

Newsletter

AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION ASSOCIATION
(AFA)
Australia

No. 3/06
October 2006

Supporting the training of brothers and priests for the Augustinian Order

Dear Friends and Members,

I don't know where the time has gone, seems like yesterday I was writing the newsletter for last year. Well a lot has happened since the last newsletter, we have had a wonderful intake of new students to the formation house at Brookvale, one is Vietnamese and the other from the Philippines. We also had a visit from 2 young men from Korea but they have now gone back.

We also had the passing of one of our dear members Baden Keating. We wish his family all our condolences and thank them for the wonderful work Baden did for AFA.



Stella our esteemed Auctioneer

In August we had our annual Mass and BBQ and Dutch Auction which was well attended and around \$1,100 was raised. Thanks must go to Stella Baihn as she was the auctioneer and made the afternoon such fun!

Then, in the middle of September a group of people went by bus to Mt Tomah and the Blue Mountains, included in the group was the Provincial, Father Tony Banks, his mother Dawn, the two Augustinian Sisters, Father Peter Jones, Francis and Nathan and some members from Balgowlah parish. During the course of the day it was mentioned that next year we go away as a group for a 3 day tour. I would

like to know how many people would be interested and whether you would prefer to go mid-week or the weekend. The prices of the tours are very reasonable. So with this newsletter I have included a survey. Could you kindly fill it out and either send with your payment for the Christmas Party or mail it back to the office.



L-R: Sr Joan, Mrs Dawn Banks and Sr Josie enjoying Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens.

The next thing is the Christmas Party which will be held at the Master Builders Club in Dee Why on the 25th November at 7.30pm. The cost is \$35 per person. We will not be having music this time as people felt it was more a night to chat and just have a good time. All those coming are asked to bring a gift for the Tombola. We would love as many people as possible to come as fundraising for this very worthwhile organisation is becoming harder. As these young men further their studies we are blessed with their presence working among us in the schools and parishes.

Faith working through Love

*You have before you Christ as your end. You have no need to go on looking anymore. The moment you believed, you already recognized it.
But faith alone is not enough, unless works too are joined to it. "Faith working through love," says the Apostle!*

St Augustine, Sermon 16A, 11

As we farewell Fr Peter we welcome Father Laurie Mooney and Father Peter Tangey to Brookvale and I look forward to working with you next year.



To Kay thank you for the hard work you have done for us over the past year and also to my very small committee. I and the rest of the team wish you a very happy, holy and safe Christmas and a happy new year. Look forward to seeing you at the Xmas Party.

Love
Trudi McFadden
President
Tel:9972 4326

✍️ Peter Jones writes

Since the last newsletter there have been two new arrivals at the Formation House. **Francis**, who is Vietnamese has joined our community. He met several of you on the recent AFA bus trip to Mt Tomah. Francis is currently undertaking an intensive English language course at Macquarie University that will go through until May. **Jepser Bermudez** arrived from the Philippines on 7th October. Jepser is presently being introduced to the church in Australia through a pastoral programme based at North Harbour parish. With you I welcome Francis and Jepser as they begin their Augustinian formation in Australia. As mentioned in the previous newsletter **Nathan Lunardi** lives in our community as part of the Order's come and see programme for those wanting an experience of Augustinian community life.

I receive regular e-mails from **Tan Hoang** in Rome. He is settling in with the challenges of a new language. The community situation there is a very enriching one with Augustinians from many parts of the globe. In later issues there will be updates from Tan in the newsletter. If you wish to write to Tan his email address is minhtanhoang@yahoo.com.au

Whenever we receive news of the death of a deceased member of AFA this is included in the newsletter. I wish to particularly acknowledge **Baden Keating** who died on 23rd September. After a period of involvement with the Augustinian Korean fundraising campaign in the mid 1990s Baden became immersed in AFA serving at various times as Treasurer and Vice-President. In all this he was very much accompanied by his late wife Joan. Baden was dedicated, conscientious and considerate in his work on the AFA Committee. The other committee members and myself valued his friendship. Many were present at his Requiem Mass at St Kieran's. May Baden rest in God's peace.



In September the new Augustinian appointments were published to take effect in January 2007. **Fr Laurie Mooney** has been appointed **Formation Director** and **Chaplain of AFA** with **Peter Tangey** as **Associate Formation Director**. Laurie and Peter will be a tremendous support and guidance for our candidates. I have been appointed to the Augustinian Spirituality Team at Greystanes. So after 12 years in formation ministry and involvement with AFA it is time to say goodbye. Over these years I have felt that the Order's work in formation has been wonderfully supported by AFA. Through the monthly committee meetings I have worked with people who have been committed, loyal and who enjoy each other's company. Their friendship and sense of service have expressed the Augustinian spirit. To all the members of AFA I express my gratitude for how your material help, prayers and interest have been a consistent encouragement to Augustinian candidates over the years.

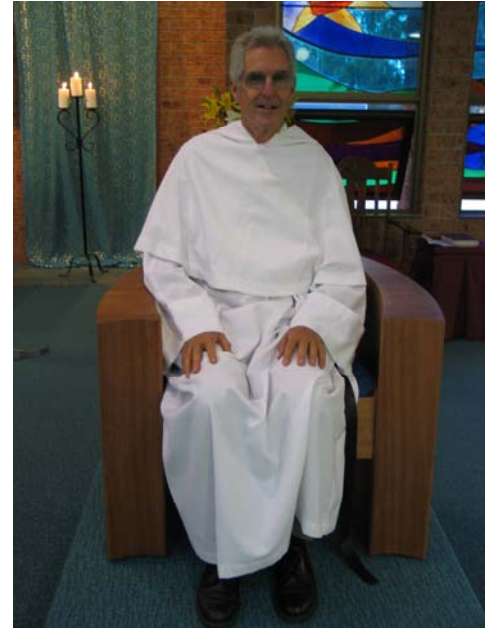
God Bless all of you and my best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Fr Peter Jones OSA
Formation Director

Picture Gallery



Fr Tony Banks OSA, was elected Prior Provincial of the Augustinian this year.



Fr Laurie Mooney OSA the new Formation Director and Chaplain of AFA.



Minh-Tan Hoang OSA studying in Rome this year.



Fr Peter Tangey OSA, Associate Formation Director.



Two Korean students who visited Australia for two months this year to study English.



Augustinian Priory—Incheon, South Korea

**Augustinian
Formation Association
AFA**

**PO Box 679
Brookvale NSW 2100
Australia
Phone: 02 9905 3049
Fax: 02 9938 4465**

**Website: www.augustinians.org.au
Email: osaadmin@bigpond.com**

Committee 2006

President:	Trudi McFadden
Treasurer:	Eddie Robinson
Secretary:	Yvonne Clarke
Social Committee:	Sue Colwell Lesley Sing

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
NEEDED**

**Please contact: Trudi McFadden
on
9972 4326**

Having fun—
members of the
AFA Committee
Sue Colwell,
Trudy McFadden
and Yvonne
Clarke. Why don't
you come and join
them?



**Prayers for those not enjoying good health
Dorothy Brennan, Peter Keogh, Veronica Muller, Pat Stephenson and
Yvonne McLoughlin.**

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 Kay Stenner, C/- PO Box 679, Brookvale NSW 2100. Ph. 9905 3049. Email: osaadmin@bigpond.com

+
REST IN PEACE
Baden Keating (Affiliate)