

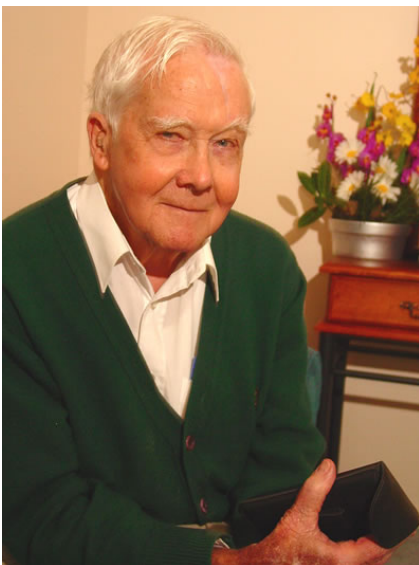
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FR WILLIAM BERNARD CONNOLLY OSA Rest in Peace



The death occurred in Sydney on 1st June 2006 of Fr William Bernard Connolly O.S.A., at the age of eighty-one years.

He was born in North Queensland at Port Douglas, when the area was still part of the Vicariate Apostolic of Cooktown staffed entirely by Augustinians and led by an Augustinian bishop. At the time there was no resident priest in Port Douglas, and the Connolly home served as a Mass centre for Augustinians who travelled from Mareeba. Soon after his birth, Fr. Bernie was baptised by an Augustinian in the family home after one of the Masses there.

At the age of seventeen years he applied to join the Augustinians, and between 1942 and 1950 was continuously in the United States for Augustinian novitiate, his priestly training and ordination, and his academic studies (Bachelor of Arts & Master of Science).

As a young priest, he returned to Australia to teach at Villanova College (Brisbane), at its first location in the suburb of Whinstanes and then at its present location at Coorparoo. From 1959 to 1992 he ministered in Augustinian parishes - Mareeba, Innisfail, Kyabram and Rochester - and served in some of them for more than one period of time.

In recent years he was a member of the Augustinian community at Brookvale (Sydney), and was proud to have been involved with its Lecceto community, in which young adults of both genders formed a lay community under Augustinian direction.

Most recently Fr Bernie was in the Augustinian community of Manly Vale (Sydney). He assisted by offering Mass at a local aged care facility as often as his health permitted. He has suffered from indifferent health since as a pedestrian he was struck by a motor vehicle in October 2004, and was in hospital for the last week of his life.

Lord, those are your best servants who wish to shape their life on
Your answers rather than shape Your answers on their wishes.

(Confessions 10, 26)



ORDER OF ST AUGUSTINE, AUSTRALIA—PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2006



Brimson Centre, St Augustine's College, Brookvale 25th June—30th June 2006

The recent Chapter (four-yearly meeting) in Sydney of the Australian Province formally installed Fr Tony Banks O.S.A. as Provincial, and then made decisions as to how its members might best develop their Augustinian life and best serve the Church during the next four years.

The Chapter thanked Fr Pat Fahey O.S.A., the Provincial emeritus, and his Council for their service over the previous four years. It commended the work of all Augustinian ministries – especially the Boards and staff of the two Augustinian colleges - and of the mission in Korea, and gratefully acknowledged the assistance received from other Augustinian provinces and from the Augustinian Sisters of Consolation who work with the Order in Sydney.

The local Augustinian statutes were revised, as was the charism and spirituality statement of the Province. The employment of a part-time Justice and Peace Coordinator was approved. The Chapter agreed to maintain all present Augustinian ministries during the next four years.

The Chapter agreed to accept candidates to the Order who applied from Vietnam, with the hope of our working with other Augustinian provinces eventually to have these candidates establish the Order in Vietnam.

All ministries of the Province will prepare for World

Youth Day in Sydney in July 2008, and prepare follow-up programs. This will probably involve the Province's hosting of 400 to 600 young adults from Augustinian ministries all over the world in a pre or post WYD event in 2008.

The Province agreed to work with Catholic Healthcare Services for the care of our senior members.

The Chapter acknowledged the work of ongoing formation of Augustinians and of laity associated with us, and will develop these initiatives further.

The Australian Province will work with the Province of Cebu and the Delegation of Korea to develop the best juridical links for the Delegation of Korea within the authority structure of the Order.

As Augustinian Chapters are also times of reflection, prayer and discernment to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, there was a full liturgical program incorporated in the chapter.

The Augustinian Prior General appointed a former Australian Provincial, Fr John Barry O.S.A., to be President of the Chapter. In that role, Father John confirmed in office Fr Tony Banks as Provincial, and supervised the election of other officials of the Province that the Constitutions of the Order stipulate.

**SOLEMN PROFESSION
PETER MINH-TAN (Tan) HOANG OSA**



On the 25th June at St Kieran's church Manly Vale, Brother Peter Minh-Tan Hoang OSA made his Solemn Profession of Vows.

Tan joined the Order in Brookvale in February 2002. He is now in Rome for two years to complete his religious theology studies for the priesthood. Tan will be joined in Rome by students from Kenya, the Philippines and from Brazil.

Whilst in Rome he will be living at St Monica's, the home of the Augustinians and in the shadow of St Peter's Basilica. Our prayers go with Brother Tan

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TAN'S STORY

The first condition of human goodness is something to love, the second is something to reverence - therefore everyone has a story – your story is the thread of your life. It is when one loses or forgot ones story that ones life begins to fall apart.

So, I now invite you to join me in an adventure journey. This journey is the story of my life.

My name is Minh –Tan Hoang, I was born on the 5th June 1972 in a small war torn village of Cam Ranh Bay – Viet Nam. My village survived by means of fishing and farming according to the season. I have an older sister, three younger sisters and two younger brothers.

My family fled Viet Nam in 1980 on a small wooden fishing boat and left behind a little boy, and that little boy was me.

In early 1982 I escaped with my fraternal grandparents on their fishing boat with 66 other peoples within the village, young and old, the boat was so crowded that we had no spaces to stretch our legs. I arrived in Palawan an Island in the Philippines which was used to hold refugees from Viet Nam. I'd stayed in the camp for over 8 months.

I came to Australia in 1983 on the 23rd of January and was reunited with my family in Wollongong. I started primary at St. John Vianney's and High School at Edmund Rice College. Prior to joining the Augustinians, I earned a degree in Bachelor of Nursing and worked as a Registered Nurse for a few years.

While doing my degree, I worked in various restaurants and bakeries to pay for my expenses.

Recently, I have made my solemn profession in the Order of Saint Augustine – Australian Province. This is the beginning of my journey and I am now able to give myself to my vocation totally.

One of the most memorable experiences was my recent trip back to my homeland Viet Nam, meeting and talking to Vietnamese young men who wanted to devote themselves to God and their determination.

I now realize that I can bring happiness to people, to understand and to be able to let go of material needs. Thus, because at birth I bring nothing, therefore at death I'll take nothing. Join me on my journey!

Minh-Tan Hoang OSA

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St. Kieran's

St. Cecilia's

1st July 2006
Parish of North Harbour



A **Mass of Union** for the new Catholic Community of North Harbour was celebrated at the Brimson Centre, St Augustine's College, Brookvale at 10am on Sunday 2nd July 2006. This was created by the union of the parishes of Manly Vale (Saint Kieran's) and Balgowlah (St Cecilia's) in metropolitan Sydney. The new Parish of North Harbour web site is:
<http://www.northharbour.catholicau.com>

NEWS FROM MAREEBA

Another busy but fruitful three days in Cooktown was enjoyed by Augustinian Friends in Mareeba. A four car convoy set off on Monday 19 June with 11 of us, including Augustinian priest Fr Rob Greenup, loaded up for a working bee at the cemetery in Cooktown, where two Augustinian bishops and seven Sisters of Mercy nuns are buried. This was our third pilgrimage and this time the ladies stayed at the Sisters of Mercy convent while the men went to the presbytery with us all coming together to share at mealtimes.

Apart from a few hiccups with the generator the fence welding was finally completed, with the fence then painted green. White paint was used along the walls, pathways and foot of gravestones – with great care taken not to drop paint on the gravel!! The marble headstones were washed down with the gurney and came up well.

Fellowship was enjoyed and Mass at 6.30am on Wednesday morning at the cemetery was certainly very moving. (We remembered our friend Gary Stewart whom we lost last year) It was a tired group who returned to Mareeba on Wednesday afternoon but all had a feeling of satisfaction of a job well done.

Kay Morrow



Fr Robert Greenup OSA celebrating Mass at Sunrise