



## NEWSLETTER

# AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION ASSOCIATION (AFA)

**Supporting the training of brothers and priests for the Augustinian Order**

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Dear Friends and Members

I am sitting here writing the last newsletter for the year 2004. What a year it has been, and how quickly has it gone. I would like to thank sincerely all of you for your continued support of AFA. During the latter of this year we had our annual Trivia Night which saw 60 plus people don their thinking caps on to enjoy a great night of questions and fun, we raised over \$800. We also had a cake stall for Father's Day in the Corso at Manly. The next function we will be having will be our Annual Xmas Party to be held at the Master Builders Club at Dee Why. This year will be a little different in that we will have music. It should be a great night. If there are any members from interstate who will be in Sydney on the **27<sup>th</sup> November** we would love to have your company. There will be a booking form at the bottom of this newsletter explaining time, place and cost. We would love all Augustinian Religious to come and share this wonderful occasion with us if they are able as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and thank all those who have helped, donated and supported AFA throughout the year.

We had a wonderful bus trip during the middle of the year to Jamberoo to the Benedictine Sisters. We had Mass in the chapel and then a brief outline of the heritage of the sisters and the chapel by Sr Hildegard and her beautiful playing of the Hallelujah Chorus on the beautiful pipe organ. We stopped at the Sublime Point Café in Wollongong for morning tea, lunch at Albion Park RSL and then returned to St Kieran's by 6pm. We had 48 on the coach and it was a trip thoroughly enjoyed by all.



We welcomed Lino into our formation house at Brookvale this year, and Tan is progressing well. We have been fortunate that Tan is a gifted artist and he has hand-painted a wonderful picture of the Christ child and his mother which we are going to raffle to raise extra funds for AFA. The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. If there are any members outside of Sydney that would like to purchase raffle tickets you may do so by writing to me, Trudi McFadden, 13 Karoola Street Narraweena 2099 and I will send them to you.



The photo pictured left is an original drawn by Br Tan, osa and has been professionally framed.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Please contact :

Trudi McFadden  
13 Karoola Street  
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For your tickets

It has saddened us that the Parishes of Echuca, Goodna and Kyabram will be losing the Augustinians from their parishes in the near future, due to the shortage of priests. However this does not mean that our friendship must come to an end. We would hope that your continued membership and affiliation with AFA would continue as we at AFA value your prayers and friendship. We lost one of our dear friends and member last month Joan Keating and we will be keeping her in our prayers. Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your support to me and your friendship and hope that you all have a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Trudi McFadden  
President  
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### *N*From the Formation Director

In mid-July the Augustinians of the Australia Province gathered at the Mary McKillop Conference, North Sydney for our Intermediate Chapter. As the name suggests the Intermediate Chapter comes mid-way through a Provincial term and enables the Province to review the Chapter programme set out at the last Ordinary Chapter (2002). A major focus of the 2004 Intermediate Chapter was to make decisions about what parish ministries we would serve in the longer and shorter term. These decisions have become necessary in light of our changing personnel situation. Because of the strength of our association with all the places in which we serve these decisions were difficult.

As a consequence of the decisions taken the Augustinians will be withdrawing from Goodna/Springfield at the end of December, 2004; from Echuca at the end of January, 2005 and from Kyabram by the end of January, 2006. The Augustinian Formation Association has members from each of these parishes and in many ways these parishes have been great supporters of the Order's formation programme over many years. Several Australian Augustinians came from the Northern Victoria area of which Echuca is a major centre. St Mary's Priory, Echuca was the first Augustinian priory in Australia (1886).

AFA members from Goodna, Echuca and Kyabram are most welcome to continue their membership with us. The Augustinians realize that with a change from Augustinian to diocesan pastoral leadership there is a change in the focus of the parishes' support for those preparing for priesthood. Nevertheless for those who choose to do so you will always be welcome to continue as members of AFA.

On September 14 AFA was saddened by the news of Joan Keating (Manly Vale Parish) who had been an active committee member and supporter for many years. Many members of the association were present at the funeral and a Mass has been celebrated for Joan sponsored by AFA. On behalf of the formation community here at Brookvale I extend our deepest sympathy to Joan's husband

Baden and the Keating family. May Joan and all the deceased members of AFA rest in God's peace.

Tan and Lino continue to progress in their studies and are no doubt looking forward to a well-earned break at the end of the year.

As the year is drawing to a close I thank you for all you do to help the Order's work of preparing those coming into Augustinian religious life and ministry. I thank Trudi and the committee for their generous and committed leadership of AFA.

A happy and holy Christmas to all!

Peter Jones OSA  
Formation Director

**Prayers for those not enjoying good health**



**Fr Bernie Connolly OSA  
Dorothy Brennan  
Peter Keogh  
Yvonne McLoughlin  
Veronica Muller  
Ethel O'Connell  
Pat Stephenson**

If you know of AFA members who are not enjoying good health and wish to be included in this newsletter's prayer list please contact

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