

# IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

NEI GIARDINI VATICANI UN MOSAICO  
DELLA MADONNA DEL BUON CONSIGLIO



In the Vatican Gardens, on Thursday afternoon, 9 July (2009), a mosaic portraying *Our Mother of Good Counsel* was blessed by his Holiness, the Pope. This quiet corner will now be known as the *Largo of Mother of Good Counsel*. The ceremony was attended by a number of Vatican officials, accompanied by the Father General, Robert Provost, and members of the Augustinian community from the Parish of St Anne in Vatican City.

This new treasure in the Vatican Gardens faithfully copies some of the notable aspects of the Picture as it is seen at the Shrine in Genazzano – the blue mantle of Mary as taken to represent humanity, the red tunic of the Child recalling the Divinity of Christ. Then overall the subtle blend of colours enveloping the figures can lead, we are told, to peace of mind and heart.

Again, here, too, in the Mosaic, we see depicted another marked detail of the original Image (which is often noted) in that the features of the Mother display a fairly strong influence of the classical Western tradition, while those of the Child seem to bear more of an Eastern Byzantine resemblance. Yet, the bond between Mother and Child is lovingly captured and enriches the heart of the pilgrim, while it may also be a gentle artistic reminder to us of the bonds between East and West.

The traditional story of the origin of the devotion to the *Mother of Good Counsel* takes us back to an incident which was said to have occurred on 25 April 1467, at the Augustinian church at Genazzano. A large crowd of people had gathered in the square as evening vespers were being recited. According to the ancient account, to the unbelievable wonder of all, the Image of the Mother and Child appeared on the wall of the church. We are told that news of the event spread rapidly, and soon pilgrims were coming from near and far. There is on record that within three months over 160 wonders and miracles were witnessed there.



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An inspiring feature of the history of the Image is the role played by various Popes, in promoting Genazzano as a Marian Shrine of prime importance – from Paul II (1464-71) on through Leo XIII and Pius XII to our own time. A number of the supreme pontiffs have also visited the holy Shrine in person – for instance Urban VIII, 21 October 1630, Blessed Pius IX, 15 August 1864, on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception. Next, on 25 August 1959, it was Blessed John XXIII, who had announced the Second Vatican Council on the previous 25 January. Most recently, John Paul II, was a pilgrim there on 22 April 1993, three days before his historic journey to Albania.

At this visit Blessed Mother Theresa (from Albania) asked the Holy Father to bring back the Image to its first home. The Pope said no – the Picture came of its own accord, so we must let it return in its own way!

To explain, a tradition tells us that Genazzano was not the original home of the Image. A chapter in the story holds that it was brought to Genazzano from a church in Scutari (in Albania), in order to protect it from the threat of the Turkish invasion, which took place around the time when this most beautiful Image of Mother and Child is said to have first appeared in Genazzano. (Based on a report in the *L'Osservatore Romano* - 11 July 2009).

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AYE London 2010 **Website Launch** - [www.aye10.org](http://www.aye10.org)  
The website for AYE London 2010 is up and running!

It has all the vital information you will need to get ready for the event!

There are also photos, testimonies and contact information if you want to get in touch with us here at the AYE office.

The website will be updated regularly so keep checking it for all updates and news at [www.aye10.org](http://www.aye10.org)!

- Claire Webster [ayelondon2010@hotmail.com](mailto:ayelondon2010@hotmail.com)

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## THANK YOU CORK

On behalf of the Irish Augustinian Mission in Ecuador I wish to thank the congregations in St. Augustine's, Washington Street, for their wonderful generosity shown in the collections made during the past week which realised the sum of €10000. Everyone who has heard of the amount collected has expressed their admiration of the people who support our Church in Cork. Therefore it is only fitting that I should express our gratefulness too. Fr. Ted McCarthy, whom I expect to meet in Ecuador next Wednesday, will be more than grateful to his own people. It is only fair that we should thank the Polish community for their extraordinary generosity too.

The funds gathered will be used to help poor people in their varied needs, especially with medical prescriptions and operations. Some will go for snake-bite serums, zinc for houses, food for elderly people.

I also thank Fr. Pat Moran and the various members of the Augustinian Order in Cork for the enthusiasm with which they supported the collection in every way possible. Finally a word of thanks to Fr. Martin Crean who invited me to speak of our mission at the beginning of the appeal.

Cork has, once again, been faithful to its long tradition of supporting the mission. It is a dimension of our faith that we should never let decline.

God bless you all. Paul O'Connor OSA, Ecuador.

Fr Pat Moran. Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Augustinian News. I take it you got my address from Fr Tom Sexton. Scrolling through the News brought back many happy memories associated with the names I recognised. Take yourself for example, I assume we spent some time in Ballyboden together – hurler from Tipperary, I think. Please include me on your email list for future copies if you can. Many thanks. Tony Gargan : [toni.gargan@gmail.com](mailto:toni.gargan@gmail.com)

Greetings, Pat.

The last two weeks have been one continuous "on the move". I enjoyed the Chapter from all aspects, but especially meeting up once again with all the brethren. There were two I had not met for 27 years - since I left Nigeria!

Had a few days with the family, an important meeting in Dublin, the long 4th of July in California, and am en route now to New Haven, Connecticut, home for the present. I have a long delay in Chicago and the IAN has just arrived, very opportune indeed, thank you. Yes, I can open all the script on this B/Berry but will have to wait to get back to the computer to see the photos etc. properly. Got the web link you sent also. - many thanks for all and much appreciated. God bless.

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## REFLECTION ON INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The 28,000-word encyclical is a wide-ranging reflection on social justice for our world. Following Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Populorum Progressio* (1967), whose fortieth anniversary it commemorates, Benedict's theme is what both popes call "integral human development". In the **Introduction**, Benedict locates his reflection between the principles of charity and truth, which he sees personified in Jesus Christ. Charity, he says, goes beyond justice ("I give what is mine to the other"), but it is never without justice ("I must first give to the other what is rightfully theirs"). Both charity and justice seek not only the good of other individuals, but the good of society, the common good.

**Chapter 1-** recalls that *Populorum Progressio* set down two important truths of Catholic social teaching: firstly, that the Church, in all her being and acting - when she proclaims, when she celebrates, when she performs works of charity - is engaged in promoting *integral human development*; and secondly, that authentic human development concerns *the whole of the person* in every single dimension.

**Chapter 2- Human Development in Our Time**, insists that a merely economic and technological progress is not enough. "Profit is useful if it serves as a means towards an end that provides a sense both of how to produce it and how to make good use of it. Once profit becomes the exclusive goal, if it is produced by improper means and without the common good as its ultimate end, it risks destroying wealth and creating poverty." "The primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity."

**Chapter 3-** is entitled **Fraternity, Economic Development and Civil Society**. Benedict urges us not to forget original sin (we're not perfect) and the principle of *gratuitousness* as an expression of fraternity. "Economic activity cannot solve all social problems through the simple application of commercial logic. This needs to be directed towards the pursuit of the

**common good, for which the political community in particular must also take responsibility."**

**- Limerick Sunday Bulletin 12.07.2009**

## DATES OF EASTER

YEAR	ASH WED.	EASTER SUN.	PENTECOST
2010	17 February	04 April	23 May
2011	09 March	24 April	12 June
2012	22 February	08 April	27 May
2013	13 February	31 March	19 May
2014	05 March	20 April	08 June
2015	18 February	05 April	24 May
2016	10 February	27 March	15 May
2017	01 March	16 April	04 June
2018	14 February	01 April	20 May
2019	06 March	21 April	09 June
2020	26 February	12 April	31 May
2021	17 February	04 April	23 May
2022	02 March	17 April	05 June
2023	22 February	09 April	28 May
2024	14 February	31 March	19 May
2025	05 March	20 April	08 June

## GALWAY

Despite the recession, Galway will be en fete for the next four weeks. The holiday season here peaks with the Arts Festival and Race Week. Let's pray that the weather will be kind. May the Lord do for the horses what he has already done for the boats!

The city comes vibrantly alive with the Arts Festival. The concept of 'art' and 'artist' is interpreted very broadly here. If past experience is anything to go by, all sorts of wacky people will travel under this 'flag of convenience' for the next two weeks.

Who could forget 'The Urban Dream Capsule' of 2001? Four Australians lived out their lives in public for two weeks in the library window across the road. They did almost everything in full view of the public. Mercifully, the toilet was always hidden. Plus the shower door had a strategically placed painting, in the interests of family entertainment. There are no other concessions to privacy. The performers were on display 24/7. Amazingly, they never lacked an audience. But was it art? I don't know, but I do know it was outrageous and it was funny for some reason.

However, Galway has no monopoly on the zany and the wacky. Trafalgar Square in London has attracted more attention than usual these days. At its centre is Nelson's Column. Other statues are on display in the square, including a fourth plinth which is vacant. It was built in 1841, as a pedestal for an equestrian statue of William IV. The king left no provisions in his will for a statue, so it remains vacant. But, since 1999 it has functioned as an occasional showcase for pieces of modern art, including Mark Wallinger's statue of Christ, Ecce Homo.

This summer, however, sculptor Antony Gormley invited the 'common Brit' to make the plinth their own for an hour. (Gormley is obsessed with making casts of his own body and leaving them all over the place!)

He calls his ongoing work of art 'One & Other'. So, every hour, for the next 100 days, 2,400 different people will be hoisted by a forklift up onto the Fourth Plinth, which stands about 6.7 metres high. The rules are simple: you must stand on the plinth alone, for the whole hour; you can do whatever you want, provided it's legal; and you can take anything with you that you can carry!

Reactions have varied. Anglican Vicar, Rev. Bob Marshall, showed that the wacky and the religious are not always distinguishable: *"Each of us is unique and extraordinary. Gormley is right to place us all on pedestals."*

I preferred the reaction of one Daily Telegraph journalist who wrote: *"There we shall see a succession of attention-seekers, spending an hour each in the public eye, night and day. They must be protected from the danger of falling off the 6ftx18ft platform by a wide, ugly safety net. The temptation for the sterling British public will be to mock the plinth poseurs and pelt them with soft fruit. This is not to be encouraged, but it would be a natural reaction to an antithesis of art."*

How about removing the statue of Fr Tom Burke from his plinth for a fortnight so that the ordinary citizen of Galway could live the dream? God forbid! Enjoy the festival.

-Dick Lyng OSA, Galway.

## AUGUSTINIAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



Martin Crean OSA and Gerry Horan OSA

Greetings, as organiser of our Augustinian Pilgrimage to our Lady's Shrine at Knock in Co. Mayo I wish to express thanks and appreciation to all the communities and local directors who contributed their time and energy in making our Pilgrimage to the Shrine on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July last possible and such a prayerful occasion.

Being part of a united Pilgrimage with the Family Prayer Day Pilgrims was again this year a good experience, another opportunity for Augustinians to show their willingness to co-operate with others who share in our Vision and Mission.

It was great to see our people there from New Ross, Drogheda, Fethard, Cork, Grantstown, Abbeyside and Dungarvan, Galway, Cork, Limerick and John's Lane.

Some people reminded me they would never get to Knock except we Augustinians provided the opportunity for them even if they have free travel. Yes it seems the Pilgrimage responds to a real need for some people.

It was an International Day as well in that included among the pilgrims we had Frs Andris Solaris, form Rega, Latvia and Vasile from Romania with the John's Lane pilgrims, Fr. Felix, OSA a Nigerian working in Kenya with the Limerick pilgrims, and two Augustinian Students from St. Monica's in Rome, Fr Israel Jimenez, a Columbian and Bro Marco Di Benetto, an Italian with the Cork pilgrims.

Thanks to our Provincial Gerry Horan for his support and being chief celebrant at the Eucharist on the day and Martin Crean OSA for an inspiring and relevant homily. Thanks to our readers from Fethard, Grantstown and the choir from John's Lane.

The date is already set for next years Augustinian day at Knock Shrine, Saturday July 17 2010. Enjoy the Summer.

Tom Cooney OSA, John's lane.



Felix Usman OSA and Martin Crean OSA



### THE VINCENT LYONS TROPHY

for Augustinians past and present  
at St Anne's Golf Club

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2.00pm

Golf and Dinner hosted by Philip Kelly and Pat Furness  
Please contact Philip Kelly Tel. 087 7751545

### GOLF DAY AT NEW ROSS G.C.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009

#### The Declan Brosnan OSA Cup

Open to all Augustinian Fathers & Brothers  
Past and Present

#### Toby Kavanagh Cup

Open to all Good Counsel Students Past and Present  
Course booked from 12.30 – 2.00pm Fee: € 40  
Tel. Dermot Kavanagh 051 423852 or 087 1043761

### DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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

04 1988 Br. A Murphy  
06 1971 Fr. J V Byrne  
13 2005 Fr. J Callaghan  
14 1986 Fr. C Hussey  
16 1965 Fr. P Doyle  
18 1987 Fr. TA Daly  
19 1973 Fr. J Phelan  
19 1980 Fr. T Hand  
19 2003 Fr. J Sheehan  
22 2002 Fr. M Cullen  
24 1997 Fr. C Ahern  
26 1992 Fr. J Grace  
29 1997 Fr. S Coffey  
31 1965 Fr. L Cotter  
31 2003 Fr. M Twomey

Please remember in your prayers Maureen Fives, mother of Fr Colin Fives OSA, Nigeria, who died on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and was buried in Abbeyside, Dungarvan on Wednesday 22nd July.

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Greetings Pat and I hope you are keeping well. Prosit on the July IAN, professional as always and interesting to read. Could you put two short death notices in the next IAN of parishioners who died in Buena Park.

Please pray for Cecilia Gremillion RIP of Buena Park, California who died recently. Although frail looking and wheelchair bound, Cecilia had been active in St. Pius Parish. Cecilia and her dog, Elizabeth were well known greeters, as they welcomed the people who came to the 10.45 am Sunday Mass. Both Cecilia and Elizabeth attended the eight sessions of a Bereavement Course. Elizabeth was the first, and possibly the only dog to receive the certificate for completing the course.

Please pray also Gerry de Beau RIP of Buena Park, who died recently. When Gerry retired after raising a large family, he offered his services to the parish as a Eucharistic minister, especially to the housebound. He said it was one way of thanking the community where he had received so much. He was an invaluable help to the priests especially in times of need for a supply, and also in letting us know discreetly when a person might need the Anointing of the Sick.  
May they both rest in peace. Tommy McManus OSA.

Three Irish Augustinians, Declan Brennan, Paddy O'Reilly and Brendan Quirke were among 54 friars from 28 countries from all 5 continents who attended 'Stepping Forward!' **Augustinian Parochial Ministry in the Light of the Second Vatican Council**, the first ever conference for Augustinian friars engaged in parochial ministry, which took place in Rome from 13-17<sup>th</sup> July. The topics covered were: *Augustine, pastor and model for Augustinian pastoral ministers today* by Fr. Miguel Angel Keller, OSA; *Augustinian Spirituality for parishes* by Fr. Tony Banks, OSA; *The Second Vatican Council and pastoral ministry* by Fr. Luis Marin, OSA; *Parishes served by Religious Communities, a Bishop's Point of View* by Bishop John Niyiring, OSA. Paddy O'Reilly OSA, Ballyboden.



Brendan Quirke, Declan Brennan and Paddy O'Reilly

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 3 No 2. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks as always to Peter Galus, who does all the photographic work, to David Moran, John O'Connor for their invaluable work with each issue, and to Martin Crean, Paddy O'Reilly and L'Osservatore Romano for photographs..

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### Maureen Fives RIP

On behalf of the Fives family, I wish to thank all the Friars who turned out in such large numbers for the Removal and Funeral Mass. The OSA presence was a source of strength and comfort to the immediate and extended family and also a recognition of her more than forty years involvement with the Mission Workers. Colin Fives OSA, Nigeria.