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CONGRATULATIONS TO PAOLO HYUN-WOOG KIM OSA



"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (Heb 6:20)

Paolo Hyun-Woog Kim O.S.A. (centre) of the Delegation of Korea is here seen at his Mass of priestly ordination at the St Rita Spirituality Centre, Incheon, which was blessed and opened on that same day, 27th December 2006.

Also in the photograph are the ordaining prelate, Most Rev Boniface Choi (Bishop of Incheon), and in the background (left to right) John Sullivan O.S.A. (Delegation of Korea), Masaki Imada O.S.A. (Vicariate of Japan) and Pacifico "Jun" Nohara O.S.A. (Delegation of Korea).

You, the Omnipotent and Good, care for each of us as if each was your sole care, and for all as for one alone.

Confessions 3.11



DELEGATION OF KOREA

There has been a change in the Augustinian relationship between Australia and Korea, and that is in the juridical status of the two bodies. Australia and Korea are now linked.

Under this new arrangement approved by the Augustinian General Curia in Rome, henceforth the Provincial of the Australian Province will automatically be the major superior of the Augustinian Delegation of Korea. (Previously, this role was taken alternately by the Provincials of Australia and of Cebu in the Philippines.)

The longest-serving Augustinians in Korea are three Australian Augustinians, two of whom were among the first arrivals in 1985. The Australians join with two Augustinians from the Province of Cebu (Philippines) in a Delegation with just under twenty Korean-born Augustinians.

Sixty photos of the Order of Saint Augustine in Korea are available on the Internet by selecting the photo gallery named **Korea** after you click on <http://www.augnet.org/default.asp?ipageid=6>

THE AUGUSTINIANS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine has appointed a new team to represent the Order at the UN to carry out the business of the NGO (Non-Government Organisation). The team is made up of Assistant General Art Purcaro OSA, Hilary Tagliaferro OSA of Malta, Jesus Guzman OSA, Mexico and Jack Deegan OSA, North America (Co-ordinator).

Jack will concentrate on the Culture of Peace aspect of our UN presence. He will work with our institutions of learning to engage further the schools in the UNESCO ASPnet program and other ways to raise the consciousness of the Augustinians and their co-workers as to the purpose and ability of the UN to bring global peace and respect for the dignity of humankind.

Hilary will devote his efforts to advocacy for Human Rights in local and global situations. Jesus

will concentrate on the Millennium Goals and efforts to reduce poverty and hunger in the world.

Fr John Szura O.S.A. of the Chicago Province visits New York annually to offer an initial formation course on the UN and on Augustine's insights into social justice. He teaches for a semester each year at the St Augustine Study Centre (SACS) at Quezon City, Philippines.

AN AUGUSTINIAN WORKING IN THAILAND



Fr John Murray O.S.A., a member of the Australian Augustinian Province, is now in his second year of ministry in Bangkok, Thailand. He is the first member of the Order to minister in Thailand (*see photo above*).

His ministry there is twofold. In partnership with the Maryknoll Missionaries, he works with refugees in detention centres, and, for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Thailand, he supervises and promotes rural development projects. Recently he has been made a member of the Maryknoll ministry leadership team in Thailand.

The Australian Provincial, Rev Tony Banks O.S.A. recently travelled from Sydney to Bangkok to visit John and to sign contracts on behalf of the Order in relation to John's ministry.

ST THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH MAREEBA



On Tuesday 6th February 2007 a milestone was reached with the 1,500th meeting of Our Lady Star of the Sea Praesidium of the Legion of Mary.

It was held, as usual, in St Thomas’s School conference room (*see photo*).

Unfortunately no early records of the Legion of Mary in Mareeba still exist, although before Eileen Murdoch died she had mentioned that the Legion was in existence in Mareeba before the Second World War. It went into recess during the War, and became active again after the War.

The Mareeba parish has been staffed by the Order of Saint Augustine since it began almost a century ago. It is within the Diocese of Cairns in the tropical north of the Australian state of Queensland. From 1884 to 1948, the first three Catholic Church leaders (vicars apostolic and bishops) of Far North Queensland were Augustinians.

The present pastor of Mareeba (and also of the adjacent parish of Dimbulah) is Fr Rob Greenup O.S.A.

RIP—Fr Patrick Valentine Crilly OSA

The death occurred on Saturday, 10th March 2007 of Fr Patrick Valentine Crilly O.S.A., an Irish Augustinian who served in Australia from 1950 to 1982.

AUGUSTINIAN PARISH OF NORTH HARBOUR

Paul Skippen, the employed full-time family and youth ministry coordinator of the Augustinian Parish of North Harbour (Sydney, Australia), is producing a weekly e-newsletter for parishioners who request it.

This e-newsletter is a quite separate production from the printed parish newsletter that is available at the church doors each Sunday.



Sensing a need for easily-available material to assist reflection, spiritual journaling and prayer by parish members of various ages, Paul introduced this practice to this Augustinian parish last September.

The reflection is based upon the Gospel readings of the Mass of the previous Sunday. (Paul explains this conscious decision thus: “Not many people read the Gospel before Sunday Mass, and in reflecting further on it after Mass they have the additional benefit of the Sunday homily they’ve heard.”)

Upon request, this weekly e-newsletter is transmitted to people each Monday afternoon as an e-mail attachment.

If you wish to have the weekly e-newsletter automatically e-mailed to you, send your e-mail address to paul.skippen@ozemail.com.au

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St Augustine's College Sydney



St Augustine students, staff and parent community gathered on Wednesday 21st February, in the Brimson Centre at St Augustine's College to mark the beginning of Lent. They were reminded of the significance of the ashes for Catholics, and pledged their support this Lent to our Augustinian Orphanage Project in The Philippines to build an infirmary adjacent to the Orphanage run by the Sisters of Consolation in Bulacan, Manila.

Work on the project commenced in Term 4, 2006 and Mr David McLean and Mr Peter Jones will leave in a few weeks followed in April by Mr Craig Jeffery, 13 students and other staff to continue this work.

Third National Augustinian Congress for the Laity, April 2007

A TRIPTYCH

To show appreciation to Fr Art Purcaro O.S.A. for coming to Australia as the keynote speaker of the Third National Augustinian Congress for the Laity on 20th-22nd April 2007 Augustinian Friends (Australia) are conducting a raffle for the Augustinian missions in Peru, where Fr Purcaro has served for many years.

The raffle has been made possible by the donation of a large triptych (a set of three adjoining paintings) by the artist, Simon Coates Dip FA, B.App.A., (MSA) of Sydney, Australia. Simon was a student at St Augustine's College in Brookvale (Sydney) a number of decades ago.



The triptych (*image above right*) displays the compassionate Christ, the infant Christ and Christ at the Last Supper. This triptych is a salute to early Christian art. This form first appeared in the middle ages, and were altar pieces in Eastern Byzantine churches, spreading across Europe to the Celtic Churches of the British Isles. The triptych has a combined dimension of 1,180 centimetres by 770 centimetres when the three panels are side-by-side. The medium used is acrylic paint on canvas.

Raffle tickets cost Aus\$5 each. Until 20th April 2007 they can be obtained from Augustinian ministries in Australia. As well, their purchase can be arranged by contacting the Augustinian Provincial office: phone 02 9905 3049, or write to the office at P.O. Box 679 Brookvale NSW 2100, or email to osaadmin@bigpond.com