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"One Mind, One Heart"



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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE AUGUSTINIANS,

In this edition, you will see that we have had a great deal to celebrate! The Gala honoring Frs. Gavin, Brecht, and Sullivan was a wonderful success! Not only were we able to honor these three great Augustinians, but we were able to gather our extended Augustinian Family from around the Province. We will have the next Augustinian Gala at the Drake Hotel in Chicago on Friday April 24, 2015 which will mark the beginning of our Diamond Jubilee Year as a Province! Even though several of our apostolates date back more than one hundred years, the Midwest Augustinians were officially recognized as a Province in April of 1941. We intend to have other events during this Jubilee Year; details on this and the Honorees for our next Gala will be forthcoming soon!

We also were able to celebrate the Solemn Profession of Fr. Rich Young. Fr. Rich is no stranger to the Augustinians, as he graduated from St. Rita High School in 1982. We are delighted to welcome him into full union with us. We are also happy to welcome his parents, Barb and Rich, as Affiliates to the Order! And the evening before his profession, he received his Doctorate in Ministry from Catholic Theological Union-- Congratulations Fr. Rich!

This past May, we also concluded celebrations of our 50-year anniversary of missionary service to Northern Peru. During these celebrations, we welcomed two Peruvian Augustinians into the Priesthood and one more into the Diaconate. Many thanks to Bishops John McNabb, Dan Turley, the many Augustinian missionaries who devoted their lives to Peru, and the prayers and donations from our supporters. More to come on this occasion in the next issue.

While we miss the physical presence of Fr. Ray Ryan who died about two years ago, we are happy to keep his memory alive with a trust in his name to help support Vocation and Formation work in our Province. I am grateful for Fr. Bill Sullivan's wonderful article to not only capture the spirit of Fr. Ray, but to encourage his friends and seminary alumni to contribute to this trust as a tribute to him!

I look forward to receiving the first profession of Nick Mullarkey who describes how he met the Augustinians in this newsletter as well as Joe Siegel on Sunday August 10th at St. Rita Shrine Chapel in Chicago.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Augustine,

Very Rev. Bernard C. Scianna, O.S.A., Ph.D.
Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinians

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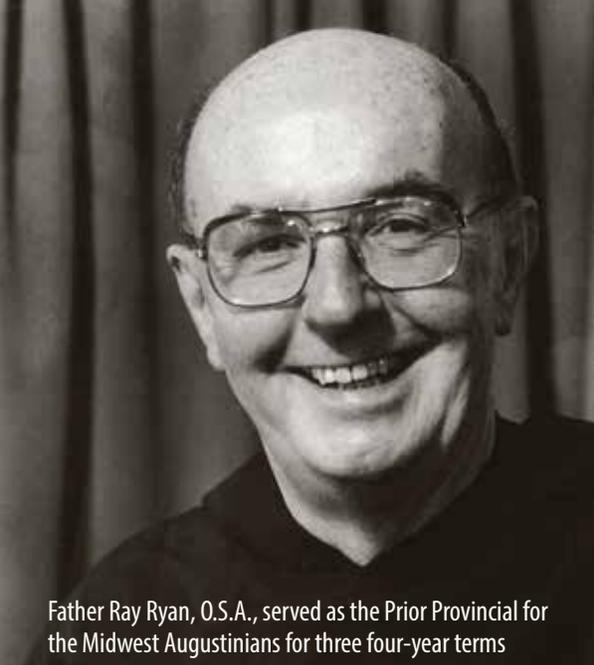
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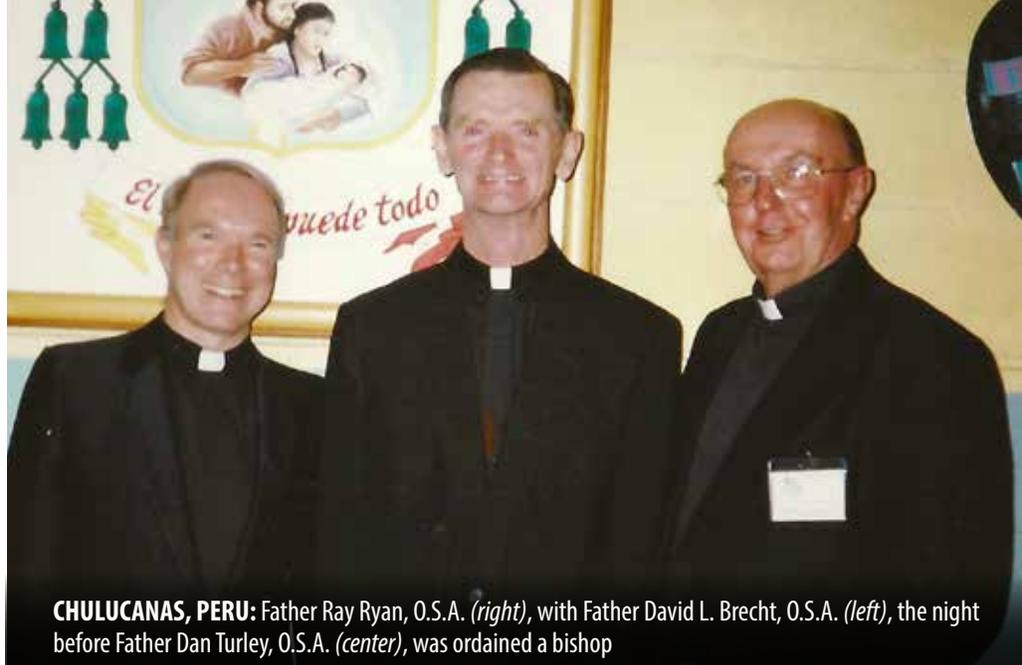
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Father Ray Ryan, O.S.A., served as the Prior Provincial for the Midwest Augustinians for three four-year terms



CHULUCANAS, PERU: Father Ray Ryan, O.S.A. (right), with Father David L. Brecht, O.S.A. (left), the night before Father Dan Turley, O.S.A. (center), was ordained a bishop

Memorializing Fr. Ray Ryan, O.S.A.

Written by Fr. Bill Sullivan, O.S.A.

In most dioceses, a collection is taken up once a year to support the seminaries and seminarians of each diocese. This same thing is done in parishes served by the Augustinians. Many of our parishioners think that when these collections are taken up that the funds collected go to Augustinian seminarians. However, such is not the case. Even though we staff diocesan parishes, funds that this collection raises go to diocesan seminaries and seminarians. The pastors of some of our Augustinian parishes will put a special envelope in the packet of collection envelopes sent out each year. Some of our pastors, with the permission of the local bishop, will take up a special collection for Augustinian seminarians.

Once a man pronounces his vows in the Order, the Augustinians assume complete responsibilities for his education, room, and board. Almost all these men in their initial years study theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. CTU is a graduate school and thus, while it is costly, it is no more costly than almost all other graduate schools. Thus one of the tasks for our Province is to raise funds to pay for the education and for the room and board of these men who are being prepared to work as the Church needs them.

Our Province has set up a special fund in order to do this. We have named it the **Father Ray Ryan, O.S.A. Trust**. Father Ryan died on March 26, 2012. He was our Provincial for three four-year terms. Yet the ministry that he engaged in while he was not serving as Provincial, was the work of seminary formation. When students are in the

seminary, they don't only go to school. The Augustinians seek to form them so that they interiorize scriptural values as well as those values that St. Augustine taught and wrote about. In this area, Father Ray Ryan stood out. He was in formation (seminary) work at several different levels for 23 years. Formation after the Vatican Council was done as a team effort with one Augustinian as head of two or three other Augustinians. The person heading the team was the priest/brother directly in charge of that level of formation. Fr. Ryan, 20 of the 23 years he was involved in the ministry of formation, headed the team that worked at that level.

We Augustinians try to put men in formation who are models of living Augustinian religious life. Fr. Ray Ryan was such a man. The fact that he was elected Provincial three different times for terms of four years each and that he was in formation work for 23 years bears this out. He was a man highly regarded by not only his brother Augustinians of our Midwest Province, but of Augustinians all over the world. At one of our General Chapters where Augustinians from all over the world meet to elect a new Prior General who will lead the worldwide Augustinian Order, Fr. Ray was approached, and he was asked – even encouraged – to allow his name to be put in nomination for that office. He declined and later told one of his Augustinian friends that he believed the job was a bit more than he could handle.

Fr. Ray Ryan was an extraordinary man who had many skills. He wrote some widely recognized papers on Augustinian religious life that many of us still retain. He was in demand as a retreat director and as a speaker. He was a spiritual director to a number of people – priests, religious, and lay people. He had tremendously keen insights into

St. Jude Church

WELCOME OSA --
FR. DICK ALLEN
RAY RYAN
JOHN MURPHY
BR. BOB FISHER



NEW LENOX, IL: Fr. Ray Ryan, O.S.A. (left), present at the welcoming reception for the Augustinians at St. Jude Parish

people and into situations. Any of his comments or corrections were done respectfully so that the person involved really wanted to change a behavior or an attitude. When mediation was needed in a community or an apostolate, he was almost always called upon because of his skills at compromise and consensus building. He was never too busy to help any of us who needed his counsel. Fr. Ray possessed biblical wisdom – the Holy Spirit clearly was alive in his heart.

One more of his qualities needs to be mentioned. He loved a good party. It didn't take much to have him organize a celebration. It could be a feast day, a priesthood or brotherhood anniversary, a birthday – really anything at all. There was a twofold reason for this. First, it was a good way to bring all the members of the community together – even to non-party people. Second, it was a good way to acknowledge in a special way each member of the community. He didn't go half-way in these endeavors. Naturally there was cake and ice cream but also party hats, poppers, streamers. There are undoubtedly pictures of many of us in the Province in this party attire.

Thus, it was when the Province decided to begin a trust to help with the expenses of our students, the first name that came almost immediately to the Provincial and his Counselors was that of Father Ray Ryan, O.S.A. There was not even any discussion about it; it was so evident that Fr. Ryan's name would be connected with this fundraising venture.

“Fr. Ray possessed biblical wisdom – the Holy Spirit clearly was alive in his heart.”

Fr. Ryan's life and ministry is something we won't forget. Won't you join us in honoring his memory by helping to raise funds for the training of young Augustinians so that they might follow in the footsteps of Fr. Ray? May we also thank you in the name of all of us Augustinians, especially the memory of Fr. Ray Ryan, OSA, for your generosity.

God bless and keep you always.



Learn more about the Continuing Our Journey of Faith campaign and the Fr. Ray Ryan, O.S.A. Trust for Vocations and Formation by visiting augustiniancampaign.org



Fr. Ray Ryan, O.S.A., hosts a small birthday party for Fr. Dick Allen, O.S.A.



Father Bill Sullivan, O.S.A., is the Associate Pastor of St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, Illinois. Additionally, Father Sullivan is a member of the Provincial Council, the capital campaign cabinet, and he also acts as the Vicar Provincial for the Midwest Augustinians. He is much beloved in the Order and was honored at this year's Augustinian Gala (see page 14).

Meet the *Continuing Our Journey of Faith* Campaign Cabinet and Committee

The *Continuing Our Journey of Faith* Campaign Cabinet and Committee are the volunteers spearheading the efforts of the capital campaign. They represent a variety of our Augustinian schools and parishes; they are comprised of both religious and lay people; they represent a large geography of Augustinian presence in the Midwest. Please take this opportunity to read about them and their testimonials about why they are helping in this vital effort. If you would like to reach out to any of them, please contact Chief Advancement Officer Michael Gerrity at michael@midwestaugustinians.org or 312-241-9696.

Campaign Cabinet



**Milann H. Siegfried, Chair
Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**Augustinian Affiliate
Board of Directors, NORDAM**

Milann H. Siegfried is no stranger to the Augustinians or to philanthropy. In addition to serving on the Board of Nordam Corporation, she is a Registered Nurse and community volunteer. She and her late husband Ray are Affiliates of the Augustinian Order. Milann served as the first woman Chair of the Board of the Augustinians' Cascia Hall Preparatory School in Tulsa. She has also served on or headed Boards of many prominent institutions, including: the Tulsa Philharmonic, Tulsa Opera,

Foundation for Excellence, the American Academy of Physician and Patient, the National Committee for the Performing Arts, the Philbrook Art Museum, University of Portland (Oregon), St. John Medical Center (Tulsa), the University of Tulsa, the National Review Board (appointed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops), the St. John Medical Center, the Eisenhower Medical Center- California, the Footsteps Committee for the Order of Holy Cross Priests, the Papal Foundation, and the ALS Advisory Committee of the Judith and Jean Pape Adams Charitable Foundation.

"The Augustinians have been a part of my family beginning with my high school years. My brothers attended Cascia Hall, all six of my children graduated from the school my husband graduated from and now the fourth generation is attending Cascia Hall in Tulsa. The Augustinians have been there for my family through the good times, such as engagements, marriages and births, but also during the challenges - heartaches, illness and death. Accepting the challenge to help raise funds for the education of men in formation and those men who are retired after serving so many; this is my way and my family's way of saying thank you."



**Don R. Berschback, Vice-Chair
Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan**

**Austin Catholic Preparatory School,
Class of 1960
Parishioner of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish
in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan
Augustinian Affiliate
Attorney**

Don Berschback is a prominent attorney in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. He is a graduate of Austin Catholic High School and is a longstanding member of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, where the Augustinians

served for 87 years. Though he serves as City Attorney for Grosse Pointe Woods, Don also has an active practice in estate planning and trust administration. His wife Anne was a Co-Chair of the Augustinian Inaugural Gala in 2013. Don also is a member of the Province Advancement Council.

"From the time I began as an 'office boy' At St. Clare Church in 1954, through my four years at Austin High and continuing at St. Clare's to the present day, the Augustinians have held a special place in my heart. The many priests who faithfully served at Austin and at St. Clare's over many years provided valuable leadership, mentoring and spiritual nourishment to me and my extended family. In many ways I am today based, in large part, on the guidance I received from the Augustinian community."



**Mark S. Hacker, Vice-Chair
Glen Ellyn, Illinois**

**St. Rita of Cascia High School, Class of 1990
Villanova University, Class of 1994
Villanova University School
of Law, Class of 1999**

Mark Hacker is General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Legal & Government Affairs of Motorola Solutions, Inc., based just outside of Chicago. Mark is a member of the Province

Advancement Council and a member of the Board of Directors of St. Rita of Cascia High School. Mark identified his top three charitable causes as supporting the Augustinians' Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel, St. Rita of Cascia High School, and Villanova University.

"The Augustinians have had a profound and positive impact on my life. Whether it was during my formative days as a student at St. Rita High School, my college and law school years at Villanova University, my wedding at the Villanova Church or the baptisms of my children, the Augustinians have been there for my family and me at our most precious times, always providing guidance, support and love. Being part of this campaign is my way of saying thank you and helping to ensure that the Augustinian mission continues for generations to come."

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The Augustinians are pleased to launch:

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Visit this website for up-to-date progress about the campaign, learn more about the campaign in depth, see our leadership team and scroll of current donors, and learn about how you can participate. Please visit today!

Meet the *Continuing Our Journey of Faith* Campaign Cabinet and Committee (Continued)



**Wayne Klasing, Vice-Chair
New Lenox, Illinois**

**Parishioner at St. Jude Parish
in New Lenox, Illinois**

Wayne is the Owner and Director of Klasing Industries which specialized in air brakes and hydraulics for railroad equipment. He inherited the business from his father, worked it for 35 years, and sold it in 2012. He is an engineer by degree and by training. Wayne divides his time between his home in his native Texas, just outside San Antonio and his home outside Chicago. He is Chairman of the Province Advancement Council and has served on the Board of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, for over 20 years. Wayne's only child, his son, attended Providence Catholic High School; Providence awarded Wayne and his wife Barbara the Cor Unum Award in 2012, the highest honor the school gives. Wayne is a longtime parishioner of St. Jude Parish in the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois.

"I joined the efforts of the campaign to help ensure that the good works of these dedicated men will continue for generations to come."



**Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A., Vice-Chair
Chicago, Illinois**

**St. Rita of Cascia High School, Class of 1983
Villanova University, Class of 1987
Director of Vocations**

Fr. Tom is an Augustinian friar that currently serves as the Director of Augustinian Vocations for both the Midwest and Eastern Provinces. As a 1983 graduate of St. Rita High School in Chicago, he has also served as the President of the high school for many years and now acts as its Chairman of the Board and School Chaplain. Fr. Tom is especially known for his motivational parish missions that he offers around Chicago-land and the rest of the U.S. Fr. Tom is also a member of the Provincial Council.

"My life was changed when I met the Augustinians in 1979 when I started at St. Rita High School. Everything I have done, am doing, or will do, is influenced by what I have learned from them. I am happy to follow in their footsteps."



**Patrick O'Connor, Vice-Chair
Palos Heights, Illinois**

**St. Augustine High School Seminary,
Class of 1970
Tolentine College, Class of 1973
Founder of Give Back Mission**

O'Connor, O.S.A., oversees health care services/management for retired Augustinians.

Pat's other great philanthropic cause is the Illinois Special Olympics. He now also provides pro-bono Human Resources consulting services to non-profit organizations through his Give Back Mission.

Pat is retired the Senior Vice President Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois. He is a graduate of both Augustinian seminaries in Holland, Michigan and Tolentine College in Olympia Fields, Illinois. He is also a leader in pulling together all Augustinian seminary alumni for the Province. His brother Fr. Michael

"Fr. Michael O'Connor, O.S.A., has been an inspiration to me and my entire family. His influence allowed me to join the Augustinians and I attended St. Augustine Seminary H.S. and Tolentine College. Although I left the Augustinians, having been given the gifts of education and friendship, it is a great opportunity to give back to the Augustinians."



**Patrick J. Ormsby, Vice-Chair
Flossmoor, Illinois**

**Mendel Catholic High School,
Class of 1964
President, Bimba Manufacturing Co.**

and commercial use. He was recently appointed to the Illinois Governor's Council on Manufacturing.

Pat is the President of Bimba Manufacturing, which has four plants and over 3,000 employees. The company specializes in hydraulic systems for heavy industry

"I went to an Augustinian high school in Chicago, Mendel Catholic, as did my brothers. In my freshman year, my father died, and my tuition was paid by The Men's Club and the Augustinians for me and my younger brothers. The Augustinians at Mendel were role models of an important part of my formative years. Some of these men are in retirement and need financial support through the Midwest Province."



**John Pixley, Vice-Chair
Tulsa, Oklahoma**

"The campaign to help the Augustinians is beneficial in so many ways. Especially for those that have

grown through the Cascia Hall community both spiritually and academically. Our contributions give back to those that have worked so many years to make our lives more complete."



**Rev. Robert Prevost, O.S.A., J.C.D.,
Vice-Chair
Chicago, Illinois**

**St. Augustine High School
Seminary, Class of 1973
Villanova University, Class of 1977**

Fr. Bob Prevost just recently completed his final term serving as the Prior General, the worldwide leader of the Augustinians headquartered in Rome. He currently serves as the Director of Formation in Chicago.

"Over 40 years ago, when I first joined the Augustinians as a young seminarian, I had a sense that there was something about the Augustinian Order that I had not found elsewhere. Dedicated to serving the Church in so many different ministries and missions, lived out in and through common life, Augustinians are brothers and friends whose lives and witness truly make a difference. This campaign is one more way of continuing the mission, and I am happy to be a part of that."



**Alan B. Ross, Vice-Chair
Tulsa, Oklahoma**
Attorney/Investment Advisor

"A story reveals why I am working on this campaign. A few years ago we were introduced to a young man who was in the discernment process for the priesthood. He was visiting various dioceses and religious communities throughout the country. One major issue for him was how a commitment to the religious life would look like at the end of a lifetime of service. How lonely might it be? Would he be taken care of in his later years? How would the members of whatever community he might join relate to its older members? How would the laity relate to and treat the older religious? Sadly, in this case, the world lost a good servant. This campaign has the dual focus of supporting formation as well as supporting our religious in their later years. It is our job to assure that the Augustinians will never run the risk of losing a good man when he looks at how his later years might unfold."



**Very Rev. Bernard C. Scianna, O.S.A.,
Ph. D., Prior Provincial
Chicago, Illinois**

Fr. Bernie has served as Prior Provincial since 2010; he leads

the Federation of Augustinians of North America, or FANA. Fr. Bernie graduated from St. Rita High School in 1983 and Villanova University in 1987. He served as Headmaster of Cascia Hall in Tulsa for thirteen years. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees at Villanova University.

"As I travel around the Province, I am privileged to hear the countless stories of how the Augustinians have had and continue to have a significant impact on the lives of people. I am committed to securing funds to care for those now in retirement who have given their lives in service to the Order and Church, and also for the education and formation of our young men joining us who are our future and will continue our mission to have a positive impact on the lives of future generations."



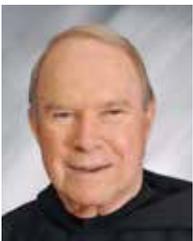
**Rev. R. William Sullivan, O.S.A.,
Vice-Chair
New Lenox, Illinois**

Fr. Bill currently serves at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, Illinois, of the Diocese of Joliet. He has served in the past at Mendel Catholic High School.

**Mendel Catholic High School,
Class of 1959
Villanova University, Class of 1964
Vicar Provincial/Associate Pastor
at St. Jude Parish, New Lenox, IL**

"I'm an Augustinian priest. I've been an Augustinian for 53 years [as of 2013]. This campaign will aid our sick and retired friars. Also the funds raised will also be used for our O.S.A. students. It ensures that older friars receive the care they deserve. The students are our future."

Augustinian Executive Committee



Rev. David L. Brecht, O.S.A., Ph.D.

"I have been an Augustinian Priest in our Midwest Province for more than forty-nine years. It has been an exhilarating, incredible and truly blessed journey. What a wonderful life! — lived with God in a Community of brothers who were intent on helping me relate to the Lord and serving the Church in North America

and in other places around the globe. This campaign is an opportunity to sustain and further this 'wonderful life' for years to come."



Rev. Richard McGrath, O.S.A., Ph.D.

"Our future is something like the coming of Spring: Young men of good hearts are seeking lives of service, showing us new life and growth. This campaign will enable the Augustinians to provide excellent educations to them, just as we

have for generations of graduates of our schools. In addition we are providing wonderful care for those men who have lived lives of giving of themselves to advance the mission of the Order and the Church."



Rev. James "Jim" Friedel, O.S.A., D.Min.

"My ordination remembrance card contains a quote from the prophet Micah, 'This is what God asks of you, only this: To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.' I am grateful to my family and friends, my fellow Augustinians, those grand men: Fr. Jimmy

Lyne, O.S.A., Fr. Ray Ryan, O.S.A., Fr. Ted Tack, O.S.A., Fr. Jack Gavin, O.S.A., and the men with whom I now live for showing me how this is done."



Rev. John Merkelis, O.S.A.

"Since attending St. Augustine Seminary H.S. in 1970, I have grown up with the Augustinians. They are my family. I am blessed to share my life not only with my professed brothers, but with the wider

Augustinian Family that I have met in parishes, schools, missions and special ministries. We truly are one mind, one heart on the way to God."

How I Found the Augustinians

By Nicholas Mullarkey, O.S.A. Novice



As I near the end of my novitiate year, it is interesting to reflect back on how I came to the Augustinians. It is especially interesting since there are no Augustinian houses in my home state of Iowa. But, much like Augustine himself, the Lord walked with me down the winding paths I chose.

It was the summer before or after my freshman year of high school that the vocation director for the Diocese of Iowa first contacted me. He took me out to eat and told me he was given my name from a former staff member of my grade school. I was honored, but was not ready to consider a vocation yet. He later invited me to a vocation weekend at Conception Abbey Seminary during the spring of my sophomore year. I did not come away sold on priesthood or religious life, but I saw the way some of my peers prayed and what seminarians are like.

The idea of priesthood simmered over the next year and half, and by the fall of my senior year I had decided to join the seminary. After visiting some of the seminaries my diocese sent to, I settled on St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. I went there for four years and loved it. It had such a dynamic life of studies, prayer, and service.

However, I found myself throwing around the idea of religious life during my last year at St. John Vianney and had thought about it off and on before. I felt myself drawn to the vocation of a religious brother, as well as to the communal life and prayer of a religious community. I knew that diocesan priests can be very isolated, especially in rural dioceses like my own.

Over the next three years, I jumped from place to place doing volunteer work, temp jobs, and a semester of graduate school, while visiting religious communities throughout this time. I was unsettled and doing a bad job of discerning my vocation. Having discovered the Augustinians through the *Vision* vocation website and the Order's own website, I had contacted them once already but did not follow through with it. In the



RACINE, WI: Nick Mullarkey, O.S.A., has been spending his Novitiate year at St. Rita of Cascia Parish since August 2013. He will profess his first vows on August 10th at St. Rita Shrine Chapel in Chicago

early fall of 2011, I looked them up again. I wanted to learn more and was particularly drawn by the life and example of St. Augustine himself.

Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A., the Augustinian Director of Vocations, and Sr. Ardis Cloutier, O.S.F., his assistant, reached out to me and I later went on the vocation weekend that October. I remember Fr. Tom calling me on Christmas Eve of that year and I told him I was ready to go ahead and start the application process. As they say, the rest is history.

Besides the communal life and prayer of the Augustinians and the desire to pursue the vocation of a brother, there were many other aspects that drew me to the Augustinians. For instance, I loved their history and tradition, as well as the variety of apostolates that Augustinians serve in.

Though my road has been a winding one, I know that the Lord has been with me along the way. Through people, events, and even despite myself sometimes, the Lord led me to where I am supposed to be right now.

Is God Calling You To Be An Augustinian?

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“Not by Bread Alone”

Relationships and Feeling Good by Doing Good

By Michael Gerrity, *Province Chief Advancement Officer*

A few years ago an op-ed article in a major national newspaper asked, “Does your giving make you feel good?” It got quite a spirited response which to me was a good sign that people were reading and thinking about their giving. I would answer that your giving should make you feel good, not in some smug or prideful way, but because you know in your heart that you did “good.” We all know that real sacrifice requires some pain. That is the very essence of the word “sacrifice.” Anyone who has worked on a marriage, giving birth, raising children, earning a degree, learning a new skill, or struggling with old age or infirmity, knows the meaning of the “real sacrifice.” And like any real meaningful sacrifice, your donating to the Augustinians should make you feel good inside because you have done something worthwhile and with a long-lasting impact. Hopefully, it also helps that we are good stewards and that we invite support for specific purposes (men in formation studies, retired/infirm Augustinians, and missions in Peru).

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.”

(2 Cor. 9:11)



This simple picture of this little girl and her bread conveys so much and so simply. Like you, she knows that bread has its place, but we will not be our very best on bread alone. Asking for charitable gifts and the giving of gifts is at heart not about the bread (the money) but rather about relationships of substance: our relationship with God, with each other, with Augustinians, and of course with money. Money is only a means by which we further relationships and something that is good and meaningful. And we desire above all to create with you a meaningful and long-lasting relationship and one that leaves you feeling good, and in the process brings all of us closer together and closer to God. The

fact is that the best and greatest of charitable gifts are almost always based on a “relationship” of trust, respect, shared values and a common vision between the donor and the recipient.

The Augustinians have a vision and a hope for the future, one that is bright and latent with great spiritual treasures and benefits – the same treasures and benefits that came to those “sacrificing” souls who went before us in the Augustinian name and tradition. We fervently desire that you be part of that vision and future. Today the Midwest Augustinians possess a promising future of service. This promising future can be attributed to the Holy Spirit and the firm foundation of deep and long-lasting relationships created word by word, person by person, and encounter by encounter, over the decades and centuries past. It is our goal that your donating to the Augustinians will make you richer in ways that really matter to God and to you. Please think of that the next time we ask. Our asking is a message, an invitation to a deeper relationship, and above all done in the service of God and St. Augustine.



Michael is a veteran fundraiser of Catholic causes of over 28 years. He began working with the Augustinians in 2011.



CHICAGO, IL: (from left): Tom Gavin on behalf of Fr. Jack Gavin, O.S.A., Father Bill Sullivan, O.S.A., and Father David L. Brecht, O.S.A., Ph.D., were all honored at the 2014 Augustinian Gala, hosted by the Very Rev. Bernard C. Scianna, O.S.A., Ph.D.

Augustinian Gala Honoring Fathers Gavin, Brecht, and Sullivan

On April 25, 2014, the Augustinians hosted their second gala at the Drake Hotel in downtown Chicago. With nearly 450 guests this year, the event was a great success and an opportunity for many friends to reunite through their love of the Augustinians. We are grateful to the many guests, sponsors, program book advertisers, and to the Augustinian Gala Committee that contributed toward its success. We are particularly grateful to Dr. & Mrs. Fred Neal, our Gala Major Sponsors, for their generosity in honor of Fathers Tim Cuny, O.S.A., and David L. Brecht, O.S.A.

We were privileged to honor three great Augustinian priests at the gala: Father Jack Gavin, O.S.A., Father David L. Brecht, O.S.A., and Father Bill Sullivan, O.S.A. Thanks to the contributions of many testimonials around the country, we were able to present three handsome tribute books to each of the honorees filled with photos and beautiful stories about how the honorees impacted each of their lives. Tom Gavin received the tribute book in memory of his uncle, Father Jack Gavin, O.S.A., who passed away on February 22, 2014. Additionally, each honoree was presented with a four minute tribute video that debuted the night of the gala. Each of the videos can be seen online at midwestaugustinians.org/videos.

Thank you once more to everyone who made the event possible! We are also proud to announce that we will host our **third Augustinian Gala on April 24, 2015 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago**. More details to follow soon!

Watch a Gala Recap and the three Honoree Tribute Videos Online at midwestaugustinians.org/videos



FR. JACK GAVIN, O.S.A.



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From left: Jean Mueller, Denise Utter, Lisa Solava, Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A., Cathy Branigan



The Mark S. Hacker family and friends



From left: Chuck Engvall, Mary Beth Carroll, Fr. Richard McGrath, O.S.A., Janlyn Auld, Sharon Oddo, Ed Barrett, Tammy Costello

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The Father David L. Brecht, O.S.A., family



Fr. Bill Sullivan, O.S.A., with friends and loved ones



The Family of the Rev. Michael J. O'Connor, O.S.A.



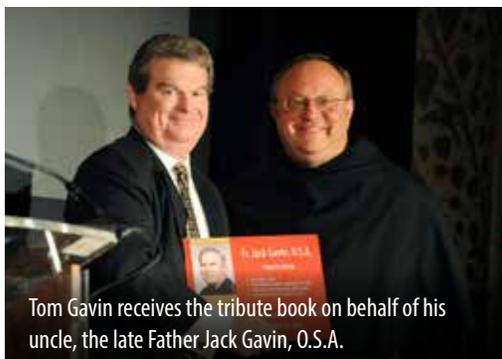
Kristen Bronke (left) and Gala Co-Chair Rachel Rone



From left: Br. Aldo Potencio, O.S.A., Rev. Homero Sánchez, O.S.A., Rev. Jim Halstead, O.S.A., Br. Richie Mercado, O.S.A.



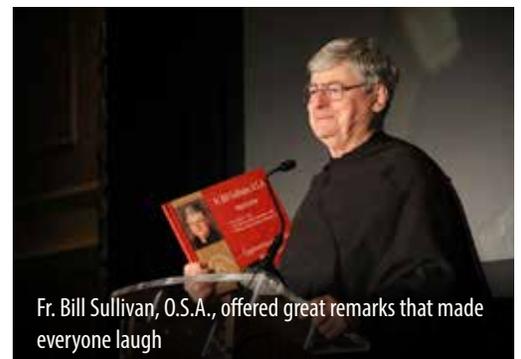
Milann H. Siegfried, Capital Campaign Chair, offers meaningful remarks



Tom Gavin receives the tribute book on behalf of his uncle, the late Father Jack Gavin, O.S.A.



Father David L. Brecht, O.S.A., reflects on his expansive ministries spanning the entire world



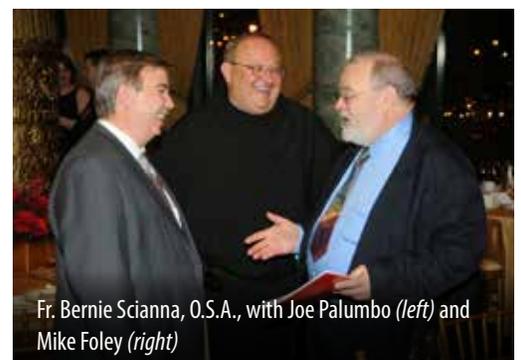
Fr. Bill Sullivan, O.S.A., offered great remarks that made everyone laugh



Dr. Fred Neal, Gala Major Sponsor, with Frs. Tim Cuny, O.S.A. (left), and David L. Brecht, O.S.A.



Fr. Bernie Scianna, O.S.A., with Tony and Phyllis Lauinger



Fr. Bernie Scianna, O.S.A., with Joe Palumbo (left) and Mike Foley (right)

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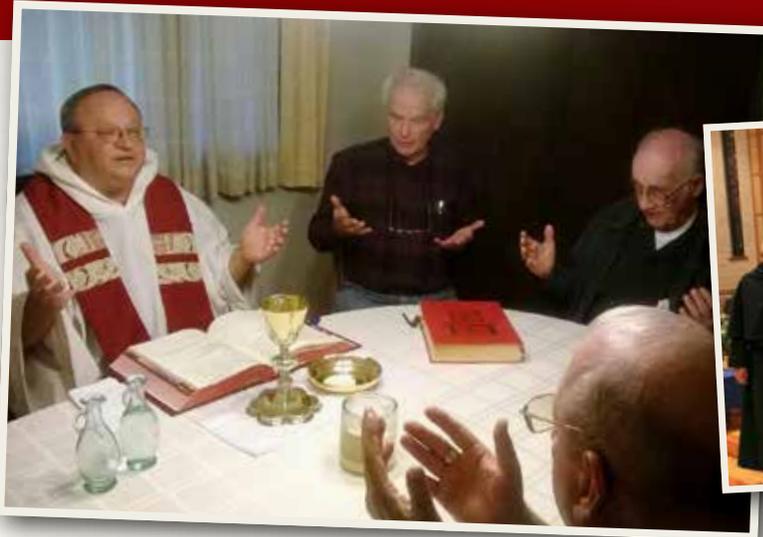


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Please consider becoming a member of the Midwest Augustinians' *Restless Hearts Society* by making a planned gift today. It is an extraordinary act of love and a great way to recognize their service and give thanks. Here are some easy ways to make a planned gift:

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CHICAGO, IL: (from left): Rev. Richard A. Young, O.S.A., D.Min., professes his solemn vows in the Augustinian Order; he will begin his new ministry at Providence Catholic High School, New Lenox, Illinois, this fall

Fr. Rich Young, O.S.A., Professes Solemn Vows

On May 16, the Feast of Augustinian Saints Alypius and Possidius, Fr. Rich Young, O.S.A., D.Min., professed his solemn vows in the Augustinian Order. The profession also took place during the 107th annual novena to St. Rita of Cascia, at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel in Chicago.

Fr. Rich first came to know the Augustinians about 35 years ago when he decided to attend St. Rita High School. He recalls, "During my four years at St. Rita, I encountered men whom I respected and admired – the Augustinians. These Augustinians (along with my other teachers) encouraged me and challenged me to be the best that I could be, not to settle and be comfortable with where I was at, and to follow my passion. I remember a place of intellectual rigor, friendship, lived faith, and a sense of belonging. In short, St. Rita was home, and the Augustinians made it that way."

On the night of his solemn profession, the Very Rev. Bernard C. Scianna, O.S.A., Ph.D., Prior Provincial, opened his Homily with the remarks: "A man goes around the world searching for what he needs and returns home to find it! I believe that God writes straight with crooked lines in the lives of St. Augustine, and his friends, Alypius and Possidius, in the life of St. Rita of Cascia, in the life of Fr. Rich Young, and in ours. Fr. Rich was a Franciscan, Diocesan, and now is an Augustinian. It has been a journey of a lifetime, or at least 50 years! A journey of faith and family and friendship. A journey back home to St. Rita High School where he graduated from in 1982!"

Fr. Rich also asked a fellow Augustinian, Fr. Rich Cannuli, O.S.A., to write a special icon (see right) for the Augustinian Saints Augustine, Alypius and Possidius, showing them in a similar pose of the famous icon of the Trinity: the ultimate union of relationship.



Congratulations Fr. Rich!

Watch a 4-minute inspirational video of Fr. Rich's Solemn Profession online at midwestaugustinians.org/videos





Augustinians Welcome Two New Affiliates

We would like to welcome Mr. Richard and Mrs. Barbara Young into the Augustinian Order as our Province's newest Affiliates. Affiliates are laypeople that have been granted full membership into the Augustinian Order by the Prior General in Rome. Mr. & Mrs. Young were named Affiliates in recognition of their son, Fr. Rich Young, O.S.A., professing his solemn vows. Welcome!

Three Peruvian Augustinians Ordained



TRUJILLO, PERU: Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A., ordained two Augustinians on April 26, the Feast of Our Mother of Good Counsel; her image can be seen in the background of this photo



CHULUCANAS, PERU: Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A., ordains Reydín Alvarado, O.S.A., to the priesthood during celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the Augustinians' service to the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru

Over the past couple months, Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A., ordained three Augustinians from our Peruvian missions. First, Bishop Turley ordained Carlos Chávez Rojas, O.S.A. to the priesthood and Segundo Sabino Pichén Catrina, O.S.A., as a deacon. Both were ordained on April 26, the Feast of Our Mother of Good Counsel.

Later on May 22, Bishop Turley continued to ordain Reydín Alvarado, O.S.A., to the priesthood. His ordination took part during the concluding week of celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Augustinians founding the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru. The 50th anniversary celebration, including notable visits by Bishop John McNabb, O.S.A., and the Apostolic Nuncio to Peru, will be covered more extensively in the next newsletter.



For more information about the Augustinian missions of Peru, please visit midwestaugustinians.org/peru



Fathers Rich Young, O.S.A., and Bob Prevost, O.S.A., Awarded Doctorate Degrees



CHICAGO, IL: Fr. Rich Young, O.S.A., next to Fr. Jim Halstead, O.S.A., earned his Doctorate of Ministry from Catholic Theological Union on May 15

Father Rich Young, O.S.A., received his Doctorate of Ministry (D.Min.) degree from Catholic Theological Union during the school's Commencement May 15. He began studying for this degree before becoming a Novice. He continued his work after his first profession of vows in 2011, balancing his studies with ministries at St. Rita of Cascia High School. His doctoral thesis is entitled *There Your Heart Will Be: An Augustinian Approach to the Ritual Ethic Rooted in the Dynamic of Valuing.*



VILLANOVA, PA: Fr. Bob Prevost, O.S.A., was awarded his Doctorate in Humanities from Villanova University on May 16

Father Bob Prevost, O.S.A., also received an honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Villanova University on May 16. This degree recognizes Father Prevost's contributions

during his 12 years as Prior General. Father Prevost also had previously earned a Doctorate in Canon Law (J.C.D.) prior to this award. Fr. Peter M. Donahue, O.S.A., President of Villanova University, wrote, "You have lived your vocation making Augustine intelligible globally by integrating heart and mind, faith and learning as a friar, priest, leader and a friend to many... you exemplify the ideals for which Villanova stands. You are a wonderful inspiration to our students and most deserving of this honor."

*Congratulations Fathers
Bob Prevost and Rich Young!*

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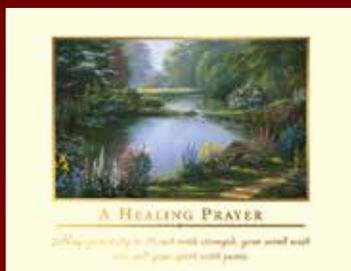


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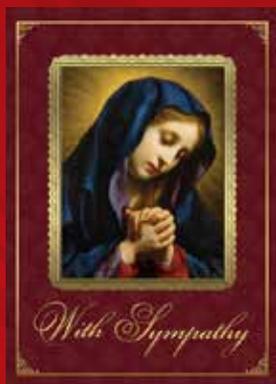
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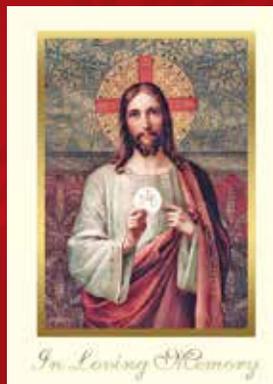
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