



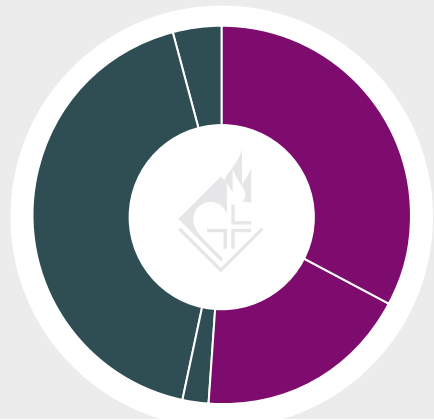
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Province of St. Thomas of Villanova



2025-2026

GRATITUDE REPORT
ONE GIFT, IMMEASURABLE BLESSINGS

FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 HIGHLIGHTS



REVENUE: \$9,830,348

ADVANCEMENT INCOME:

\$3,227,115 | Augustinian Fund

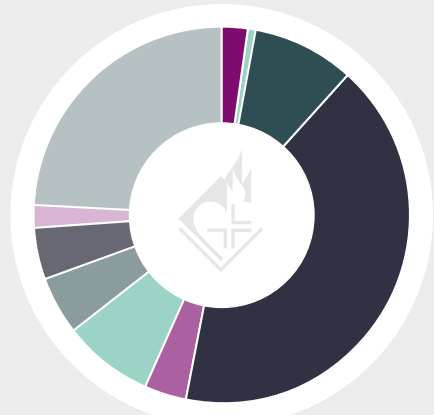
\$1,812,064 | Restricted Gifts

OTHER REVENUE:

\$230,809 | Bequests

\$4,163,219 | Provincial Fund Contributions

\$397,141 | Other Income



EXPENSES: \$8,096,566

\$184,553 | Pastoral

\$57,076 | Education

\$703,348 | Health Insurance

\$3,353,325 | Healthcare

\$300,042 | Ministry and Donations

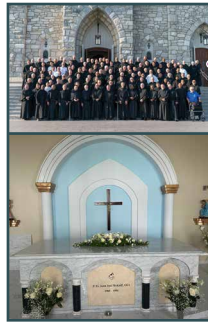
\$634,723 | Auxiliary Activities

\$390,771 | Formation and Vocation

\$360,142 | Fundraising Expense

\$161,502 | Restricted Fund Expense

\$1,951,084 | General & Administrative



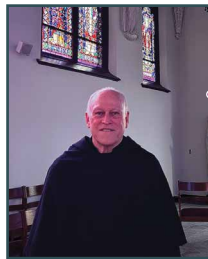
June 2025:

Friars from all three American provinces gather for convocation from June 9-13. Servant of God Fr. John McKniff, O.S.A., is reinterred in Chulucanas, Peru, where he served for so long.



August 2025:

Almost 700 people gather for a Mass of Thanksgiving and a dinner celebrating Pope Leo's acceptance of the Saint Augustine Medal.



September 2025:

Our Province's own Fr. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., is elected prior general of the Augustinian Order worldwide.



October 2025:

Fr. Art Purcaro, O.S.A., participates in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's celebration of World Mission Sunday, a day of prayer, reflection, and sacrificial giving for the missions.



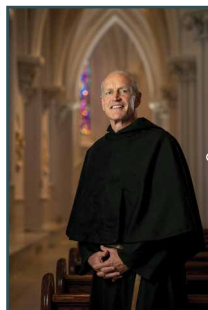
November 2025:

The Augustinians in the World Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Augustinian Curia, visits the Province and Villanova University.



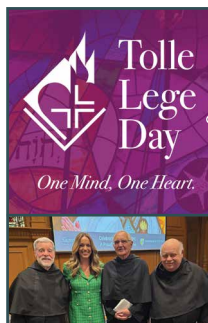
December 2025:

A year-long webinar series about St. Augustine's *Confessions*, sponsored by the Lay Augustinians, comes to a successful close. Almost 300 people from over a dozen countries registered for the series.



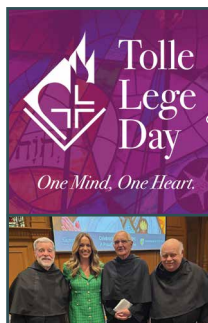
January 2026:

Province friars travel to Peru to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Trujillo formation house, whose construction and opening were supervised by Pope Leo during his time in the country.



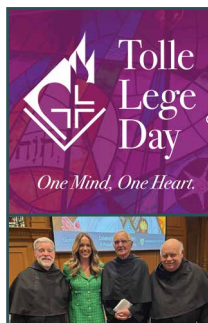
February 2026:

Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A., is reelected prior provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova for a second four-year term.



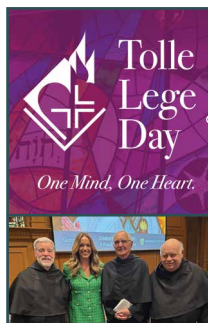
March 2026:

The Province's advancement and communications staff attend the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia's annual Women in Philanthropy luncheon.



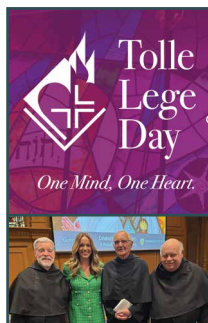
April 2026:

The Province raises almost one million dollars from over 1,200 donors during its sixth annual Tolle Lege Day. Friars and friends gather in Andover, Mass., for an evening discussion about Pope Leo and his Augustinian roots.



May 2026:

Golfers hit the links at Applebrook Golf Club for the third Friends of the Augustinians Golf Outing.



DEAR FRIENDS OF THE AUGUSTINIANS,

“Thank you” doesn’t begin to express how appreciative I am for the generosity of the thousands of supporters who donated so generously this year in support of the friars’ way of life and ministries.

Our year began with the privilege of honoring our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV with the Province’s Saint Augustine Medal. Almost 700 friends joined us at the Union League in Philadelphia, which was preceded by a beautiful Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Augustine in St. Augustine Church, the Order’s first foundation in the United States. Through the generosity of many, this event raised over \$1,000,000 for the Augustinian Fund.

We ended our fiscal year with a record-breaking Tolle Lege Day, when over 1,200 donors contributed almost \$1,000,000. It was truly a day where we came together with one mind and heart to support the Augustinian Friars. The love and kindness received on this day was overwhelming and humbling. I am grateful to everyone who contributed, and especially to our Tolle Lege Day Ambassadors, who made this success possible.

I can’t help but think we are experiencing a Pope Leo effect in our fundraising. This Son of Augustine has brought such awareness to our Order. The world is enamored with him and curious about his Augustinian formation as they see it played out on the world stage in his papacy. The Pope Leo effect has also resulted in an increase in those discerning a vocation with us. God bless Pope Leo for helping us to ensure a strong presence of friars in our schools and parishes!

I hope you enjoy reading the highlights of our fundraising year in this Gratitude Report. I thank you for your investment in our mission, our charisma, and in the friars who—like Pope Leo—continue to spread the Gospel news and the teachings of St. Augustine. May God bless you and keep you in good health.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Madonna Sutter, *Director of Advancement & Communications*



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

MARY ELLEN MAGGITT

by Madonna Sutter

Mary Ellen Maggitti has devoted her time, talent, and treasure to the Augustinians for almost thirty years. She first encountered the Order through family who attended Villanova University but truly became involved when her son, Victor, went to Malvern Preparatory School. Her family gifted the beautiful statue of Augustine the Teacher at the school’s entrance, working closely with President Fr. David Duffy, O.S.A., and the other Malvern friars along with Head of School Jim Stewart in the design and construction of the statue, which was dedicated in 2001.

Upon becoming Prior Provincial, Fr. Donald Reilly, O.S.A., invited Mary Ellen to serve on the Province’s inaugural Development Council in 2006. The council was tasked with creating the Province’s first organized fundraising structure and raising money for the care of our elderly and infirm friars, formation of new members to the Order, and the friars’ ministries. The core of what would become the Province’s advancement program began under Mary Ellen’s leadership while on the Council. She created the first Province website and a newsletter which would later become the Province’s magazine, initiated events to engage others, and helped to launch the Augustinian Fund. After seven years of faithful service, Mary Ellen resigned from the council to serve as board chair at the Academy of Notre Dame in Villanova, where her two daughters and four granddaughters attended. In 2016, then-Prior Provincial Michael DiGregorio, O.S.A., invited Mary Ellen to serve as the first emerita member of the Advancement Council, which she graciously accepted.

In 2022, Mary Ellen came to work for the Province as assistant director of advancement services. She is the utmost professional: dedicated, hardworking, and committed to advancing the mission of the Augustinians. She has implemented countless policies and procedures which will benefit our office and the Province for years to come.

In June, Mary Ellen announced her retirement. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye and recognize both her years of volunteer service and her exemplary work for the past three years, though we’re delighted she’ll be continuing with us as an emerita member of the Advancement Council. Mary Ellen, on behalf of the Province, we hope that your retirement will give you more time with your family and many years of good health and happiness. You have been a gift to the Province, and we are grateful for the many ways you have served the friars over the years. God bless you!



Mary Ellen Maggitti (center) celebrates the Fourth of July with her family.

The Augustinian Fund was established in 2006 to build a reliable source of annual revenue to help the Province meet its financial responsibilities. Years ago, the friars' earned salaries were sufficient to cover all of our expenses. However, today, with fewer friars in active ministry and salaried we must rely on the generosity of friends and benefactors to help us sustain our way of life and the ministries we perform.

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OUR MISSION

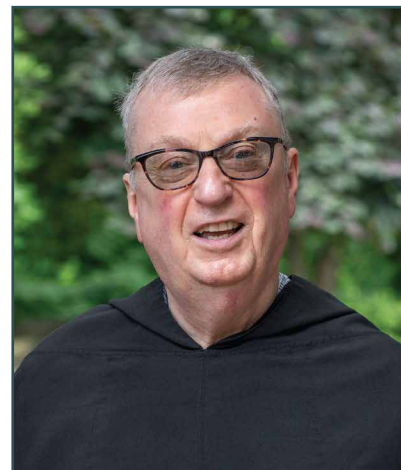
We Augustinians, inspired by the religious insight and teaching of St. Augustine, and established as a Mendicant Order in the 13th Century, seek to live out our Christian vocation of love for God and neighbor in the fashion of Augustine, in communion of life and service to the Church. To seek God together is our common project. To share our discovery of God is our chosen undertaking. 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. Unity of minds and hearts is our goal as well as our constant stimulus.

SUSTAINING THE AUGUSTINIAN WAY OF LIFE

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

FR. DENNIS M. MCGOWAN, O.S.A.

From August 2015 until June 2026, I had the great pleasure and distinct honor of serving our brothers as the prior of St. Thomas Monastery. The Monastery is unique among the communities of our Province because it responds to several distinct needs of the friars who live there—infirm, retired and active. Our benefactors have had a share in this important ministry of care.



Your prayers and financial support have played an invaluable role in our ability to care for the friars here, no matter what stage of life they're living. Your generosity has made this possible. Our friars are able to live a life of dignity. Your generosity has made this possible. Our friars are able to age in a safe setting. Your generosity has made this possible. Believe me, none of this is taken for granted. Our benefactors are remembered in prayer and thought each and every day. It is part of our commitment to you and our ministry of prayer to keep you close in prayer and close to our hearts.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones and please know that your sacrifices on our behalf are greatly appreciated.

THE M. LOUISE FITZPATRICK FUND FOR FORMATION

FR. DANIEL L. MADDEN, O.S.A.



Formation is a time of growth. The Novitiate, in particular, is a special year during which the novices grow in their relationship with Christ in order to prepare to take first vows. They spend the year in prayer and learning. They learn much about the Order, community life, and the vows they are being called to live out. It can also be a great year to develop important aspects of being human, such as understanding relationships and our own self.

I remember the Novitiate year offering time and space to grow as a human being and in my relationship with Christ. Both aspects are essential to prepare for first vows and then to live them out. I often turn back to my time in the Novitiate to ground me in my ministry.

Thank you for your contributions to this important year of formation. Your donations provide this time and space for the novices to grow in their vocation so that they can be more prepared to serve and love.

SUPPORT FOR THE UNDERSERVED AND DISENFRANCHISED

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

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



After the Resurrection of Jesus, the disciples wondered what to do in the absence of his physical presence among them. As they stood there, looking up to heaven, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. In the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that suddenly they heard a voice: Why do you stand there gaping into the sky? They understood that their proclamation of the Gospel was far from over, and their most important role was being expanded beyond their imaginings. We have a lot to learn by placing ourselves in that scene and hearing once again that we have all been given a place in the mission of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pope Leo XIV has defined the mission of the church as communicating God's love and saving grace. He emphasizes that this mission is rooted in the "mystery of union with Christ" and requires all baptized individuals to be active agents of evangelization with one mind and heart. Every believer is called to witness to Christ and safeguard the faith in their daily lives, most especially including standing up for the poor, exploited, and victims of violence and war. He views the church as a community centered on love, where fraternal and spiritual unity enhance the effectiveness of the Gospel message. It is only through your generosity and our spiritual unity that we are able to fulfill our mission together with you. We are deeply grateful to you, because together we are One.

THE JOHN E. DEEGAN, O.S.A., FUND FOR JUSTICE & PEACE
AUGUSTINIAN DEFENDERS OF THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR (A.D.R.O.P.)

JOHN W. GREEN, L.C.S.W.

When I consider my contribution to this year's Gratitude Report, the expression of the Greek philosopher Heraclitus comes to mind: "Change is the only constant in life." As I come up to the close of my second year with A.D.R.O.P., I'm grateful for the help I have received to learn about all the programs and intricacies involved in running this amazing organization. Classes, groups, and the Unity Clinic have continued to run as I have fumbled my way through spreadsheets, Quickbooks, and meetings.

While it is nice to root myself in the predictability of routine and systems, change is always right around the corner. A.D.R.O.P. has continued to provide the same services to our marginalized sisters and brothers but has also started to develop some new programming. We have increased our ability to offer mental health support to the communities we serve and are exploring opportunities to continue advocating for compassion as it pertains to migrants.

There have been many times over the past year when I find myself saying, "A.D.R.O.P. can do that." As long as there is a need, A.D.R.O.P. will be at the table, trying to figure out how we can meet that need. So, keep an eye on us over the next year. You may see some changes, but you will always see the thread that ties us to our mission and commitment to build better communities. Thank you for your support—we can't do this without you.





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Front cover: Hundreds gather at St. Augustine Church in Philadelphia, the first foundation of the Augustinian Order in the United States, to celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine and the presentation of the Saint Augustine Medal to Pope Leo XIV on August 28, 2025.

Back cover: Prior Provincial Robert Hagan, O.S.A., presents the Saint Augustine Medal to Pope Leo at Castel Gandolfo on July 25, 2025.



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