celebrate

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

recipient of the Saint
Augustine Medal,
whose life and ministry
reflect the wisdom,
compassion, and unity
at the heart of the
Augustinian tradition.

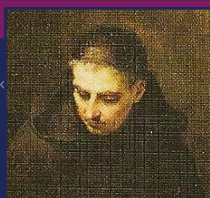
In honoring him, we give thanks for all those who have
witnessed to that same spirit —
especially our brother,

Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A., Servant of God,

whose courage, faith, and quiet holiness
continue to guide and inspire.

May Pope Leo's leadership strengthen the Church
and renew the world.

*Betty Atkinson Harvey & Phil Harvey
Joan Atkinson Mullen & John Mullen*



In the One, we are one

Merrimack College offers congratulations and joyful prayers to His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, the first American and Augustinian pontiff, as well as the recipient of the 2025 Saint Augustine Medal.

Pope Leo XIV's papal motto, "In Illo Uno Unum," a Latin phrase meaning "In the One, we are one," is drawn from a sermon by Saint Augustine on the Psalms. It expresses the belief that though Christians are many, they are united as one in Christ.

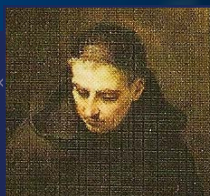
This motto reflects the values Pope Leo has lived by—a deep commitment to community and a dedication to building bridges within the Church and throughout the world.

As one of the only two Augustinian colleges in the United States, Merrimack was honored to welcome in 2005, then the Rev. Robert F. Prevost, O.S.A., as Prior General of the Augustinians to its campus and present him with an honorary degree in Augustinian Education.

Congratulations to the 2025
Saint Augustine Medal Recipient and
first Augustinian pontiff, Pope Leo XIV



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With gratitude and blessings,

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*proudly honors the legacy
and leadership of*

POPE LEO XIV

on the occasion of the

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*May his unwavering faith,
compassion, and service continue
to inspire generations to come.*

GO CATS!



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With deep respect and joyful hearts, we congratulate

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

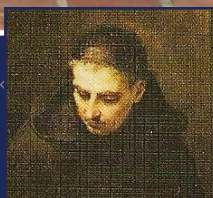
on receiving the Saint Augustine Medal.

His lifelong commitment to justice, mercy,
and the dignity of every person
reflects the Gospel call to serve “the least of these.”

We are especially grateful for his devotion
to the poor and marginalized —
a witness that inspires us and challenges us daily.

May his voice continue to call the Church to
compassion, and the world to justice.

Susan and Andrew Di Loreto



*In loving memory of Dr. Vincent Parisi, Sr.
Villanova, Class of 1954*



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EXTENDS ITS SINCERE
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GOD BLESS YOU.

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In Celebration of Our New Holy Father

The MacDonald family would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, as he begins his sacred ministry. We join millions around the world in prayer for his guidance, strength, and grace.

In honor of this joyous occasion, the MacDonald family invites you to support Siloam — a nonprofit that provides vital and deeply compassionate services for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS in Philadelphia, the tri-state area, and beyond.

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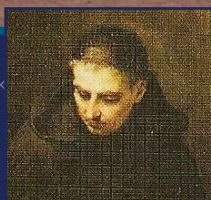
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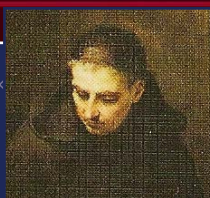


Congratulations and many blessings to
HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV,
Recipient of the 2025 St. Augustine Medal.



We support with gratitude all the Augustinians who
have dedicated their lives to Christ's call to serve
His People with love, mercy and justice.

*Sue and Eustace Mita
and Family*





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CONGRATULATIONS TO
POPE LEO XIV.

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With love for the Augustinian family and in joyful tribute to our uncle,
Servant of God Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A.,
we offer heartfelt congratulations to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on receiving the Saint Augustine Medal, and we give thanks for a shepherd whose life and leadership reflect the compassion, wisdom, and unity so central to the Augustinian tradition.

We are especially grateful to Prior Provincial Fr. Robert P. Hagan, O.S.A., and the entire Province of St. Thomas of Villanova for honoring Pope Leo in this meaningful way.

Ad multos annos, Holy Father.

*Colleen and Tom Tegler & Family
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Congratulations

2025 Saint Augustine Medal Awardee

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

*and the Order of St. Augustine for their commitment
to the values of Truth, Unity and Charity.*



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*“Where there is charity there
is peace, and where there is
humility there is charity.”*

– Saint Augustine





MICHAEL M. GAYNOR

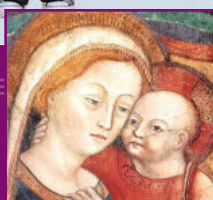
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The Michael M. Gaynor LEVEL Forward Scholarship provides supplemental financial support to full-time undergraduate students served by Villanova's Office for Access and Disability Services. Named in honor of Michael M. Gaynor, a beloved leader whose four-decade legacy helped shape Villanova into a nationally recognized Catholic university, the scholarship reflects his deep belief in opportunity, inclusion, and the power of community.

This endowed scholarship shares a name with LEVEL, a student-led group that fosters connection, advocacy, and inclusion for students with disabilities. LEVEL helps shape students' undergraduate journey, providing friendship, guidance, and opportunities to lead—not just academically, but socially as well.

While directed toward tuition support, the scholarship recognizes that many families face added costs like medical equipment, transportation, or personal care. By easing tuition burdens, the Gaynor Scholarship offers greater flexibility, helping students and families fully participate in the Villanova experience. It also supports a key priority of *Espiritus Nova*: The Campaign for Villanova University—expanding access and opportunity for all deserving students.

Help carry forward Michael Gaynor's legacy
and honor his memory – **LEVEL Forward!**

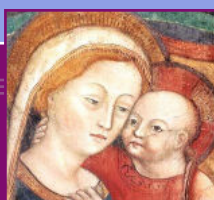


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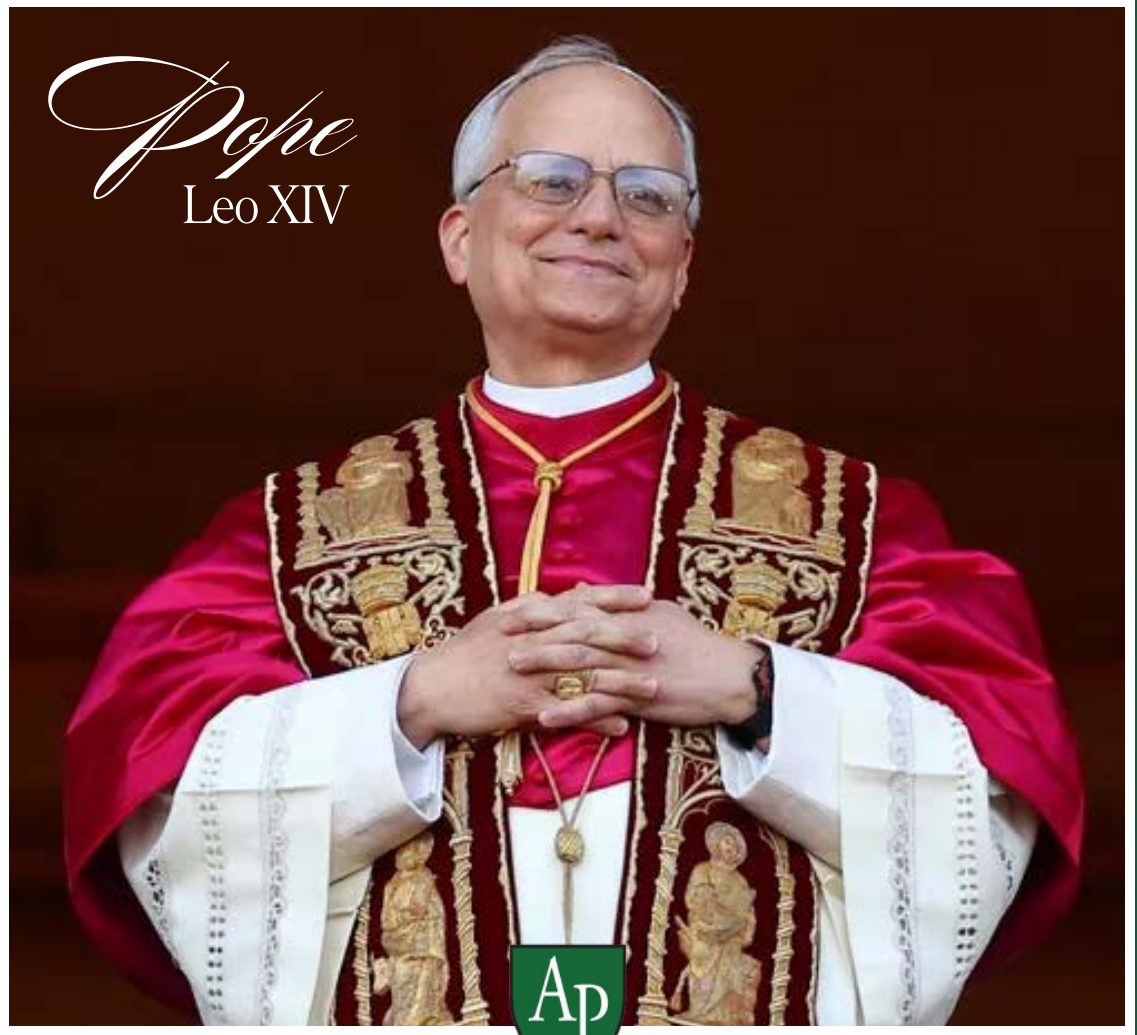


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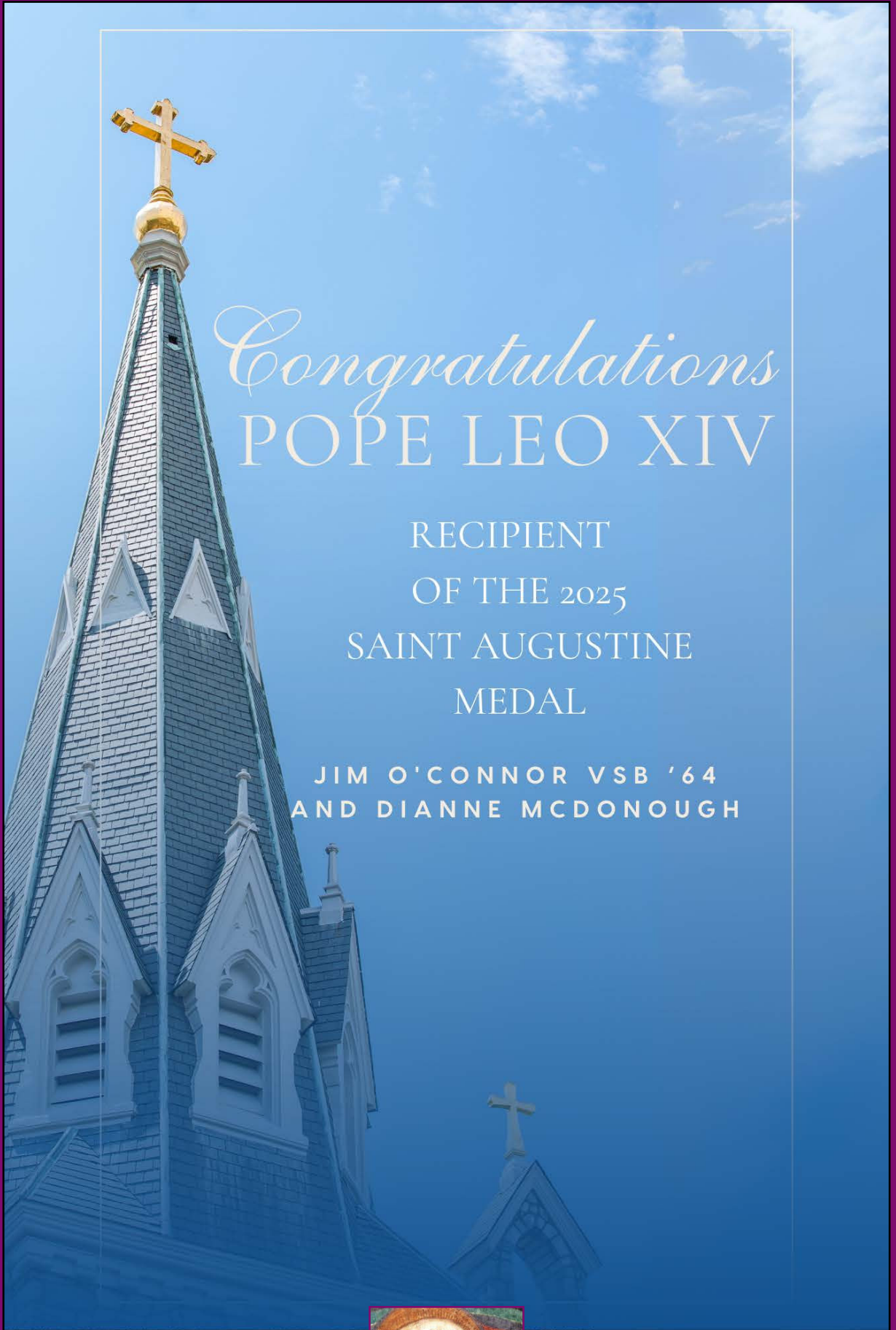
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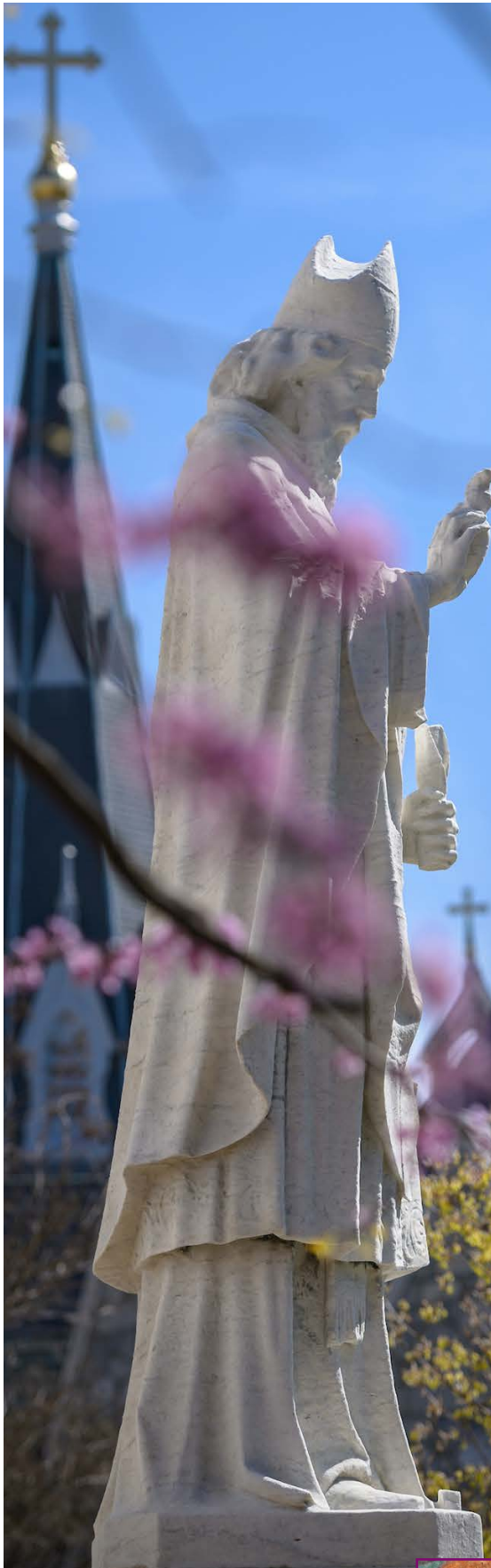


Congratulations
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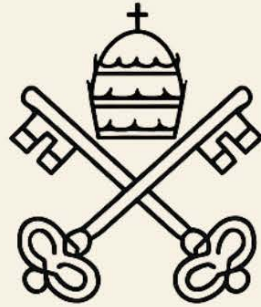
Barbara Wall



"Anyone who, with me, makes even a cursory examination of human affairs and our common human nature will realize how sweet peace is. For, just as there is no one who does not wish to have joy, neither is there anyone who does not wish to have peace... Anyone who knows enough to prefer right to wrong and the well-ordered to the perverse sees that, in comparison to the peace of the just, the peace of the unjust ought not to be called peace at all."

*St. Augustine, City of God,
Book 19, Chapter 12*





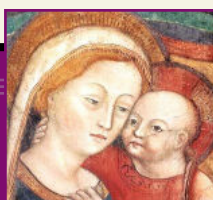
“I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”

Jeremiah 3:15

With heartfelt appreciation for
the Augustinian Friars,
whose lives reflect Christ’s call
to serve and shepherd.

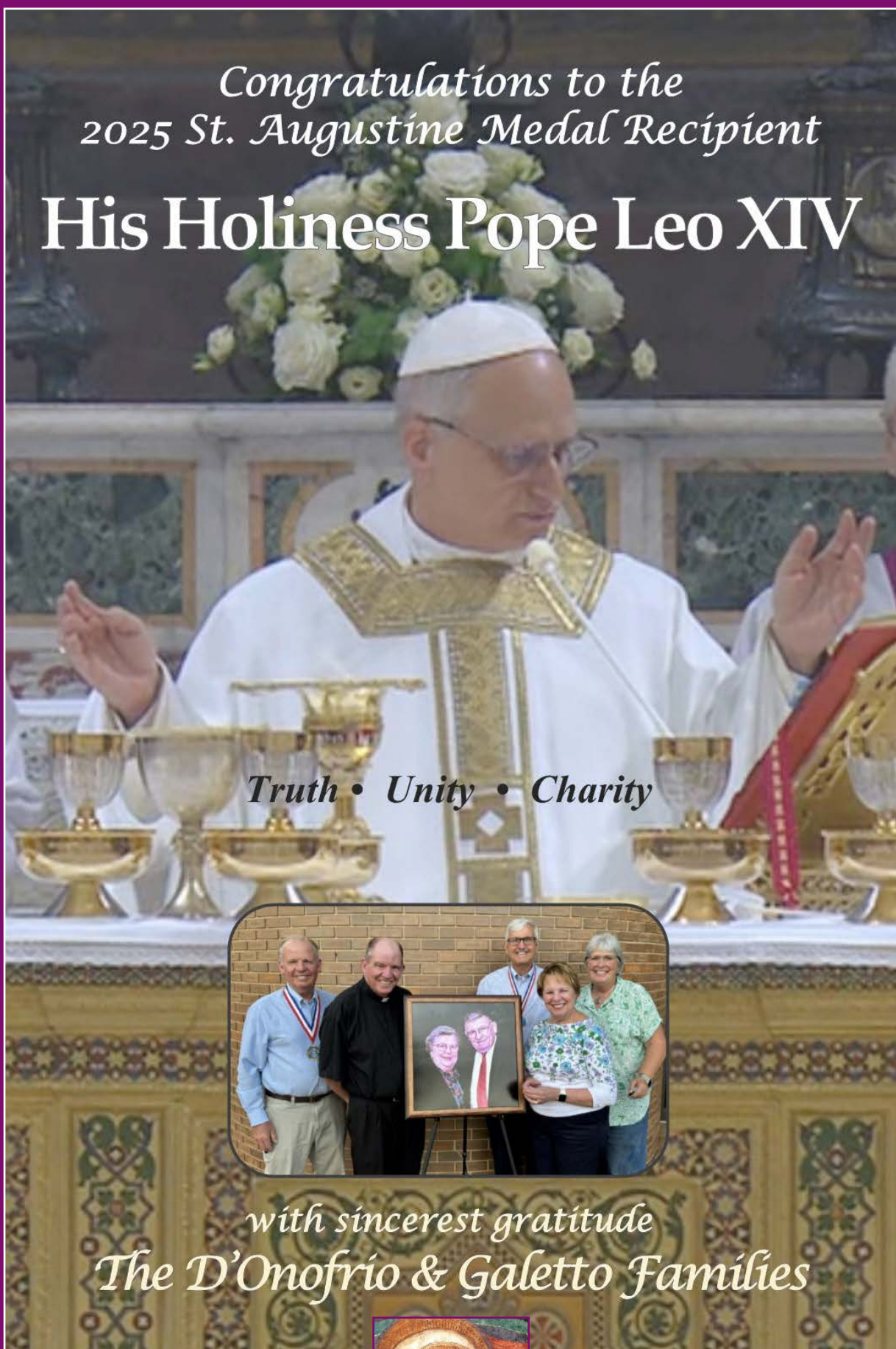
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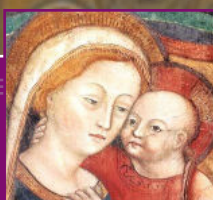
His Holiness Pope Leo XIV



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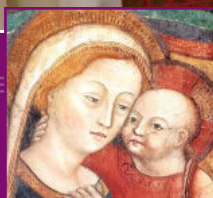
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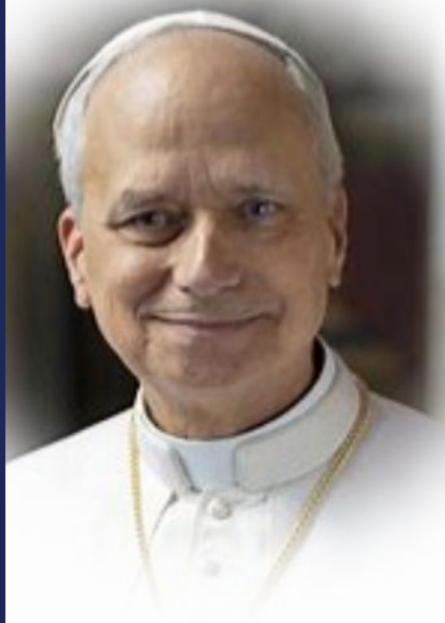
to care for the poor and

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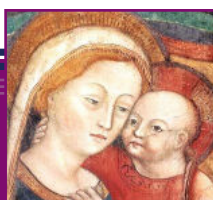


Congratulations!

The parish community of Our Mother of Good Counsel and the Augustinian community of Bryn Mawr, PA, extends our warmest congratulations to Pope Leo XIV, on receiving the prestigious St. Augustine Medal from the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

This remarkable achievement not only highlights his personal contributions, but also serves to inspire a renewed dedication to the values embodied by Saint Augustine.

We continue to pray as a parish community for Pope Leo XIV. May he be guided by the holy spirit and the intercession of St. Augustine to be a true shepherd of the people of God.

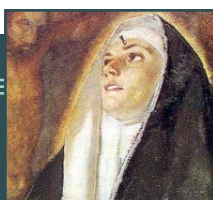
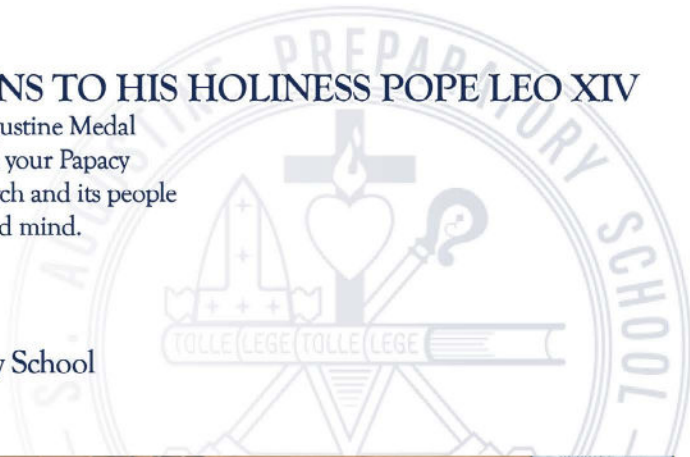




CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

Recipient of the 2025 Saint Augustine Medal
Wishing you God's Blessings on your Papacy
May you lead the Catholic Church and its people
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Rose Marie Davis, Trustee
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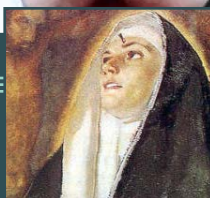
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POPE LEO XIV

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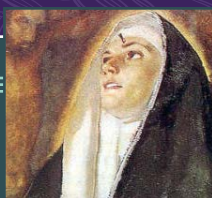
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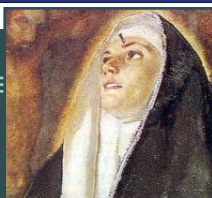
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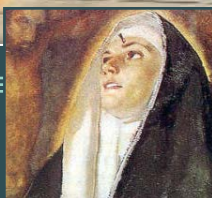


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Abundant blessings to Pope Leo XIV,
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May our Augustinian values of
Veritas, Unitas, and Caritas
Be a guiding force as you
Strive to bring peace and unity
In service to the Church and God's people.

Marianne and Richard (Villanova '83) Kreider



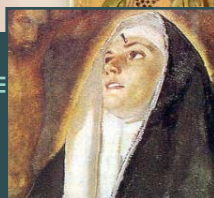
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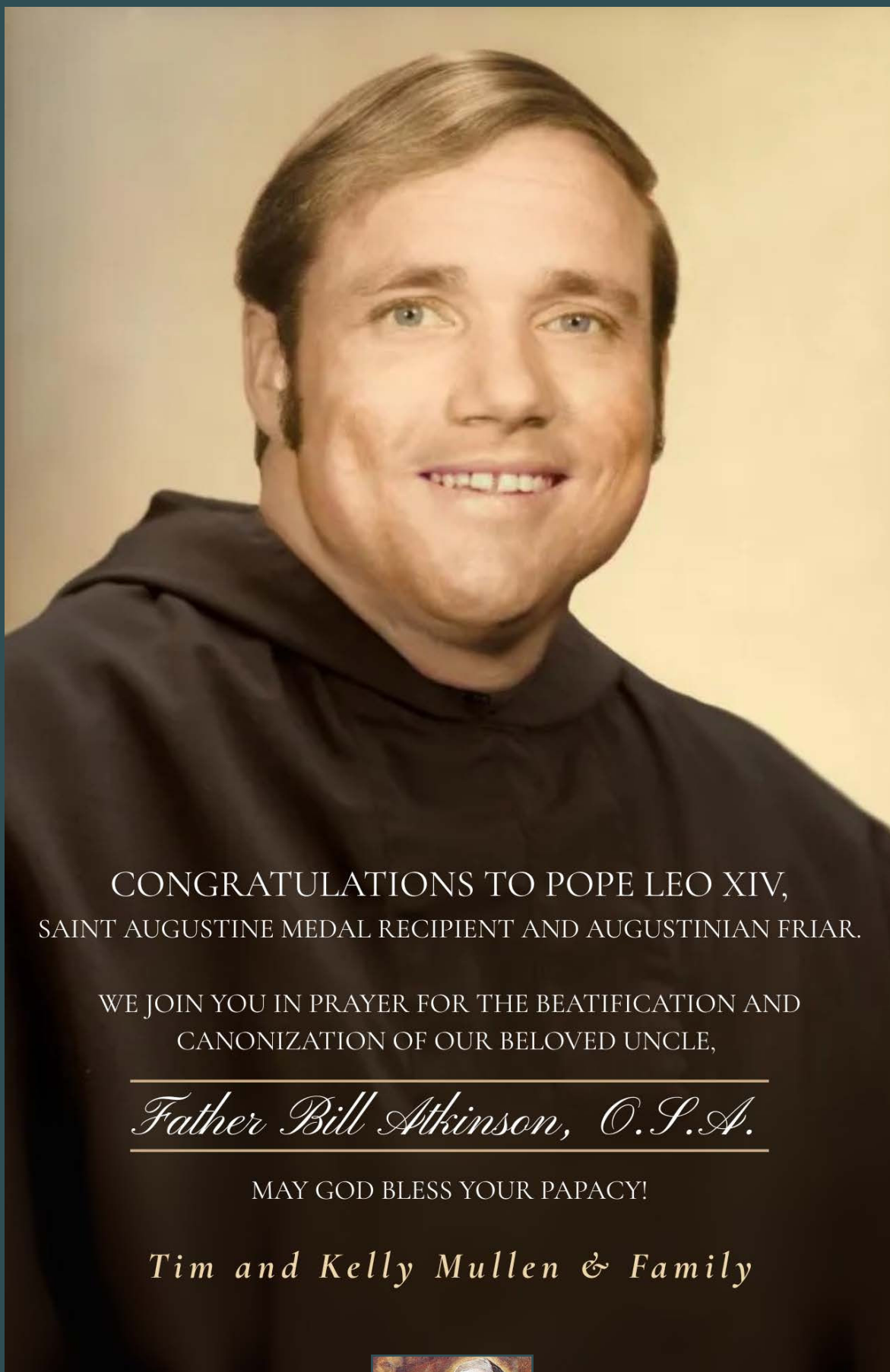
POPE LEO XIV

Hearfelt blessings as you lead
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May your papacy be blessed with
good health and the strength of mind and
spirit as you shepherd your flock.

Our prayers are with you.





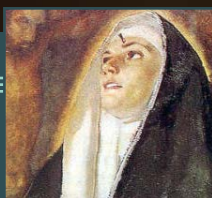
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WE JOIN YOU IN PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION AND
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Father Bill Atkinson, O.P.A.

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR PAPACY!

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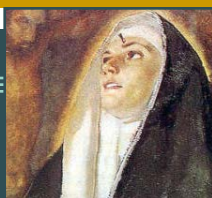
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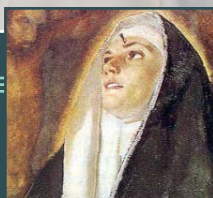
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A heartfelt tribute to Pope Leo XIV, whose receipt of the Saint Augustine Medal underscores his remarkable contributions and lasting impact on faith and community. We look forward to his spiritual leadership and guidance.

Judy and Pat Welde





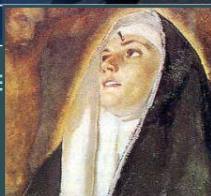
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Truth, Unity, and Love.*

Patty and Jay Wright & Family





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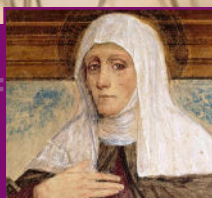
Congratulations

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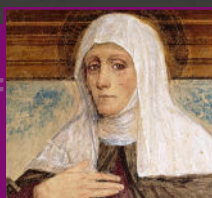
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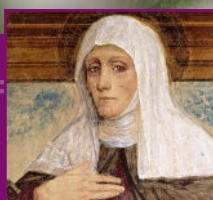
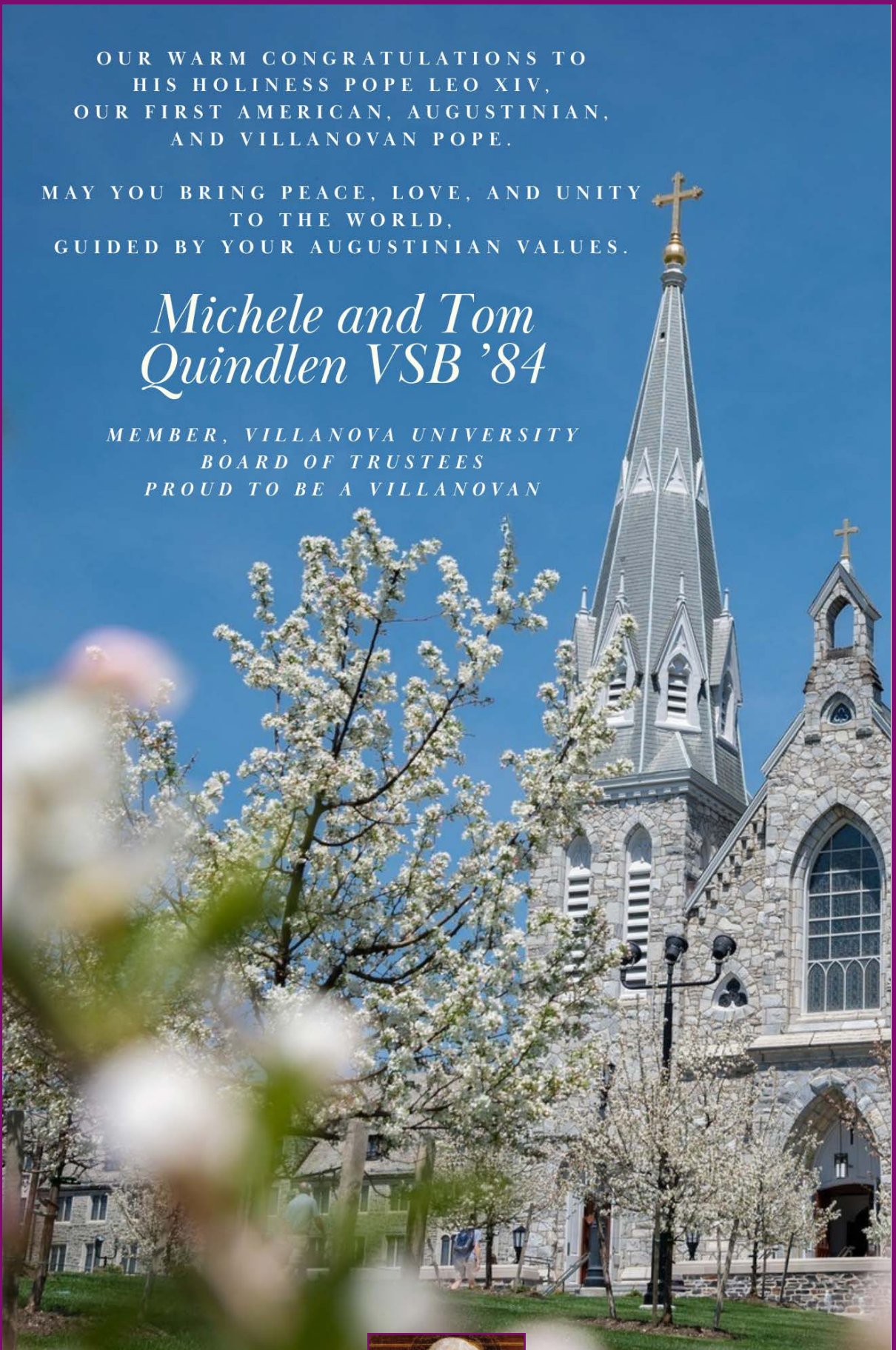
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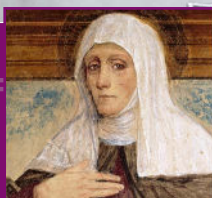
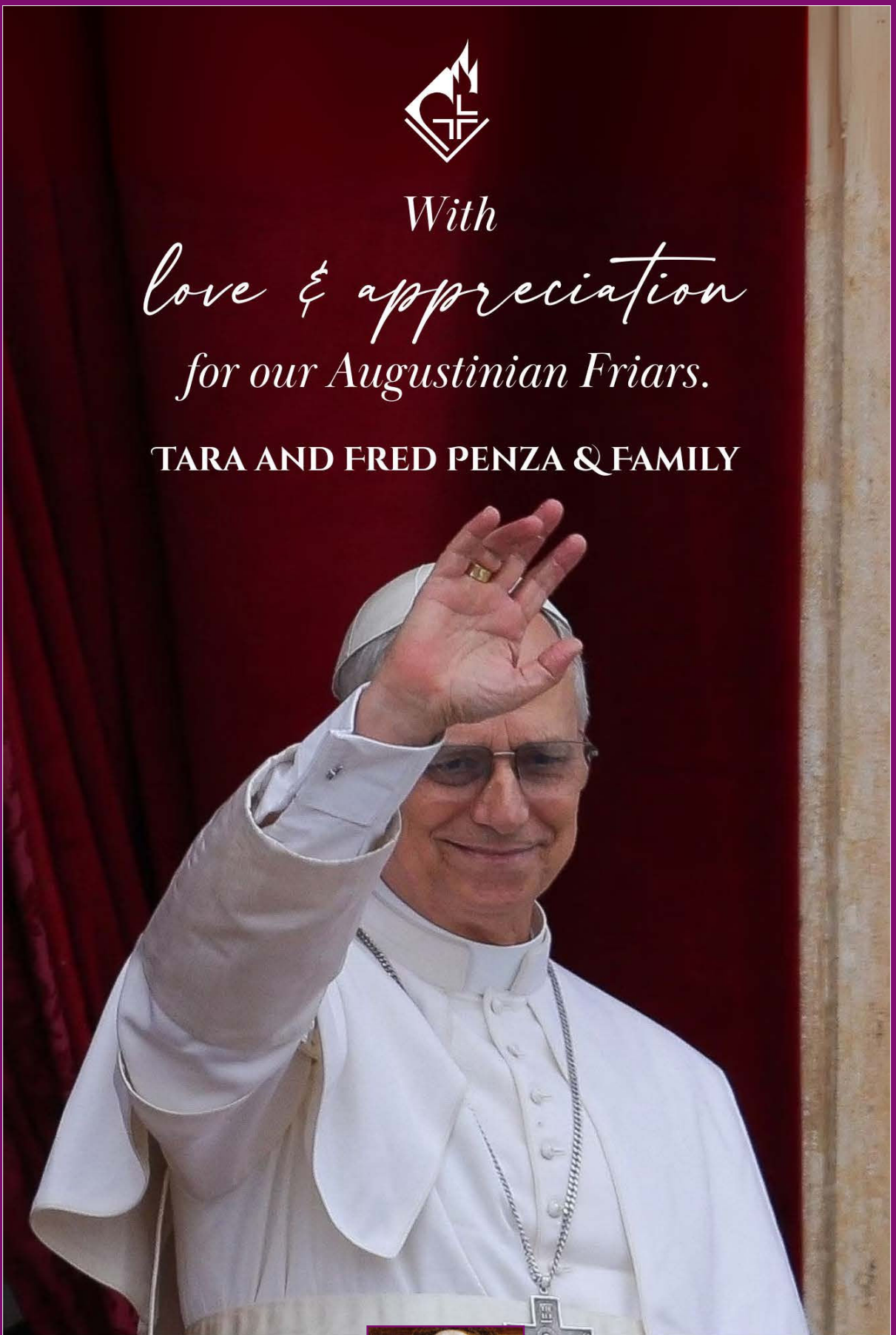


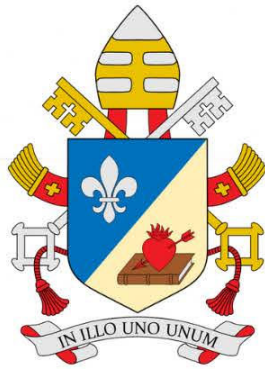
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We congratulate His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on his election as Pontiff and new head of the Roman Catholic Church. We pray that his papacy will be a deep spiritual encouragement not only to our beloved Augustinian friends including Father Rob Hagan, O.S.A. but also to all American Catholics and all Catholic faithful the world over.

May the Lord grant Pope Leo XIV abundant blessings, health, and divine wisdom as he shepherds his flock, and may the light of Christ shine through him in all he does, bringing hope to all people and Glory to God.

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Dear Augustinians,

On behalf of our family, we would like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for the entire Augustinian community. Your collective impact on our lives is immeasurable.

We are especially grateful for Fr. Shawn Tracy, O.S.A., who befriended fellow seminarian Bill Dolan in 1959. As Shawn and Bill's friendship grew, opportunities arose for Bill to meet the Tracy family, who resided near the Augustinian College in Washington, DC. It was during these visits that Bill met Shawn's sister, and soon realized his calling was to the vocation of marriage. Bill exchanged his 7 years of seminary life for 7 sons with his true love, Marion Eve (Tracy). Together they built a life of unwavering commitment to faith, family, and community.

To his final breath, Bill found spiritual direction from the Augustinians. When it was time to return home to the Lord, Shawn was again by Bill's side, praying with and anointing his friend and brother-in-law.

Countless Augustinians have come into our lives through their ministry at Msgr. Bonner High School and Villanova University. You helped build our foundations of faith through your words and example. You celebrated our christenings, confirmations, and marriages, and those of our children. In the Dolan and Foster families, that comes to 14 weddings and 29 baptisms... and counting!

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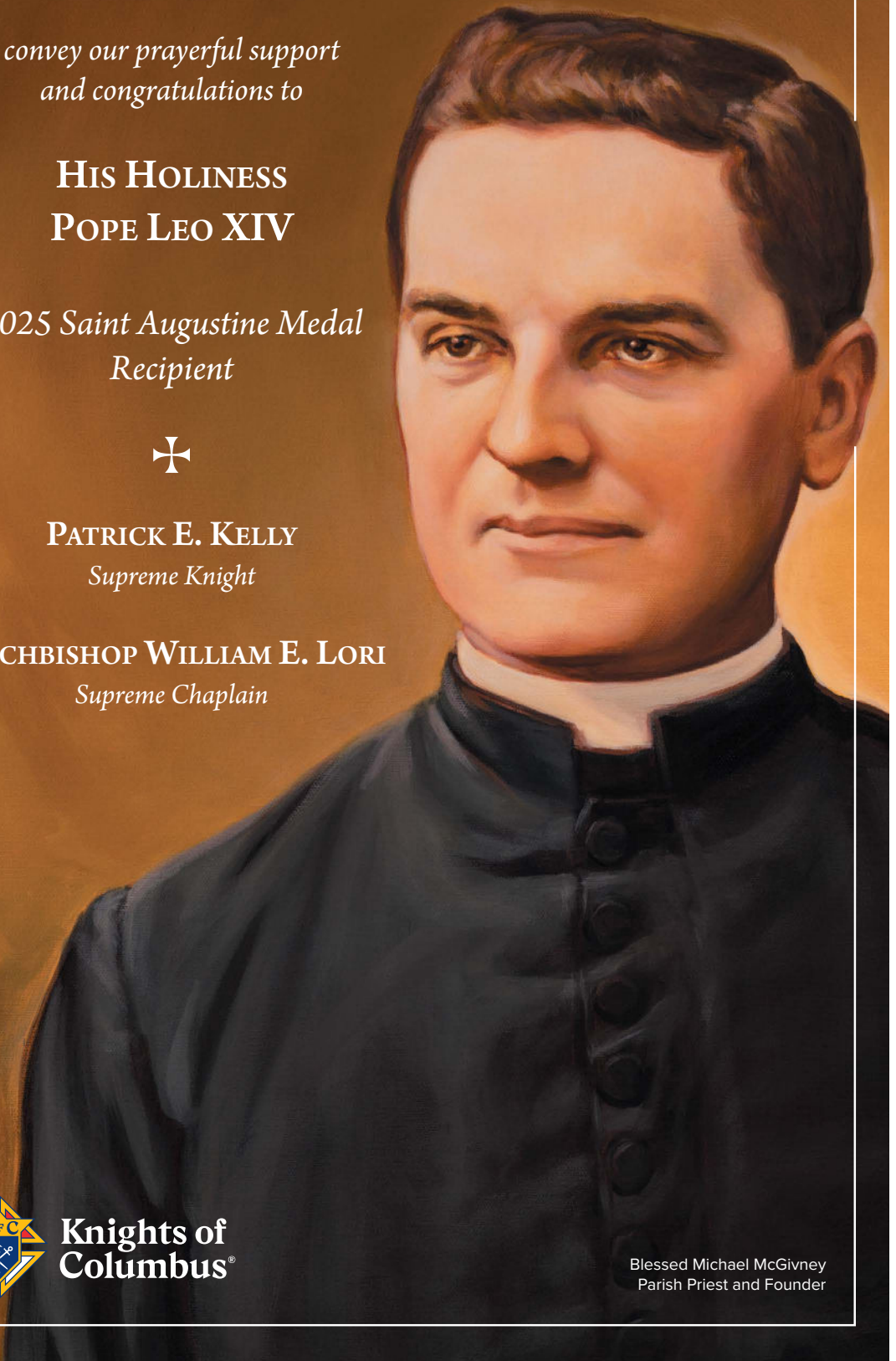
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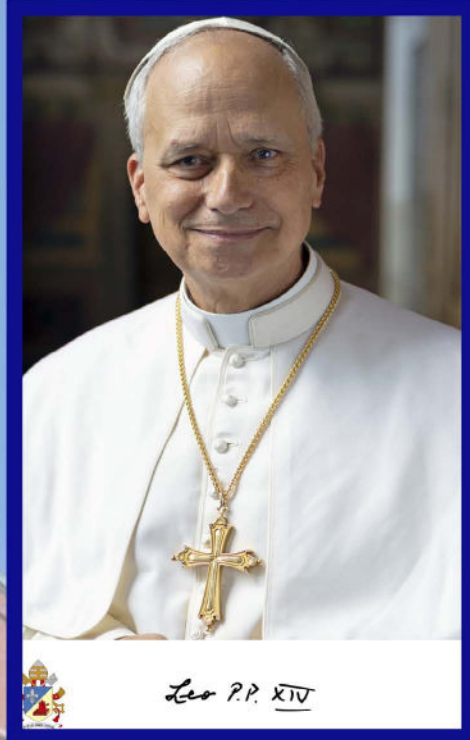
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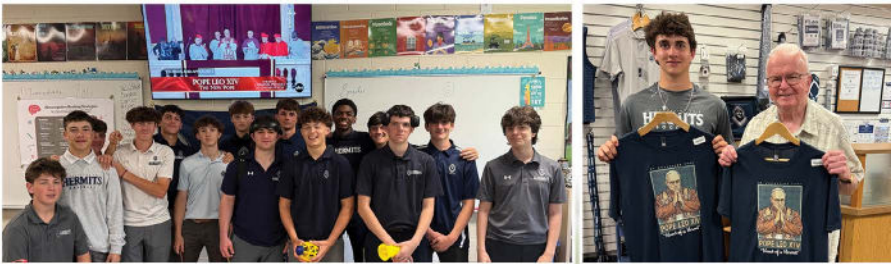
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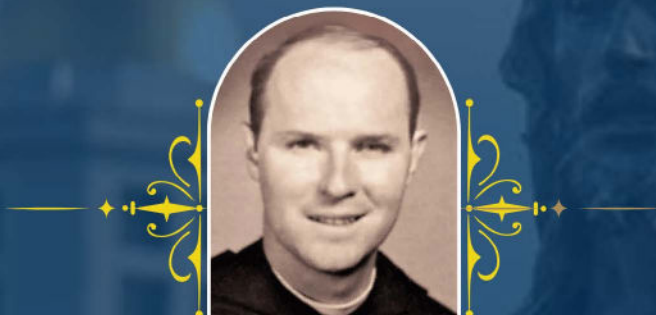
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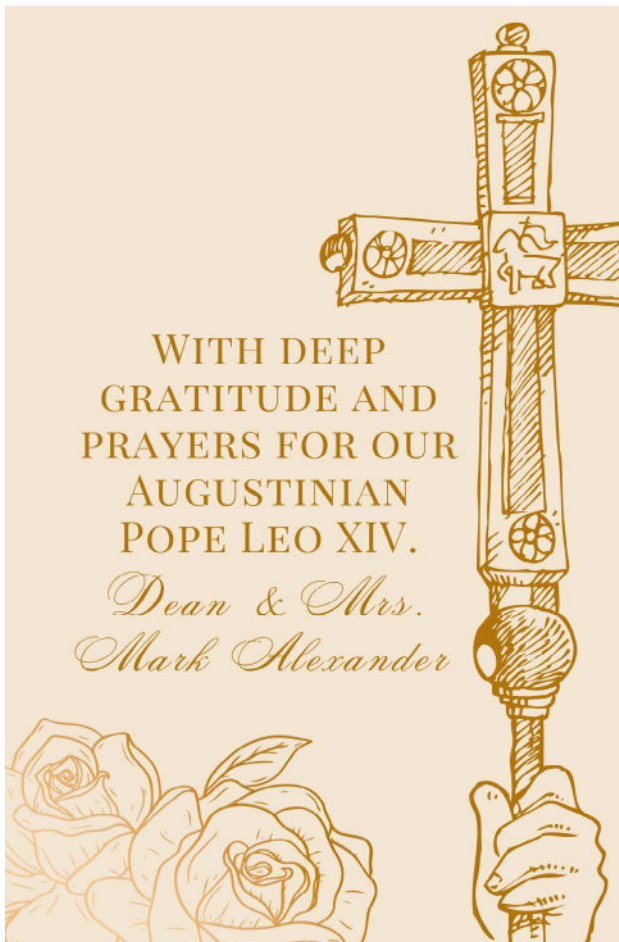
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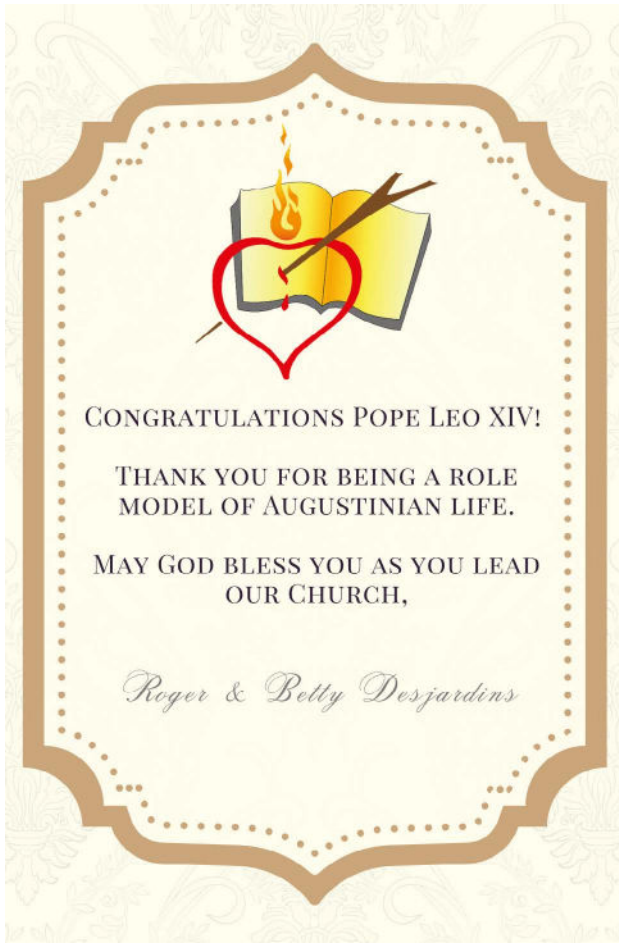
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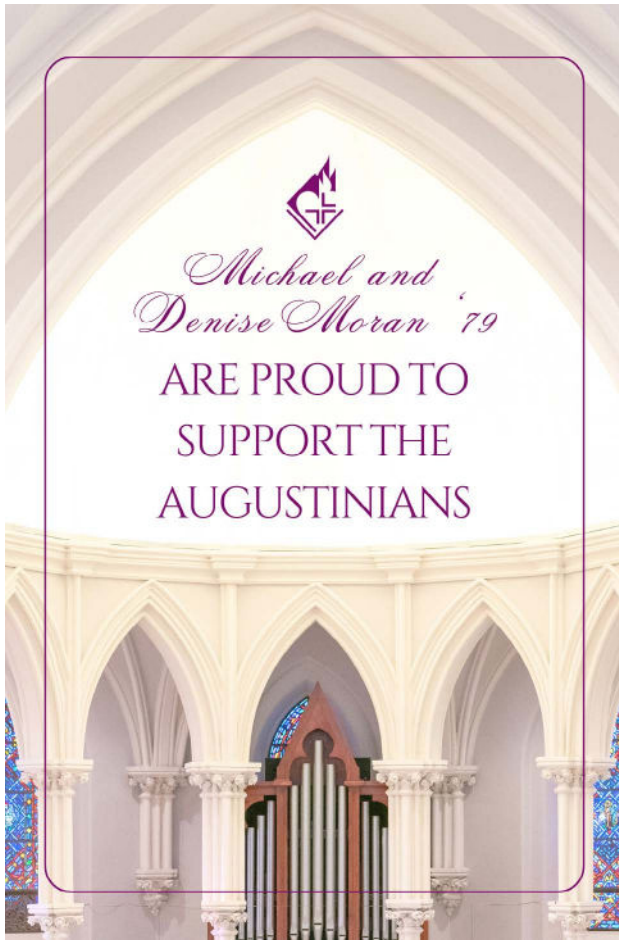




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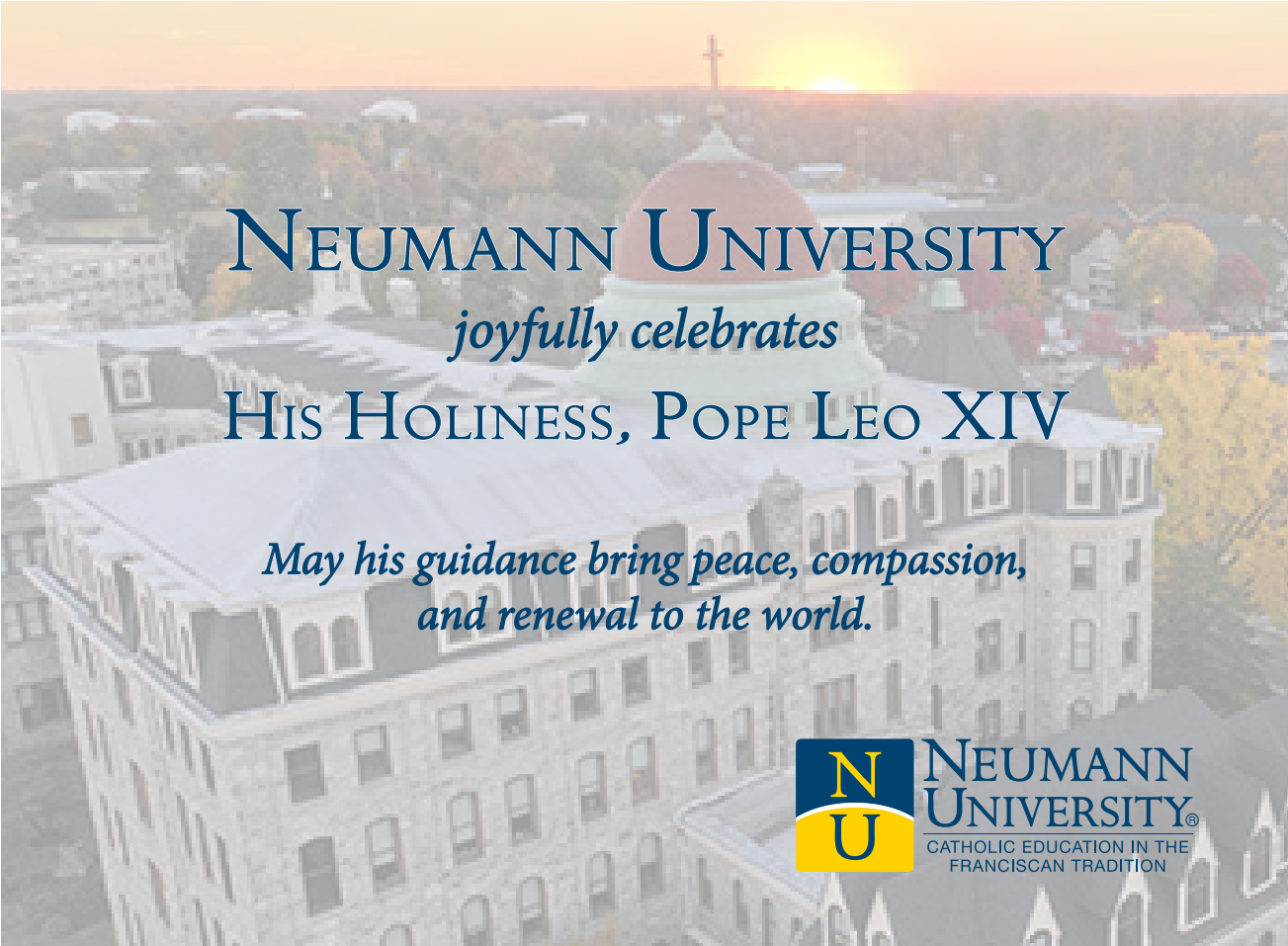
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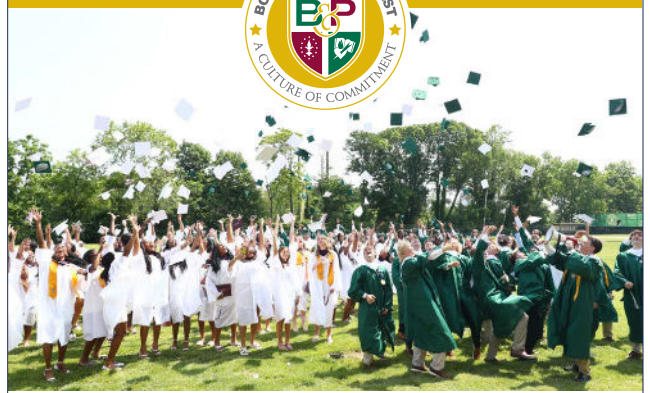
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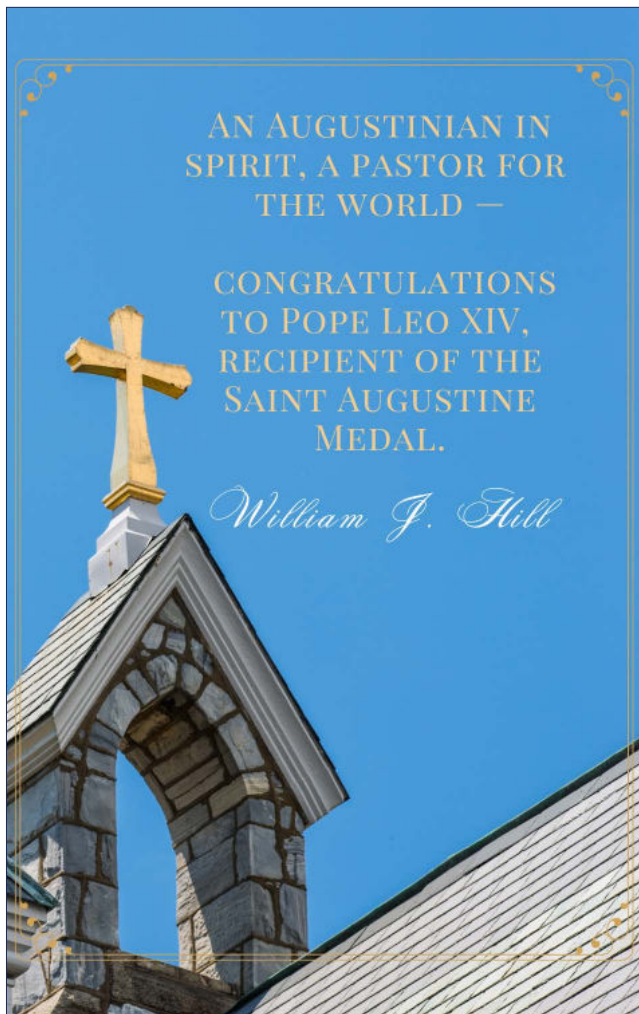
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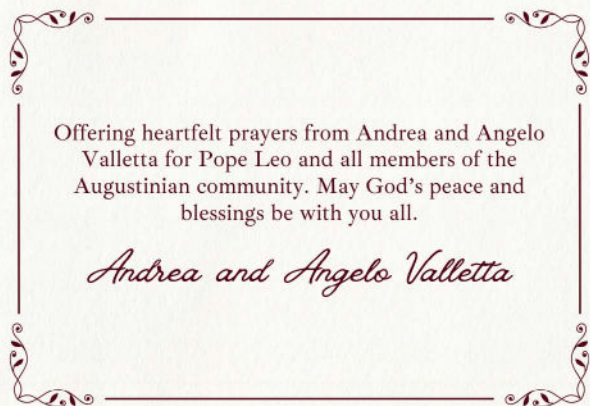
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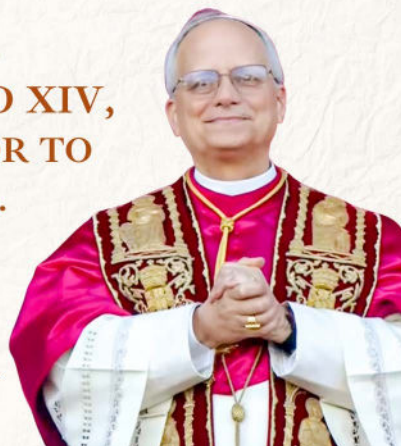


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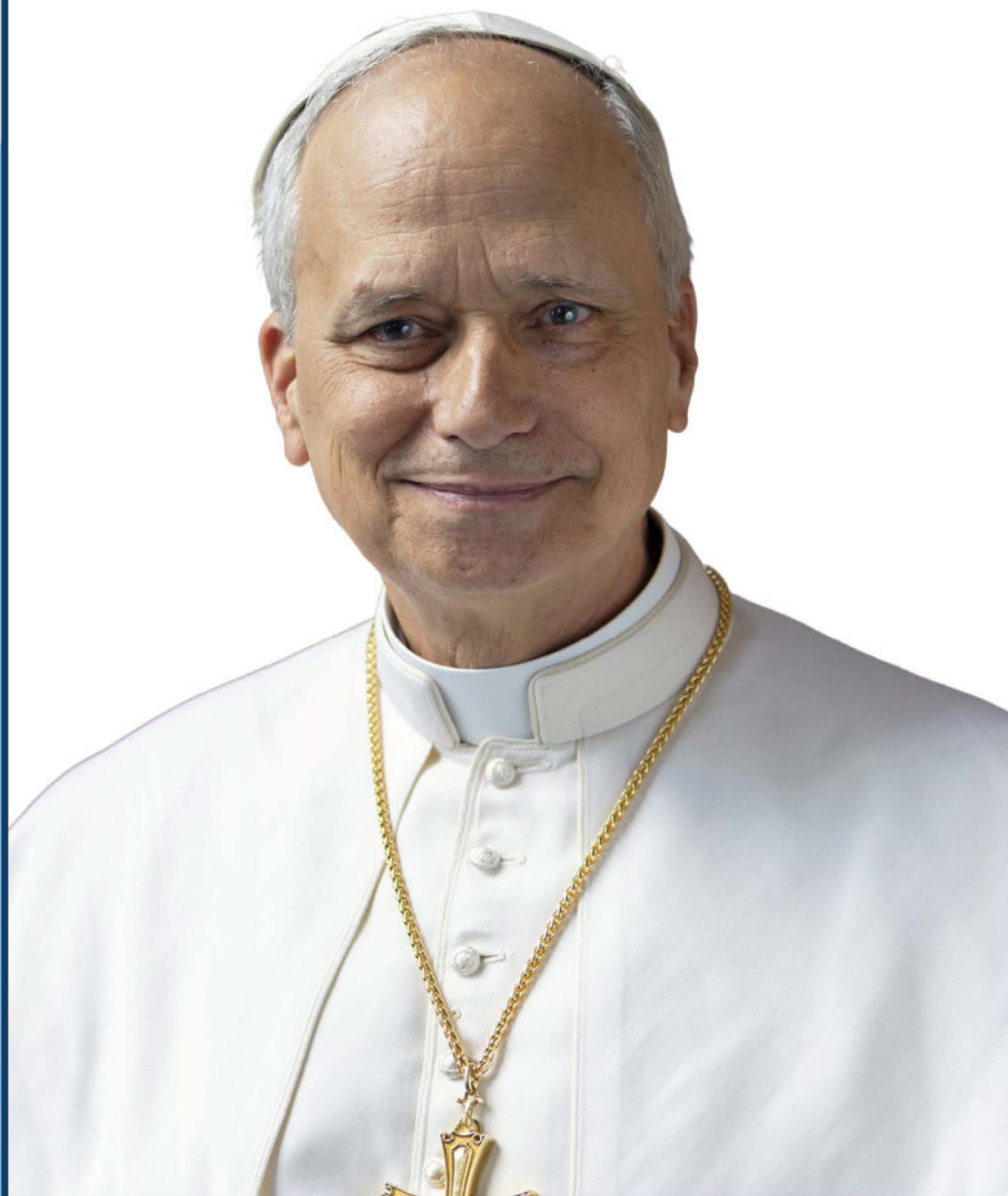
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