



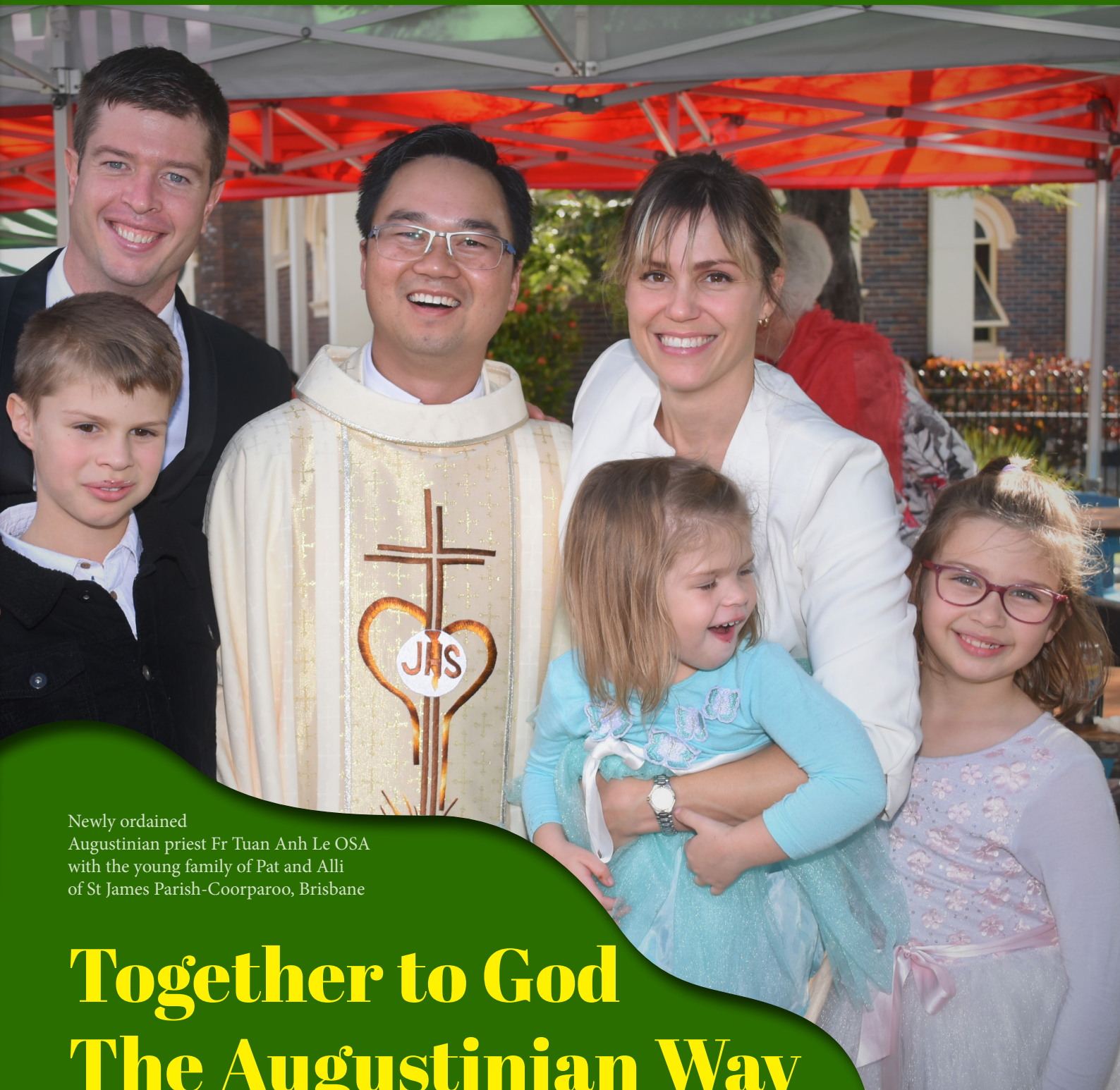
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Newly ordained
Augustinian priest Fr Tuan Anh Le OSA
with the young family of Pat and Alli
of St James Parish-Coorparoo, Brisbane

Together to God The Augustinian Way



FROM THE PROVINCIAL

Dear Friends

When I wrote to you at this time last year, I am sure most of us entertained the hope that the difficulties of 2020 would pass and that 2021 would be a brighter year. Alas, there is still great suffering throughout the world associated with the covid-19 pandemic and its implications. In the nations where the Augustinians of our Province live and minister (Australia, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam) there are either lockdowns or restrictions. This affects all of us in various ways. I speak on behalf of my brother Augustinians in assuring you that the anguish of the people entrusted to the Order's care is deeply felt and shared.

Awareness of the importance of relationships sustains us in these challenging times. Family, friendship, community – significant dimensions to who we are. Even as there is separation due to restrictions, the various ways in which we are able to communicate with each other are crucial. Our inner resources are also significant. In a Christian faith context, the belief that God is profoundly present with us in the midst of our present struggle sustains our spirit. We are not alone.

The values that we often identify as Augustinian are Gospel values and human values seen through the lens of the spirituality of Saint Augustine. Communion with one another in the human family, communion within the Body of Christ, communion with God in Christ – each of these nourished Augustine, they nourish us.

In October, the first Assembly of the Plenary Council of the church in Australia is due to take place. This encounter is both opportunity and challenge. There is a thirst for a synodal experience in which voices are heard, especially those who feel marginalised in the faith community. There is an extraordinary diversity within the Catholic community in Australia. One of the challenges for the church in general and the Plenary Council delegates in particular is embracing that diversity in a way that communion within the ecclesial community is deepened - in faithfulness to the Gospel and alert to the needs of humanity in our time.

May each of you and your families be blessed as you celebrate the feast of Saint Monica and the solemnity of Saint Augustine in this year.

- Fr. Peter Jones OSA
Prior Provincial

INTERIORITY: The key element to an understanding of Augustine's spiritual perspective

Augustinian Spirituality

For Augustine, the key to his understanding of what humanity's Spiritual journey is all about involved first of all an entering into the depths of oneself. Through such a returning into oneself Augustine came to a deeper awareness or consciousness both of himself and of the mystery of God. "I entered into the depths of my soul and this I was able to do because your aid befriended me". (*Confessions* 7, 10) In the very first paragraphs of his *Confessions* Augustine forms his foundational insight: "What place is there in me to which my God can come, what place that can receive the God who made heaven and earth? Does this mean, O Lord my God, that there is in me something fit to contain you? ... Or, since nothing that exists could exist without you, does this mean that whatever exists does, in this sense, contain you? If this is so, since I too exist, why do I ask you to come into me? For I should not be there at all unless, in this way, you were already present within me." (*Confessions*. 1.2.2)



to reach. Also, it encourages me to learn more about myself, find out who I am as a person, who I want to be, and what I can do to achieve that".

Developing a real God-consciousness in his heart and mind is the way Augustine's restless soul found a pathway out of its troubles by becoming aware of the great central Truth that God's light and grace and eternal holy presence is indwelling in all of us. Once he came to realize this was true for himself (*as a part of God's created universe*) he had to admit that it was true for every other person he met who carried the same graced dignity within, no matter how shabby their clothing. This coloured his attitude towards those who appeared before him in court each day: -"We are moved to intervene out of love for humankind.... It is all too easy to despise criminals; it is

however a rare and religious act to love them simply because they are human beings" (*Letter 153. 15-16*)

Such an insight resonates even among young people today. One 19 year old student who attended the Course on Augustinian Spirituality which is offered each February by our Province Volunteer Program had this to say:

"The concept of Interiority appeals to me because it hadn't occurred to me previously to search within myself for God. I'd always imagined my spirituality as a journey working towards God, like climbing a cliff with God waiting at the top. But the concept of interiority enforces that God is within us, at our core, in our hearts and thus always with us. This made me feel more secure. Like God was close, rather than a goal in the distance that I hoped one day

Interiority does not mean that we become introverts and cut ourselves off from those around us. In fact it unites us at an even deeper level as we share in the mysterious and wonderful journey we are on, never alone, but together. In the opening chapter of the Rule that he wrote for those who were to come after him in the ensuing centuries, he left a key condition to living out his Spirituality authentically:

"Let all of you then live together in oneness of mind and heart, honouring God in one another whose temples you have become". (*The Rule: 1, 8*)

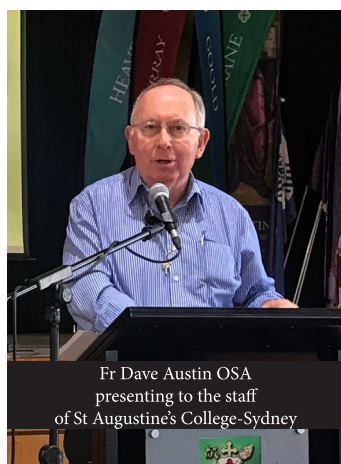
- Fr. Paul Maloney OSA
Chair, Spirituality Commission

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Augustinian Education

OUR AUGUSTINIAN SCHOOLS AND THEIR UNIQUE CHARISM

Our Augustinian Schools in Australia - St



Augustine's College in Sydney and Villanova College in Brisbane - continue to give high priority to staff formation in the 'Augustinian Way of Education'. Both schools share a common motto - Truth Conquers - and both school crests include the Augustinian symbols of heart and book, found also in the crest of the Order.

In the last year and a half, I have given in-service presentations to the staff of our schools on their unique Augustinian culture and charism, based on the core values of the Order and our Patron St Augustine - Community, Truth, Love and Interiority. Our schools have developed a joint document on The Graduate of an Augustinian Catholic School which defines the desired qualities of those who choose an Augustinian education - indeed a great work of Order and Church!

- Fr Dave Austin OSA

LEARNING IN AN AUGUSTINIAN SCHOOL

Vincit Veritas, "Truth Conquers", the motto of Villanova College reflects a saying found in St Augustine's writings, namely that: "Nothing conquers except truth and the victory of truth is love". Through all facets of school life, as students of Villanova College, we uphold this Augustinian truth and therefore look to implement it into our Villanovan lives, in areas such as the Villanova community, friends, family and the Augustinian Spirit. A commitment to living out the truth through what is learnt is the foundation of teaching and learning at Villanova.

Villanova Community

When reflecting on the eight-year journey of my time at Villanova College, it becomes obvious that it is the rare



Henry Steven (fifth from left) with Fr Saldie OSA and his fellow Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

sense of community which is the centre of all we do. Living in community, the lasting relationships developed with our friends and teachers, dependable and encouraging, form a mutual respect which underpins all our interactions. Conversations with teachers in classes, parents at the tuckshop, coaches on the sports field or your mates in the lunch breaks - each encounter contributes to the sense of belonging and acceptance as a group of people, 'striving to be of one mind and one heart on the way to God'.

Family and Friends

My journey at Villanova College has given me the opportunity to reflect upon myself and my relationship with family and friends - a personal growth. Including others, accepting differences, showing forgiveness are important in all my relationships with family and friends. Restoring relationships with family members when they have broken down or reaching out to a mate in need are true examples of Augustinian values. This brings a calmness, a balance to our lives - 'our hearts are restless, until they rest in him'. Soon to be an Augustinian graduate, a 'Villa man', I hope that my relationships with family and friends continue to grow throughout my journey in life.

Augustinian Spirit

The Augustinian spirit has indeed been a vital part of my Villanovan journey. It is this spirit, the 'cor unum' (one heart) spirit, that brings me together with other students - together in academic classes, on the sporting field in the green and gold at Villa Park or another sporting fields, as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister at College chapel Masses, as a mentor to Junior School students and through participation in music ensembles. It is the Augustinian spirit that not only provides an understanding of self, but of how a young man is able to act with humility and in solidarity with the poor. Ministries such as Rosies, AFAS and St Vincent de Paul are opportunities to serve others, opening the Villanovan's eyes to the needs of others, to show compassion and to grow in wisdom. Above all it is participation and pride in 'the green and gold' that truly demonstrates the spirit of St Augustine as when the war cry is sung with gusto by the lads of Villanova, in silencing audiences or at weekly sporting fixtures across the year. These all truly epitomise our Augustinian spirit.

- Henry Stevens

Year 12, Villanova College-Brisbane

CLEANING UP MOORHEN FLATS: In the spirit of *Laudato Si*

For thousands of years, the lands where Norman Creek stands had provided food, water, and shelter to the Jagera and Turrbal people. However, in recent years that sustenance which the area provided has been wiped out. Through pollution, littering, and the dumping of industrial waste, Norman Creek and the surrounding Moorhen Flats has been transformed from a thriving ecosystem into a dull wasteland.

Over the past four months, the Villanova Green Team has conducted four clean-ups in an attempt to return Norman Creek to its natural order. During this time, they witnessed a noticeable change in the cleanliness of the Flats. Each time, less rubbish was being found, and by the final clean-up, the garbage collected was predominantly microplastics such as lids, wrappers, and cigarette butts. Thanks to the efforts of the Villanova Green Team, Norman Creek is the cleanest that it has been in over 20 years, and the Moorhens are returning to the aptly named Moorhen Flats.

- Harry Bryant

Year 9, Ministry Leader, Villanova College - Brisbane



Students of Villanova College-Brisbane actively engaged in their advocacy for environmental preservation and protection



Justice & Peace

VINNIES SLEEP OUT: In Solidarity with the Disadvantaged

On a cold winter's Friday night, St Vinnies led a group of Year 11 and 12 students on a Street Retreat experience through the CBD and West End. It was a profound experience to see our city with new eyes and to consider the realities that people who experience homelessness are exposed to in the process of trying to meet their basic needs for survival. There is certainly nothing like walking in the shoes of another for a few hours to glimpse a greater insight into the experience of homelessness. We explored stereotypes of homelessness and learned the real stories of people that could easily have been a friend or family member of our own. We faced the challenge of trying to feed ourselves for \$2 and were still surprised to discover how much we needed a group of friends to pull together a basic meal. We tried to find places where we could safely sleep in our city and discovered that there are many obstacles that make this an extremely challenging experience. We stopped by the Rosies Street Van and had the opportunity to connect with many of the patrons that members of our group have befriended this year through our nights volunteering on the Rosies van. We experienced the discomfort of sleeping out and how cold winter nights can be. Our hearts certainly were opened by the experience and our minds were filled with new awareness

- Henry Holroyd and Henry Stevens

Year 12, Villanova College-Brisbane



Photo taken last 4th June 2021 during the Villanova College -Brisbane Vinnies Sleepout Program

ARNHEM LAND REFLECTION

On the nineteenth of June I and a group of 27 boys embarked on a trip to the Northern Territory to meet and live amongst remote aboriginal communities. The boys and I went in with an expectation that this would be a truly lifechanging and memorable trip and it certainly lived up to that hope as we were able to immerse ourselves into the unique and amazing culture.

We were able to view traditional artwork which was thousands of years old and listen to stories from elders of aboriginal communities such as Bill Harney with whom we sat down for hours and listened to him explain the significance of the land and how it has been the home of aboriginal communities for thousands of years and how they co-existed with the land.

It was an incredible experience going up to these communities but always with the fear that Covid restrictions could shut down this incredible experience at any time. We were truly lucky to be able to immerse ourselves in the unique cultures that inhabit this continent

Each day we set out to see a new heritage site or important location learning many lessons along the way such as learning how to build equipment out of reeds and how to identify proper bush tucker to eat and what season it would be available.

We also were able to give back to the communities which took us in by helping to restore and build traditional medicine gardens. The group of boys all got together to help weed and mulch the gardens so they could be used for the surrounding communities. It felt very rewarding to give something back to the people who let us onto their land and shared their stories and wisdom with us. The boys and I were also able to join many of the indigenous kids in the many rivers and swimming holes where we were able to truly connect and build friendships while cooling off in the swimming hole.

This experience also taught us about the struggle to claim indigenous land rights and how much they have all worked to continue their traditions which include songs and dance and it taught us boys how they live off the land by fishing for turtles and fish. This gave us an insight into what they eat and how the food is equally shared among all who are in the community.



Altogether this was an extremely rewarding experience for both the boys and the teachers who were able to immerse themselves within this truly unique culture that has been around for tens of thousands of years. This was not something that we will never forget and this trip has helped us to open our minds to the history and significance of the land and how the aboriginal people have lived off the land and coexisted with everything, respecting all that lives in this sacred land.

For any boys thinking about going on one of the sea programs that the school provides, I would highly recommend this one for the friends you will make and the lifelong memories and experiences you will have. It is truly an extremely rewarding and satisfying experience being able to leave your comfort zone and immerse yourself in a different way of life.

- Smith McMurdo,
Year 10, St Augustine's College-Sydney



FROM THE LEADER OF AFA *(Augustinian Formation Association)*

Lay Partnership

Greetings to all. I can't believe we are already in August, and we are back to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdown. The past 18 months have really tested us, but we still have so many things to be grateful for.

On a chilly Sunday morning on 16 May AFA held its Annual Fun Walk Fundraiser at Manly Beach in Sydney where we had around 20 people join in the walk from Queenscliff Lagoon to Shelley Beach. We welcomed Brothers Huy and Tu together with Fr Jepsen Bermudez on the walk. It was a great morning and with the generosity and support of AFA members and friends we were able to raise \$4,200 which was fantastic.



AFA would like to thank all those who were able to walk and got their own sponsors and for everyone who donated money or sponsored one of the students or a priest. We are incredibly grateful for all the support and sponsorship the community is giving our Augustinian Seminarians.



AFA extends their congratulations and best wishes to Fr Tuan Anh who was ordained to the Priesthood on 22 May, 2021 at St James Parish in Coorparoo. I was lucky enough to be able to travel up to Brisbane together with Jacky Worthington to witness and celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Unfortunately, lockdown restrictions caused Br Nguyễn Hoàng Huy's Solemn Profession to be postponed but we look forward to the day when we are all able to come together and celebrate with Br Huy.

AFA's 'Christmas in July' Dinner planned for 24 July was again cancelled this year due to lockdown but hopefully with restrictions and lockdown lifting we will be able to come together as a community for our end of year dinner on 13 November.

Blessings to all and our prayers continue to be with the students and the Augustinian community.

- Adriana Bowyer, AFA President

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FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE – AN APPRECIATION

Published 2021

Compiled by Mary McCormick of Melbourne this new book **Friends of St. Augustine - An Appreciation** is a tribute to the lay people and Augustinians who established FOSA and to all people who have embraced the charism of Augustinian spirituality. The text charts the developments of the association and honours the collaboration between laity and the Augustinians. It provides an insight into the Augustinian commitment to foster lay participation in the Australian Catholic Church community.

Appreciation was the motif behind the creation of this history and readers are invited to join Mary in appreciating all that belonging to the Augustinian family means.

She tells us that in 2020 with weeks of lockdown ahead, and the saved collection of Amici (Quarterly Friends Newsletter) and the Prayer Resource Guide resting on her book-shelves, here was the perfect opportunity to gather together this story of lay activity. It was lockdown again in 2021 when it came time for the final printing.

This publication, in landscape layout, will not only be of interest and value to Friends members, but also contains great spiritual nourishment for all Augustinian laity and all followers of Augustinian

spirituality. Not only a valuable book for looking back, its final chapter explores the challenge of the Augustinian charism in today's world. It opens questions about the challenges and opportunities for the future in the twenty-first century Australian Catholic Church.

Wonderful times remembered, true leadership honoured, voices of lay people recalled and a huge thank you to Augustine for his thought and challenge.

- Mary Mc McCormick
Affiliate, Order of Saint Augustine



Former Leaders of Friends gathered in Sydney:
From left: Peter Moriarty, Anne Halloway, Mary McCormick, Maureen Atkins, Sylvia Phillips and Paul Maloney OSA Chaplain.

This picture is in the Book along with so many other images, all adding to the story of this Augustinian lay movement.

To purchase a copy of **Friends of St. Augustine – An Appreciation**, contact Mary McCormick at mary_mccormick@bigpond.com

A REFLECTION ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE AS I BEGIN MY PRIESTLY MINISTRY

Feature Stories

It has been more than two months since I was ordained to the Holy Order of Priesthood. I certainly feel that I am an infant in my priestly journey. I would like to reflect on my journey so far by answering two questions.

First, from time to time, my friends asked me, 'How are you doing with your priesthood so far?' My quick response would be, 'My honeymoon is over.' Indeed, the first four weeks of my priesthood were a honeymoon, filled with many thanksgiving mass celebrations and catch-ups, prayers and good wishes. I had never experienced so much affirmation before. I was truly living in a special time of grace and sweetness. Now, I eventually can get back to the reality of priestly life, serving the People of God through the celebrations of sacraments and different ministries. At this stage, while it is tempting to measure my ministry through its productivity and effectiveness, my first essential goal would be to build up relationships. I believe that a genuine, meaningful, and intimate relationship with Christ can lead me to having a genuine, meaningful, and intimate relationship with others in my ministries, and vice versa.



Fr Tuan Anh Le OSA with some of the members of the Young Adults Ministry of St James Parish- Coorparoo, Brisbane

Another question that I was often asked by parishioners was, "Have you felt any change since you were ordained?" I do not know how it happened, but I believe there was an "ontological shift" in my spiritual being during the ordination. There was something special taking place in my relationship with Jesus which does not happen elsewhere. For such a critical belief, I still need to take more time to explore what that means to my priestly life.

However, the related issues at stake would be: Does this shift change who I am as a human being? Does it automatically make me a saint? With people calling me 'Father', by putting on different vestments, by celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, does it make me a holier human being?

Personally, I believe that Ordination does not magically make me a holier or better person. I am still a human being with strengths and weaknesses. I am a fellow sinner with all other faithful. Augustine, in his confrontation with the Donatist belief of the 'priest as saint' (priests who never sin), rightly argues that a priest is also a sinner. Sin teaches everyone, including priests, that we need the grace of God. Together with the laity, priests should also strive for holiness. And holiness is not about a personal achievement, something that one accomplishes for himself, but about 'what God achieves in us, almost in spite of ourselves.' In other words, a priest's holiness comes

wholly from God who is Holy.

Moreover, the laity were right 'to expect their priests to remain faithful to the promises inherent in their clerical state. However, Augustine was also concerned that priests should not pretend to be holier than they were, so they do not obscure Christ's unique status as the only truly righteous, saintly priest in history. The laity should learn to depend upon Christ as the sole source for sanctity in their lives, not upon their priests.' (*This quote is taken from the article of Fr Robert Dodaro (2010). The Priest as Sinner in the Thought of St Augustine. Retrieved on 28th July 2021 from <https://www.clergy.asn.au/the-priest-as-sinner-in-the-thought-of-st-augustine/>*) Though the Ordination ceremony is over, the grace-filled moments of ordination will be treasured for the rest of my life.

As a new and young priest, full of enthusiasm and energy, I love to explore and work in various ministries. However, I need to remind myself that whatever I do, I need to always depend on Christ, the high and perfect priest. Together with all other Christians, I also need to strive for holiness each day.

- Fr. Tuan Anh Le OSA
Ordained to the Priesthood on 22 May, 2021

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WELCOME TO FR. MATTEO CHO OSA

Ministry to the Korean Catholic Community in Melbourne



Fr Matteo is the youngest of four brothers and comes from a farming background from near the city of Mokpo, located at the southwestern tip of the Korean Peninsula. He was ordained in 2012 by Cardinal Prospero Grech O.S.A. who was visiting Korea at the time. Fr Matteo over the past nine years has been engaged mainly in the ministry of giving spiritual retreats at our two Augustinian retreat houses in South Korea, one of which is a small centre for inner-city parishes in Incheon City and the other is up country, just five kilometers from the DMZ with North Korea, which can cater for up to 40 retreatants for extended retreats. He was also a very popular supply priest for the surrounding parishes often accompanying his homily with a song.

When the Korean Catholic community which meets at Mt Waverley Holy Family parish each Sunday in Melbourne lost their Korean chaplain who returned to Korea back in 2019, there arose the possibility of a Korean Augustinian priest taking up the mantle, an initiative that was welcomed by the Archdiocese. So it was that Fr Matteo Cho OSA volunteered and was assigned to the South Yarra Community as assistant to the parish and appointed as chaplain by the Archdiocese to the Korean Community at Mount Waverley.

Of course, no one could have anticipated the COVID Pandemic arriving on the scene when Fr Matteo was appointed and applied for his passport to come to Australia in early 2020. The best he could do was to

celebrate weekly Sunday Masses online from Korea for the community. A second visa issue and a full 18 months later, Fr Matteo finally arrived in Sydney on June 24th where he headed straight into 14-days of hotel quarantine. Upon completion, he was issued with a Green Zone wristband and flew to Melbourne in time to celebrate his first Mass at Mount Waverley on Sunday 4th July 2021.

He was greeted with a warm welcome by the 150 strong congregation and celebrated three baptisms that same afternoon, but then another lockdown ensued bringing to an end his visits for a couple of weeks. Now with the easing of Victorian restrictions, he has been able to resume his ministry as from the end of July.

As mentioned, Fr Matteo is also acting as assistant pastor in our parish of South Yarra, so he is busily learning to say Mass in English. Koreans learn American English so he has all ears open to pick up the Australian version of same. We wish him well in his new location and with his work in Australia.

The beginnings of the ministry to the Korean Catholic Community in Melbourne go back to the late 1970's when a Korean priest on study leave celebrated the first masses in Korean. Since that time it has seen Columban returned Missionaries based at Essendon and several Korean priests caring for the community. It was under the administration of Archbishop Cardinal George Pell that the ministry was relocated to the Holy Family Parish at Mount Waverley in 1998 and a second worship centre was later established in the Parish of Ivanhoe in 2004. Masses are celebrated at both centres on a Sunday and once a week on a week day.

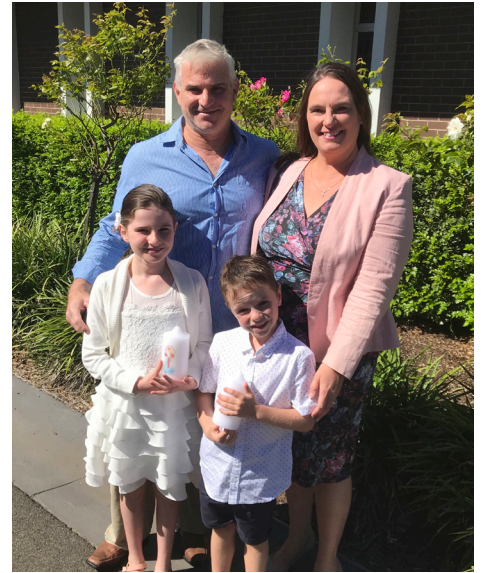
- Frs. John Sullivan OSA and Brian Buckley OSA
Pastors, Parish of South Yarra, Melbourne



Fr. Tony Banks OSA with the Altar Servers of the North Harbour Parish Youth Mass

A very warm welcome from the North Harbour Augustinian Parish Community

A few years ago I felt the need to reconnect with my faith and also to encourage my two young children to follow Jesus so they can have the comfort that a relationship with God brings to your life. Previously, we had attended church at Christmas together and one day my son asked if we could go to the “theatre” again. As we hadn’t been to the theatre I quizzed him a bit more and he meant church! At that point, I realised how much I was neglecting the spiritual side of their upbringing and I made an appointment to talk to Janette who runs the sacramental program at North Harbour parish. She was so welcoming and kind to involve us in the Baptism of Young Children and the Sacramental Program where we formed family groups, learning together in a fun setting and celebrating these happy occasions together.



At the same time, Fr Dave encouraged me to come along to the Alpha course and introduced me to two wonderful ladies, Lea and Judith. After an initial chat on the phone I felt comfortable and curious to come along and try Alpha. It’s fair to say I was very nervous, but I was amazed and really touched by how friendly and welcoming everyone was. Each week we met for dinner and then watched a short film, followed by lively discussion! I realised you didn’t need to know a lot, just be willing to explore life, faith and meaning in a friendly environment. Attending Alpha gave me the opportunity to meet many people from the parish, learn from them and it was lovely to recognise so many familiar faces at Mass. I was invited to join the Alpha team as a helper and more lately as a host which has helped me to grow in confidence and extend the welcome, love and support of our community to others.

In 2019, I was invited to do the RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which welcomes people into the Catholic Church. The sessions were very friendly and informative, giving me the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the Catholic faith and traditions. The welcome that we all felt on being received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass was very special and a joyous occasion for which I am incredibly thankful.

As my children have benefitted and enjoyed the Special Religious Education lessons at their public school I was inspired by our parish Catechist co-ordinator, Ursula, and by the video made by the CCD team from the Broken Bay Diocese calling for people to get involved in the catechetical ministry. This really appealed to me, sharing the stories and Good News with children in primary schools. Through my involvement as a Catechist I am now able to encourage many young people to strengthen their relationship with God while learning a lot myself along the way!

The welcoming nature of the Augustinian parish community has enriched my life so much, helped me cope lately in anxious times, given me a church family in Australia and introduced me to wonderful, kind, caring people who will be lifelong friends.

- Marie Watson

NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR PARISH

Like other Augustinian ministries, our Parish Community is struggling with the effects of the COVID pandemic, particularly its unpredictability and sudden and sometimes extended lockdowns that prevent the community from gathering for the variety of activities that together define and strengthen us as Church. The latest casualty is the postponement of Confirmation of 190 children.

At the same time the Parish has expanded its communication with the wider community through social media, with the weekly bulletin now sent electronically,

along with other communications and the livestreaming of Sunday Eucharist during times of lockdown and recording the Sunday homily at other times.

Early in the year, the Parish initiated a monthly Youth Mass during school terms, actively supported by staff of St Augustine’s College, Stella Maris College, parish and other Catholic schools in the area. St Augustine’s staff member, Simon Hyland, coordinates music and liturgical aspects of the Sunday evening Mass where participation has grown significantly since the beginning of the year. To date, it has not been possible to host a gathering afterwards but our hope is that COVID restrictions will ease soon and more faith opportunities can be offered to our youth.

- Fr. Dave Austin OSA
Parish Priest



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