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AUGUSTINIAN PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2018



A great event for the Australian Province of the Augustinians (including the Delegation of Korea) was the recent Provincial Chapter held at St Augustine's College, Sydney, 2nd-6th July, 2018. These chapter meetings, which are major events in the life of the Province, occur every four years (with a Midchapter of review occurring midway in the four year term).

Major directions to emerge from the 2018 Chapter:

- Commitment to a planning process to prepare for establishing the first Augustinian community in Vietnam in 2019.
- Commitment to ongoing renewal of Augustinian community life.
- Support for a renewed effort in vocations promotion locally.

The Chapter was an uplifting experience of Augustinian fraternity as most of the Augustinians living and ministering in Australia and some from South Korea gathered for the meeting. Our brotherhood is diverse in age and cultural heritage but united in heart and mind as we seek to follow the Gospel.

At the beginning of the Chapter, the Prior General, Fr Alejandro Moral Anton OSA confirmed Peter Jones in the position of Prior Provincial.

ORDER and PROVINCE NEWS



Augustinians having fun at the recent Christmas in July dinner.

L-R: Fr John, Tuan Anh, John, Tuyen, Fr Tan, Huy, Augustinian Provincial Fr Peter and Jay Vee



The Augustinian Formation Association (AFA) supports and helps raise funds for the Augustinian students who are studying to become priests. The AFA Committee currently consists of 16 members with Fr Minh-Tan Hoang OSA as our Spiritual Director and we currently have around 250 members. AFA welcomes new members anytime throughout the year and any financial contributions or donations are always very welcomed and appreciated. If you would like to become an AFA member, a yearly membership fee of \$25.00 per family is all that is required. Payments can be made by posting your cheque/ money to the Augustinian Formation Association at PO Box 7278, Warringah Mall, Brookvale NSW 2100, or by direct deposit to Westpac (Account Name) BSB: 032 190 Account No: 10 5386 (Reference is Your Name) or you may wish to drop off cash to the Parish Office at Manly Vale marked to the attention of Adriana Bowyer.

As a member you will be emailed or posted the Newsletter (which is printed three times per year) where you will be kept informed of what's happening with the students together with upcoming fundraisers and events. Some of our past fundraisers include the Movie/Lunch days at the Cremorne Orpheum which are very popular and thoroughly enjoyed by all, Multicultural dinners, Shows, Fun Walks at Man-

ly, our Annual end of Year Dinner at the Wakehurst Golf Club and just recently we held our first Christmas in July Dinner which was lots of fun and was very well attended.

These fundraisers and social events are always great fun and a wonderful opportunity for the students and the whole community to come together and spend some time to get know the Augustinian students and for the students to be immersed within the community.

AFA also enjoys and has the privilege of hosting and providing refreshments after Ordinations, Anniversaries to the Priesthood and Solemn Professions where the whole Augustinian community comes together with the AFA members and friends and the parishioners of North Harbour Parish to celebrate these very special occasions.

AFA is very thankful to all our members and friends for their continued support and prayers of our Augustinian students.

God Bless
Adriana Bowyer
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TEN YEARS AT AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS



A group of the 2018 Augustinian Volunteers gather during their Formation Course at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence at Redfern in Sydney,

In 2008, the Augustinian Order in Australia made the momentous decision to establish a Volunteer organisation so that young (and not so young) lay adults could experience the Church's thrust towards ministry with the poor and marginalised and the personal transformation that comes from this service.

Since then over 100 young people have participated in the program with at least a year of volunteering somewhere in Australia or overseas on behalf of the Augustinians.

Many of our Augustinian Volunteers have returned for a second or even third year. We have one Volunteer who has been with us for over 8 years. Invariably our Volunteers relish their year of 1, 2 or even 3 days per

week, working with us in a ministry with a Refugee or Indigenous community to build resilience and participation in the educational and employment sectors.

Our most recent big-ticket involvement has been to assist young Indigenous people in Sydney recover and speak the language lost to them at the time of colonisation in this country.

The Augustinian Volunteers in Australia are learning about the loss of human dignity referred to by Pope Francis where some people in our world are being treated as "leftovers" (Laudato Si).

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Some of our Vietnamese Augustinians with Fr Minh-Tan Hoang OSA

VOCATIONS

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Augustinian Seminary Trust Fund – Donations are used exclusively for the ongoing provisions for our seminarians.

Envelopes are available in our parishes and you can make a donation by cash, credit card or direct deposit: **Account Name:** Augustinian Seminary Trust. BSB 082 146 **Account Number** 13 610 4220; **Reference:** Please include your name.

HELPING THE AUGUSTINIANS - DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

There are various ways you can contribute to the Order and receive a tax deduction:

Other ways you can support the Province's ministries are by donations to:

- **Augustinian Volunteers Australia Trust Fund**
- **Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fund (Not tax deductible)**
- **Bequests.**

Mailing address is: Order of St Augustine, PO Box 7278 Warringah Mall, Brookvale NSW 2100. Please contact the Province Office on (02) 9938 0200 or Anna Heath at anna.heath@osa.org.au for further information. Thank you for your generous support.



St Augustine

He Who has given us the gift of being also gives us the gift of being good. He gives it to those who have turned back to Him. He even sought them out before they were converted and when they were far from His ways.

St Augustine, On Psalm 103 (4), 2.