

IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

ORLAGH



Martin Laird OSA

The highlight of the summer in Orlagh was the weekend retreat led by Martin Laird from the Villanova Province. Every room in the house was taken and the total number on retreat was 44 (including non-residents). His talks were very well received. One woman said to me since "That retreat was the most helpful thing I have ever done." Bookings have already started for his return visit at the end of May 2013.

We had two other weekend retreats as well, in addition to the Bible Week and the 6-day Lectio Divina and Meditation Retreat, all well attended. A Dutch Pilgrim Group (now regular annual visitors) stayed here en route to Croagh Patrick. Among other visiting groups were a group of U.S. college students and, closer to home, 20 people from Ballymun on a mindfulness weekend.

Encouraged by the response to the Open Days, that we held as part of the National Heritage Week last year, we had two more open days this year (Aug 19 & 20) and got an even better response. Some 400 people visited us. Their expressions of interest have swelled our mailing list, and will, we hope, increase the number of participants on our courses and retreats.

The Orlagh landscape has changed recently. The heavy snow over a year ago led to the partial collapse of some of the farm buildings. For safety reasons these have now been demolished, giving us some additional parking space in the farmyard. This was a considerable help during the Open Days.

Our programme for the coming year has been published. It includes some new ventures and we look forward to a busy, enjoyable and fruitful year.

Kieran's installation as an ecumenical canon in St. Patrick's takes place -- **3.00pm** on Sunday, September 23rd. John Byrne OSA, Orlagh.



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**CORK
ANNUAL AUGUSTINIAN PILGRIMAGE TO
LOURDES 7-14 AUGUST, 2012**



Some twenty pilgrims travelled with me this year to Lourdes – a pilgrimage with which I have been happily associated for the past few years. On the evening of our arrival, we were blessed to be in time for the Torch-Light Procession, which wonderfully raises the spirits, with its international manifestation of faith.

As always in Lourdes, the following days brought us nearer to heaven – with our group Masses, our attendance at prayers and devotions, and the customary visits to the special little spaces hallowed by St Bernadette.

There was peace in our souls and gratitude to the Blessed Mother, as we came away from this holy place that is so dear to the hearts of the people of Ireland.

Sr Phil, Fr Sean Dowling and Gerard Moynihan JWT



Dutch Pilgrims – typical Irish Summer

III Augustinian Laity Congress
Rome, July 11th – 17th 2012
Being the Body of Christ in the World Today



Nine people from Ireland (two Augustinians and seven lay people) attended the third Augustinian Laity Congress that was held in Rome during the above dates. The theme for the Congress was: *Being the Body of Christ in the world today* and the speakers invited to address the Congress were: Dr. Joseph Kelley from Merrimack College, USA and Mon. Giovanni Scanavino, OSA.

There were 143 people present from 25 different countries. The countries represented were:

Argentina 3	Ecuador 1	Poland 2
Australia 12	France 2	Portugal 3
Belgium 2	Holland 7	Puerto Rico 6
Brazil 14	Ireland 9	Slovakia 2
Canada 7	Italy 7	Spain 20
Colombia 3	Malta 4	United Kingdom 5
Costa Rica 1	Panama 10	United States 11
Czech Rep. 3	Peru 2	
Dominican Republic 4	Philippines 2	

Unfortunately there was no representatives from Africa.

The Congress opened with prayer led by Fr. Alejandro and Mary McCormick from Australia. During the opening ceremony the flags of all the countries present and absent were brought in procession to the front of the aula and placed before five banners which showed the countries of the five Augustinian regions throughout the world. They remained on view throughout the Congress as a reminder of the Augustinian family all over the world and were ceremoniously removed during the closing prayer service.

The first two days of the Congress started with input from Dr. Joe Kelley and Mon. Scanavino respectively. Drawing on the scriptural basis and the writings of St. Augustine for our understanding of ourselves as the body of Christ they both emphasized the practical nature of how we can be the body of Christ today. Dr. Kelley said that living as the body of Christ involves three things:

1. Friendship and love
2. Works of Justice and Peace
3. Solidarity and prayer.

Mon. Giovanni Scanavino also urged the Congress to be the body of Christ so that after we eat and drink and celebrate being the body of Christ - we *distribute* to those in need. In fact, the hallmark of all the presentations heard at the Congress - the family, laity and youth – and all the

other contributions from around the world, was the concrete, practical desire of those speaking to be of service to the body of Christ, to our brothers and sisters throughout the world. After the inspiring input of the two key speakers, time was given for working groups to discuss, debate and react to what they had heard. On subsequent days three presentations were made by the laity. The first on Augustinian Spirituality and the family, another by the lay representatives appointed at the 2006 Congress, and the third by six young (under 30) people who work either voluntarily or in paid employment, with their Augustinian friars across the world. Their contribution was particularly inspiring.

The Congress approved the following structure for the Commission for the Laity:

- OSA (Friars) Commission for the Laity
 - 2 Members of the General Council
 - 1 friar APAC (Asia/Pacific)
 - 1 friar AFA (Africa)
 - 1 friar FANA (North America)
 - 1 friar OAE (Europe)
 - 1 friar OALA (America Latina)
- Augustinian Lay Representatives - Now called Coordinators
 - 2 lay persons APAC (Asia/Pacific)
 - 2 lay persons AFA (Africa)
 - 2 lay persons FANA (North America)
 - 3 lay persons OAE (Europe)
 - 3 lay persons OALA (America Latina)

This is to be approved by the Prior General and the General Council of the Order as part of the Programme of the Order 2013-2019.



We had a wonderful trip to the shrine of St. Rita in Cascia and no report on this Congress would be complete if mention was not made of the wonderful dinner gatherings we had each night in the garden of St. Monica's with the illuminated dome of St. Peter's in view. On the

final night we had an impromptu concert which included an adapted version of *Trasna na Donnta* performed by the Irish group. The atmosphere of joy, friendship and the love of just being together chatting and sharing stories, jokes and experiences was palpable. Bernadette Toal.



Dick Lyng OSA, with group in Cascia

CHARITY CYCLE FOR PETER McVERRY SJ

On the 22 Sept the Wexford Cycle takes place, in support of Welcome Home, a charity run by Peter McVerry SJ for homeless young people. I know money is short, but the cause is good and anything you might contribute would be most welcome.

Donations can be made by credit card on my own webpage: <http://www.mycharity.ie/event/kierancycle2012>. Thus far, I've collected €545, but the goal is €3,00! The collection peaked a few years ago with slightly over €5,000, but it has dropped by €1,000 each year since.

Thanks so much. Kieran

Dr Kieran J. O'Mahony OSA

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ROSE OF TRALEE 2012



Nicola McEvoy with Editor

Recently, Corkwoman Nicola McEvoy was crowned the 2012 Rose of Tralee. Nicola works as a secondary teacher at the European School of Luxembourg.

Originally from Kerry Pike near Blarney, but emigrated two years ago after being unable to find work as a teacher. Now representing her adopted home of Luxembourg Nicola will wear the Rose of Tralee Crown until next August. Above photo was taken at Editor's "In-laws" party prior to the Rose of Tralee Festival in Glanmire, Co Cork.



This years outstanding Waterford "Rose" representative came from Dungarvan, Lorna Ferncombe. She is a niece of Rose, the cook in Duckspool House, Abbeyside.

Some years ago while studying in College (Waterford) she worked one summer as assistant housekeeper in Duckspool House, and the late Columba O'Donnell OSA, helped her prepare for Final Examinations. Recently she visited the Duckspool Community. (See photo above).

Vincent Lyons Golf Trophy.



ANNUAL OSA GOLF OUTING.

"Better call the golf off. The forecast is for nonstop rain." Advice received but not heeded. Fortunately. No rain. Yes a resumed reign. Ben O'Brien notched up 35 points in winning the Vincent Lyons competition. Two years since he last won it, but there is plenty more gas in his tank. Ailbe Brennan was a close runner up.

The Declan Brosnan competition for O.S.A. associates was won by Fr. Ailbe O'Bric P.P., a former Good Counsel student. Aidan O'Mahony (Kieran's bother) was runner up in that.

The Rathdowney Lady Captain came and introduced herself to us. "I saw that it was the Augustinians. My name is Noeline Delahunty. I worked with the Sisters in Shuwa clinic in Nigeria for 9 months in the early 80's. I remember Iggs (Pat) Farrell, Hilary Sheehy, Charley O'Reilly, John O'. Great characters. Nice people. Happy memories." Small world.....

Francis Aherne O.S.A.



Ben O'Brien receives the Vincent Lyons cup from previous winner Francis Aherne.



Ailbe O'Bric receives the Declan Brosnan cup from Padraig Cullinane.

NIGERIAN PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2012

Provincial: John Abubakar
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Joel Okoje
Bursar: Peter Medugu
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DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

02 1990 Br E Wade
03 1967 Fr J O'Donoghue
09 1968 Fr S Breen
09 1996 Fr J Curtis
10 2003 Fr B Beary
12 1996 Br J O'Sullivan
15 1991 Br P Quinn
16 1990 Fr G O'Leary
16 2000 Fr JF O'Shea
17 2000 Fr V Lyons
20 1996 Fr B Sinnott
21 1995 Fr G Cunnane
30 1962 Fr F Larkin

SISTER OF ANDY HANLEY OSA, DIED ON 15 AUGUST. ANNIE FAHY, LAST HANLEY TO DIE. M. COONEY AND MY SELF ATTENDED FUNERAL YESTERDAY. MARTIN CREAN OSA.

Also remember a sister of John Whelan OSA Galway, Ita O'Donnell who died in Germany recently.

Please note Martin Crean has a new e-mail address:
martinrcreanosa@gmail.com

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 6 No. 3. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks to Peter Galus, David Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor, for their invaluable help with this issue, and to John Byrne, Sean Dowling and John O'Connor for photos.

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"BOGUS E-MAIL" - received by editor, 20.08.2012

Hi

I made a trip yesterday to Barcelona, Spain and had my bag stolen from me with cash and credit cards in it. I am in contact with my bank but they are not providing a quick solution.

Luckily am not hurt, but I urgently need some money to sort my self out of this predicament, I will pay back as soon as I return.

Please let me know if you will be able to help, so I can forward you the details required for a wire transfer via the western union as it is the best option to send money to me right now. I don't yet have a local phone (still gathering my bearings), so email is probably the best form of contact for now. Waiting for a response from you
Regards, Seamus Ahearne.

20.08.2012

Brothers,

Fr. Seamus Ahearnes E-mail has been hacked and a scam is going on. Seamus is supposedly stuck without money in Barcelona. If you get a message just ignore it and bin it.
Regards to all, Mike Brennock OSA.

Re Bogus e-mail sent on 20th August purporting to be from me in Spain requesting money:

1. I was not in Spain.
2. I was not in Barcelona!
3. I have never been in Spain.
4. I wasn't mugged.
5. I didn't post an e-mail requesting help.

Many immediately knew that the e-mail wasn't written in my style (whatever my style is!) and knew that I would never have written such a piece anyway. Some didn't. I will try to make contact with as many as possible later but hope this general e-mail will reach everyone.

Someone hacked into my e-mail addresses and sent such a request for money. I couldn't get back into my computer. It was totally scrambled. I have only got my computer back today and got back on line now (29th August 2012). All the addresses were also edited which meant that I couldn't reach anyone earlier today. That I think is now corrected. Google also had to check the security of my address and it took those nine days.

I have lost all my e-mails (both in-box and sent) but I seem to have my e-mail addresses. I suppose - it doesn't make much sense to apologise! There was nothing I did or could do about it. All I can say is - beware of any such e-mails you receive. It is a scam, very troublesome and quite dangerous. If there any questions - speak back to me. I only hope no-one was caught. I know a few almost were.

Thanks, Seamus Ahearne OSA.