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The Prior General, as president of the chapter, welcomed all present and he especially acknowledged the many sacrifices made by many friars to be there. He affirmed the decision of the province to have an open chapter, at which all friars with active voice are members of the chapter, and he indicated that this was a very important moment for the province. He reminded us that as brothers in chapter we are called to look at ways that God is calling us today to renew ourselves.

Gerry Horan, Provincial, welcomed all the friars to the first open chapter, where we all are equals, with the right to make and own the policy decisions made. He made a special "Cead Mile Failte" to those who had come from abroad. He welcomed Bob Prevost, the Prior General; Franz Klein, Assistant General; Hyacinth Kangycp, the Provincial of the Nigerian Province; Prospero Grech, from St Monica's, Rome who gave a refreshing spiritual contributed input every day.

Monday morning began with prayer interspersed with reflections given by Prospero Grech OSA. The afternoon session began with an address from Gerry Horan in which he outlined the chapter journey to date, especially to update those from abroad. Michael O'Sullivan followed with a report on the finances. Noel Hession, accompanied by two of the Youth Core Team gave a report on youth initiatives. Niall Coghlan gave a report as Vocation Director and Paddy O'Reilly spoke on Child Protection and presented the Safeguarding Policy which was adopted by the Chapter. On Tuesday, journalist David Quinn gave a fine presentation "On Reality; Resources; Relevance" and touched on the Ryan Report too. Sean Ruth spoke on Leadership on Wednesday.

Shem Furlong made a presentation on the "Age Profile" of the province, and there were reports on Nigeria, Kenya, Ongoing Formation, Education and on the future development of Orlagh.



David Middleton, Bob Prevost and Gerry Horan

The Daily Eucharist was celebrated by Fr General Bob Prevost, Fr Franz Klein, Fr Hyacinth Nigerian Provincial, Fr David Middleton Provincial of England and Scotland in St Augustine's Church, O'Connell's St, Limerick. Fr Gerry Horan celebrated the final Eucharist, in Uni.of Limerick.

Evening Prayer brought an end to the official part of the day, and a feature of the 2009 Chapter was the night presentations. These provided the friars with the opportunity to engage with particular issues of concern, which had been raised in pre-chapter preparation.

These workshops were optional extras.

Monday optional presentation

Presented by Fr Pat Seaver. Topic Suicide.

Tuesday optional presentation

Presented by Martin Murphy. Topic Alcohol Abuse.

Wednesday optional presentation

Presented by Tony Murphy. Topic Child Protection.

Thursday, the evening concluded with a Barbeque.

Noel Hession OSA and Youth Core Team



SOME READERS' COMMENTS:

Hi Fr. Moran,
I am very impressed with your news letter, well done. Of course the photographs are great as always and I am glad to see Matt making the first page! I see David's name in the acknowledgements, how is he getting on now? Tell him I said hello. See you soon at the chapter.
All the best, Helen Russell, St Augustine's College, Dungarvan.

Thanking you Pat for the monthly Augustinian 'booster-injection'. Keep up the good work.
Memories stirred this month include many that surround 9 of the 15 names on the 'gone to God' list. The nine all served in Nigeria. (Theologically, are not all of us with God? The dead just in a different way?)
Brennan Ipse

Pat, Thanks again for a great production.
One little error to web page reference: it is litmus not titmus (standing for Liturgy and Music). Mind you Google will usually correct it for you. Paddy O'Reilly OSA

Thank you, Pat. As ever, interesting and well-produced!

+Greg Campbell OSA



Colin Fives OSA

Dear Pat, Greetings and thanks for all the issues of IAN. In the absence of photos, perhaps the parish statistics of 2008 might be of interest to readers ?
Baptisms: Infant 240. Youth/Adult 72
Confirmations: 487 (Usually every 3 years)
Marriages: 9
Deaths: 51
All the best, Colin Fives OSA (P.O. Box 384, Jalingo Nigeria)

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie

Please remember in your prayers Maire Barry Limerick, mother of Michael Barry, who died in June.

AYE LONDON 2010 E-Newsletter - JUNE 2009

Welcome to the first AYE news!

My name is Claire Webster, and I'm writing to invite you all to the next Augustinian Youth Encounter, which will take place in London from **9-15 August 2010**. We are all very excited about welcoming you to the UK and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to make it.

AYE 2010 theme - 'I call you friends'

The theme has been taken from Jesus' parting message to his disciples in John 15:15. Bold words that provoke thoughts and feelings about what it means to be a 'friend' of Jesus... Friends were also an important part of Augustine's life and faith journey so we'll be exploring the meaning of true friendship through talks, discussion, prayer, drama, music and much more! The final day of the encounter is in fact the feast day of St. Alypius, a life long friend of Augustine. Come see for yourself!

AYE location

We will be staying at the SPEC & All Saints Pastoral Centre, just north of London. Accommodation is mostly in beds, with the opportunity for some people to camp. Convenient enough for central London, but also surrounded by green fields and woods, it is the ideal location for a youth festival. Check it out at www.spec.org.uk

Song competition Can you write lyrics and a melody, or do you know someone who can? Now is your chance to have hundreds of people sing your own song and remember it forever! The theme song is an essential part of any AYE; it unites the participants and sets the tone and focus of the event. The song needs to be catchy, easy to learn by people from many nations and, most importantly, it must incorporate the theme 'I call you friends'. You should send the score and lyrics to: ayelondon2010@hotmail.com

Day trip to Clare Priory during AYE 2010

One of the activities of the week will be a day trip to Clare Priory, the mother house of the Augustinians in Britain.
Clare Priory was established in 1248 and was the first house of the English-speaking world. It was suppressed in 1538 during the Reformation and the Friars only returned in 1953. It is a beautiful house set in picturesque English countryside and is home to the shrine of Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel. See for yourself at: www.clarepriory.org.uk **Facebook** Do you use facebook? You can keep up-to-date with the latest news by joining our group 'International Augustinian Youth Encounter London 2010'. Don't worry if you're not a facebook user as I'll be sending you more AYE news by e-mail soon.

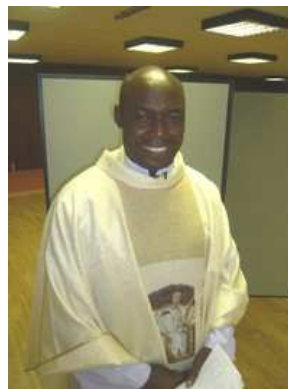
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Dear Pat,

- Recently, I received from Jimmy Maguire in Drogheda a number of issues of a magazine, *Fraternitas*, which was published by our professed students at San Pio during the years 1960-1961. Friars such as Jimmy himself, Michael O'Sullivan, Vincent Hickey (RIP), Frank Sexton, Denis Mason, Michael Leahy and several others feature in these issues which contain typed articles and some quite good black-and-white photographs. It might just be possible that other issues of *Fraternitas* are in the possession of some of you in the Province. If you would like to donate them to the Province Archives, I would be happy to receive them. I had not come across the publication before now and I thank Jimmy for presenting his copies to the archives.



- On March 27th last, I gave a talk on the writings of St. Patrick, the *Confession* and the *Letter to Coroticus* to the Dublin Branch of the Classical Association of Ireland, at UCD. The talk has been accepted as part of an on-line project at the Royal Irish Academy known as 'St. Patrick's Confessio Hypertext Stack Project'. This entails not only putting on-line the major manuscript versions of Patrick's writings, but also complementary material in the form of commentaries and other multiple layers (hence the term 'hypertext') of contextual information including my own paper. It is a three-year funded research project and it will be a while yet before it is completed. The invitation to be part of this project came as a nice surprise given that I knew nothing of the project when writing the paper! I met with two scholars who work at the Royal Irish Academy, Dr. Anthony Harvey (who was present at my talk) and Dr. Franz Fischer and they very much wanted to include my talk in their project. Some initial information about the project itself can be found at <http://www.dho.ie/confessio> ('dho' = digital humanities observatory - Ireland's window on humanities scholarship)
- More recently, I was invited to give a talk at the St. Kevin's Festival at Glendalough. This was the first festival of its kind and was organised jointly by the Wicklow Mountains National Park and the OPW (who run the Visitor Centre at Glendalough). I gave my talk on the evening of Sunday June 7th at the Visitor Centre. It was entitled 'From the Desert to Disert Caoimhin - the Introduction of Monasticism to Ireland'. About 24 people attended - they were very attentive and asked lots of interesting questions afterwards.



I will bring some of the issues of *Fraternitas* with me to the Chapter and maybe you might be able to scan some of the photos into IAN.

With best wishes,

David Kelly OSA. Ballyboden.



Brian O'Sullivan, Franz Klein and Paddy O'Reilly

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2009

The Provincial, Gerry Horan has been elected for a second term and he formally received the seal of office from the Prior General Bob Prevost. The following were elected as Counsellors

John Hennebry
Sean Dowling
John Lyng
Giles O'Halloran

Philip Kelly was approved by the Chapter as Province Bursar and Michael Brennock as Province Secretary.

THE VINCENT LYONS TROPHY

for Augustinians past and present

At St Anne's Golf Club

Monday 31st 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 17th 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 JULY

Please remember in your prayers the following members of the Irish Province who have gone 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
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
27 1996 Br G Flatley

FETHARD GOLF CLASSIC

We were lucky in the weather on 27 June for the Golf Classic mentioned in the June issue of IAN, and organised by Friends of the Abbey. The event was successful in spite of several factors conspiring against it: proximity to the close of our Chapter in Limerick, the fact that the Lady Captain's day in the club was being held on 28 June (so that this year all our players were male), and of course, the recession. With this in mind the committee wisely reduced the charge per player, so that thirty teams entered – only nine less than 2007. We are grateful to Pat Moran and community Cork, who sponsored a team, and Ben O'Brien who played, the energetic committee, to all our sponsors, those who donated prizes and to all the players. The final figures are not yet available, but we took in around €6,000. This will be a great benefit to our brothers in Kenya and Ecuador.

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that the telephone number of the Augustinian Community in Fethard is changed from June 2009 to:

052 6131273

RESOURCES FOR THE SUNDAYS OF JULY/AUGUST

Congratulations to John Byrne OSA, on the publication of resources for the four Sundays of July and for the five Sunday's of August. They appear in the July/August edition of Intercom. Veritas website: www.veritas.ie

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 3 No 1. Its hard to believe that this is the first issue of Vol.3. Time just seems to fly. I had some issues left over and have put them into a little slide binder and if anyone would like a complete set of Vol. 1 or 2 or both, just let me know and I will forward same by return. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks as always to Peter Galus, who does all the photographic work. Peter has been away on holidays and gets back 4 July. Also to David Moran, John O'Connor for their invaluable work with each issue, and to Michael Walsh for photographs.

All past editions of IAN available on:

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Best wishes and prayers for a speedy recover to full health to Fr Chris Fitzgerald OSA, following recent surgery in Tallaght Hospital Dublin.