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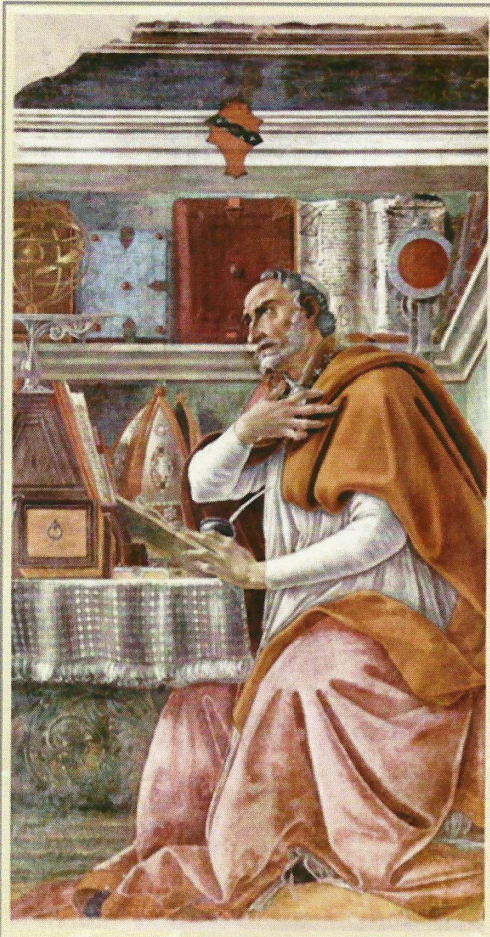


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IN THE STEPS OF AUGUSTINE

A study trip to Italy

25 September to 2 October



Extract from St. Patrick's Cathedral News, Dublin.

13 June 2012

The Chapter met on 11 June and made various appointments.

The Revd Dr Heather Morris and the Revd Kieran O'Mahony OSA, were elected ecumenical canons for the next five years.....

The Revd Dr Heather Morris is a minister of the Methodist Church and its president-elect. She lectures in Edgehill College, Belfast.

The Revd Kieran O'Mahony is an Augustinian priest and is a well-known lecturer in biblical studies.

Greetings all,

I have asked to send a reminder regarding the proposed Italian Study trip as already advertised with brochure. It is from Sept 25th to October 2nd and is called "In the Steps of Augustine".

Time is running out and if you are interested you should contact Map Travel (01 8783111).

Complete details are on the brochure which was circulated.

Kind Regards. Mike Brennock OSA.

In the Steps of Augustine is a study trip offered to Augustinians and Augustinian lay associates. It takes us back in history to the origins of our Order in Tuscany and at the same time offers an exploration of the life and spirituality of Augustine as found in *The Confessions*.

MAP Travel

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Some readers' comments:

Dear Pat,

Greetings, I hope it is not late for a mention in IAN of Augustinian Day in Knock on Saturday 21st July next. All welcome Preacher this year Colm O'Mahoney our new priest. Thanks

Tom Cooney OSA. Knock Pilgrimage Director.

Subject: The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory revisited

Hi all,

I couldn't leave you without the final photos of the Bishop's Ordination, so I hope I don't block any computers. We tend to complain about the expense that people go to for Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmation and Weddings, so I was tempted to ask where in earth they got the habit from?

Since these were taken we have had a four day session of Formation in Portoviejo where we were treated to doctoral presentations in a huge hall that had horrific acoustics. I did my best to get what was being said but simply could not figure out at least 80%. How our country catechists from way into the bush could grasp anything, I've no idea. The Flavio contingent plus Ted McCarthy decided we'd make it a three day course and skipped the final day. Ted, who is a bit hard of hearing, was delighted to hear that I could not understand the presentations. All told, I considered it a dreadful experience. The new Bishop was probably the worst offender. No one, who is honest about it, seems to know what he talked about. Maybe people were keeping a respectful silence.

I was asked to do a testimony of my missionary experience -- as I'm now a bit of an oddity after thirty three or four years in Flavio and may even be the oldest. I did my best to be understood and they laughed at all my jokes, -- all of them --so I must have been more clear than the others. Maybe my speaking more slowly -- as a gringo -- gave me a headstart. And I wasn't reading a ponderous paper peppered with paragraph quotations from church documents. Paul O'Connor OSA.



Bishop Castillo and his M.C. take a rest after the celebration

Pat, Thanks for the regular news via IAN. The ordination and the Johns Lane celebrations must have given a lift to the spirits. May your work continue to prosper! Kind regards. Tom Greally | School Counsellor

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ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE DUNGARVAN

GOLD FOR ST. AUGUSTINE'S KATE VEALE, JURJIS KANASS & CATHERINE HAHESY AT ALL IRELAND SCHOOLS ATHLETICS. On Saturday 2nd June 2012, Kate Veale bowed out of Irish Schools Athletics with a facile win in the senior girls 3000m Walk at the "Aviva" Irish Schools Track/field Championships in Tullamore Harriers. St. Augustine's College Athletic team set out at 6 am on Saturday morning for the beautiful Tullamore Harriers Athletics Complex in Tullamore. Some of the athletes were competing in the all Ireland for the first time and they were quite apprehensive about their chances. These athletes covered themselves in glory. At 9 am Catherine Hahesy and Megan Dunford were in the junior girls' pole vault and Catherine won the Gold and Megan the Bronze in one of the best pole vault events seen in Tullamore for a long time. While the girls were vaulting Jamie McKelvie was setting a new PB in the hammer. Jurjis Kanass won Gold in the junior boys' pole vault with a jump of 3.25m- a new PB for Jurjis. Sarah Keohan and Megan O'Connor finished 3rd in the intermediate girls' pole vault, with a jump of 2.40m Liz Devine and Niamh Clarke competed in the inter triple jump. Liz and Niamh were in 2nd and 3rd respectively up to the last round and were unfortunately pushed out to 3rd and 4th in the final round. Jamie Fennell was 4th in the inter boys' pole vault and Laurance Houlihan 2nd and twin brother Martin 4th in the senior boys pole vault. Luke Sheehan got a new PB in the senior boys 400m hurdles. Well done to all the Friary athletes.

Vincent Lyons Perpetual Golf Trophy.



Last year a few of the participants requested that it be held on a Friday rather than a Tuesday. So, we are booked in again to Rathdowney Golf Club, Co. Laois. Recommended by Ben O'Brien O.S.A., as it is adjacent to the M7 and M8 motorway as well as being a good 18 hole Parkland course. The date, for your diaries, will be

Friday 24th August and we Augustinians will have the tee times from midday until 12.30 p.m. Also up for grabs, for associates of the Augustinians will be the Declan Brosnan cup.

Francis Aherne o.s.a.

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE NEW ROSS



John Paul Phelan, T.D., presenting Transition Year Awards. As the school year comes to an end for many there is still the matter of State examinations to be dealt with for others. Starting on Wednesday, over 280 students will sit their Leaving and Junior Certificate exams here in Good Counsel College and we wish them all the best of luck. It is important at this time that students are supported and that perspective is kept amidst the often 'over the top' media coverage of this annual event.

On Monday night last the Transition Year students had their awards night at which they showcased some of their work through the course of the year. The event was attended by the students, their parents and some of their teachers with guest of honour John Paul Phelan, T.D., who was a member of the first ever Transition Year class in the school a number of years ago. John Paul also carried out the honours in officially opening the recently refurbished science labs which are a great addition to the school facilities. First year student Vladyslav Komarshchuk recently landed a Leinster boxing gold medal being crowned Boys U14 champion in Portlaoise. He is a very talented young man and is extremely dedicated to his sport so no doubt we will hear much more of him in future years. Well done to him and continued success.

Good Counsel College has for a number of years had a very close and successful relationship with Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania with a number of students from our school going on to study there on scholarship. There are currently 5 Good Counsel alumni attending Mercyhurst and one of them, Richard Molloy, was last week elected President of the Student Government, a prestigious honour which brings with it the responsibility of sitting on the University's board of directors where he will represent the students interests. We wish Richard the best in his role and congratulate him on his achievement.

Good Counsel College came out on top of thrilling contest in Thomastown on Friday 4th as they overcame St. Kieran's College to win the Leinster Colleges U-14 hurling title and claim the Dr. Barry Cup. In what was a highly competitive game with a fantastic standard of hurling, the skill and determination of the New Ross boys deservedly prevailed on a score line of 3-8 to 2-9



Good Counsel College U-14 Hurling Team

ECUADOR

Hi, I'll translate only the final paragraph where José Mario Ruiz, Emeritus Archbishop of Portoviejo, and representative of Ecuador at the Congress, speaks of the Irish input into the Diocese. The article appeared in one of the biggest national papers, *El Universo*. 23 June 2012 (Drop to the last paragraph if your Spanish is not the best).

Congreso Eucarístico en Dublín, más que la crisis

La Arquidiócesis de Portoviejo ha recibido colaboración de la Iglesia en Irlanda: Los Agustinos durante más de 40 años y los sacerdotes de la diócesis de Cork y Ross han extraído de la experiencia eclesial irlandesa lo que puede vitalizar la identidad de la Iglesia ecuatoriana. Han laborado de acuerdo a los lineamientos de la Iglesia en Ecuador. Además, en Manabí han reconstruido templos, residencias, aulas de catequesis, etcétera, deterioradas durante 40 años sin obispo. Fui a Dublín, también, por gratitud. (Last Paragraph translated.)

"The Archdiocese of Portoviejo has received help from the Church in Ireland. The Augustinians, during more than 40 years and the priests of the Diocese of Cork and Ross have extracted from the Irish ecclesial experience elements that could vitalize the Ecuadorean church. They have worked in accordance with the pastoral planning of the Ecuadorean church. And more, they have rebuilt churches, residences, rooms for catechetics, etcetera, which had deteriorated during forty years without a bishop. I went to Dublin, also, in gratitude."

Paul O'Connor OSA.



Our Archbishop Emeritus, Mons. José Mario Ruiz

NIGERIA

INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN DOVES FOR PEACE AWARD



His Grace Archbishop Ignatius Kaigama has just received the above Award for 2012, in Rome. This prestigious Award, organized yearly under the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic, is offered to a prominent individual on the international scene (and also to three journalists) whose work has made a significant contribution towards peace and conflict resolution in the world.

Previously awardees include Olaf Palme (1986), Nelson Mandela (1987), Perez de Cuellar (1989), John Hume (1997), Federico Mayor (1998), Jesse Jackson (1999), Hanz Blix (2004), Juan Somavia (2005), Mohamed ElBaradei (2007), and Jane Goodall (2010).

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

Please remember in your prayers the following members of the Irish Province who have gone home to God.

07 2000 Fr B Delaney
14 1966 Br J Caples
14 1990 Fr A Kennedy
15 1980 Fr F Madden
16 2002 Fr D Brosnan
16 2010 Fr D Mason
19 1962 Fr P Donegan
20 1989 Fr T Butler
21 1968 Fr P.J Bolger
21 1987 Fr B Power
22 1992 Fr C Kehoe
22 2002 Fr CN McCarthy
26 2004 Fr P Tinney
27 1996 Br G Flatley

SR HELENA FOX (Sth Pres. Cork) RIP.



Pat Doyle, Liam Ryan OSA and Sr Helena RIP

Please remember also in your prayers, Sr Helena who died on Wednesday last 27th June. Helena was a valued member of St Augustine's Church community here in Washington St, Cork. She was born in September 1916 in Glenroe, Co Limerick. There were 9 in the family, 5 boys and 4 girls, and she has one surviving sister. She was educated in the local primary school and later in Kilfinnan Secondary school and also in Loreto Fermoy.

She entered Fermoy Presentation Convent, was a very committed and prayerful Presentation Sister and a most dedicated teacher. She remained in Fermoy until retirement.

After her retirement another full life began for her. Her ministries included: work with the Simon Community; she pioneered the "Welcome English Project" with Sr Celestine for Non Irish students; she spent 15 years in Alaska, where she learned to drive in the snow. She later spent time in Presentation communities in Cork and Kerry and finally ended up in South Presentation Convent, Douglas Street, Cork.

She was a regular early morning Mass goer in St Augustine's for over 7 years. She also helped in sacristy, as reader, Eucharistic minister, always willing to help as back up if a minister was sick or on holidays. In more recent years she took complete responsibility for all altar linen laundry services, and was fully active up to 10 days before she died.

Recent tests revealed Cancer. She spent a week in her own convent. Walked to Mass in her local Parish church on Monday of last week, went to Marymount Hospice that night. She made all her funeral arrangements on Tuesday evening and died early Wednesday morning. She was buried in Fermoy Convent on Friday 29th June. May she rest in peace.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 6 No. 1. This is the sixth birthday edition of IAN. Thanks to all who have contributed over the last five years. (How time flies!). Hope all our readers will continue to be as interested, as you have been in the past, and continue to submit news etc. Special thanks to Peter Galus, David Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor, for their invaluable help with this issue, and to Paul O'Connor and Good Counsel College for photos.

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