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Easter 2021 "And He departed from our sight, that we might return to our heart, and there find

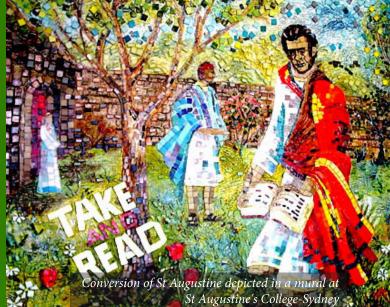
Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here." -St Augustine, Confessions, IV, 12

FROM THE PROVINCIAL

Dear Friends

I was pleased to hear that the recently expanded and enhanced format of The Augustinian has been appreciated by many of our readers. This issue continues to cover the diversity among the ministries and associations connected with the Augustinians. The chance to learn of the great initiatives that are taking place in various ways is good for all of us. Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue and thanks to the team responsible for the production and distribution.

This issue is due to appear on the Sunday which is Good Shepherd Sunday (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) which in this year is surrounded by two



Augustinian feasts – 24th April – The Conversion of Saint Augustine and 26th April – Mary, Our Mother of Good Counsel (Patroness of the Augustinian Province of Australasia).

I offer here a brief reflection on the feast of St Augustine's conversion. It is interesting that the date chosen does not relate to the famous scene in the garden in Milan when Augustine made a graced decision to turn towards Christ (as portrayed in The Confessions of St Augustine, Book VIII). The date of the feast refers to his baptism by Bishop Ambrose of Milan on the Easter Vigil that took place on 24th April, 387. This is entirely consistent with St Augustine's theology of the key transformative effect of grace in the sacrament of Baptism. It was in the sacrament that a fundamental interior conversion or re-orientation took place. Even if many of us are baptised as infants that transformative conversion which takes place in Baptism is foundational for our lives of discipleship.

The other dimension of St Augustine's theology of conversion may seem contradictory but is no less real. The working out of the effects of conversion is a lifelong journey. St Augustine knew this in the inner contradictions he experienced in his own person. Hence the importance of his use of the imagery of journey and pilgrimage. So too for us. We know that the impetus to personal and communal growth is unceasing as we continually face our own limitations. It is a significant aspect of Augustinian Spirituality to not stop along the way with some self-imagined and self-satisfied perfection. Keep walking, keep running along the way. My best wishes that this Easter Season is one of great joy and growth for all of us.

> God Bless Fr Peter Jones OSA Prior Provincial

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A 'USER-FRIENDLY' WAY TO **FOLLOW CHRIST**

We are taught from our earliest years what it means to be a Christian. Especially when the events of Holy Week draw near, we are reminded of the suffering and death of Jesus and the wonderful effect the triumph his resurrection has had on the very fabric of humanity. We recognise that the world has been changed by His dynamic insertion into our history and little by little we get to understand him personally through his stories and sermons recalled by the writers of the Gospels. It dawns on us that Jesus is the One who has paved the way for each created human being to find a sure pathway that leads to God.

When I was young I often found that I was confused by what I heard in church about the things we were meant to believe in and I would agonise over the question even whether God existed or not. I can remember distinctly a moment when I thought to myself "Well I can't work it out, but St. Augustine believed in it and he was a genius, so I will trust his

judgement until I can accept these mysteries for myself". I hardly knew much more about Augustine than I did about Jesus but I remembered that it had taken him years to search for the Truth implanted in our hearts - which he came to name as God - so perhaps I could do the same!

From that small decision my following of Jesus has coloured been and influenced at every



The first nugget I gleaned from him was when he acknowledged to God "I looked for you everywhere, and you were within me all the time". The word of Scripture that changed his life admonished him to "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the temptations of the flesh". (Romans 13:13) At that moment he realized that it was not how hard we search for God that is the task, but rather how we allow God to enfold us with the gift of his Son. Once Augustine experienced that God was at the centre of his inner-most self, then he had to admit that God must also be at the centre, and was to be reverenced, in every person he might meet. This became the basis for his lifelong gift of forming communities around



Fr Percival Sevare OSA with the servers of Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair for the Easter Vigil mass. The Parish fosters the Augustinian ideal of forming a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God" by honouring God in one another and by being a welcoming, friendly and hospitable *faith community.*

stage by the Spirituality of St. Augustine which I have come to regard as a very 'user friendly' way, and not as awesome as it sounds. The Spirituality of any person is not so hard to define, especially when we glimpse its subtle presence in the beliefs and values that are expressed in their words, their actions and example. Augustine was a man of many words so we can find nuggets of his spirituality at every turn.

This translates into working for the common good in unselfconscious service of Christ who is present there in every stranger who comes along and needs a hand, whether they are in the Church or not.

> Fr Paul Maloney OSA Chair, Spirituality Commission

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The Restlessness in our Journey for Communion An excerpt from the Commission on Augustinian Lay Movements' *LETTER FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE* 27th March 2021

Right from childhood through adulthood to old age, the life of Augustine was characterized by relationships struck in the search for meaning – truth. Augustine lived the experience of many hurdles that enriched and shaped him. After making a resolution to give up his past and having received baptism, he confessed the restlessness that inflamed him to remain keen on God in whom all come to rest.¹

The first quarter of this year 2021 is coming to an end. Yet the world health crisis caused by Coronavirus that took us unprepared at the beginning of last year is still very much with us. Concerted effort has been put in place to neutralise the virus especially with the production and distribution of vaccinations. However, there seems to be no adequate knowledge of when the virus will be defeated so that life will return to another "normalcy" different from the one prior to the reign of the virus. In any case the impact of the virus on us and on our lifestyle is



Members of the Young Adults Ministry (YAM) of the Parish of South Yarra with Fr Brian Buckley OSA during the baptism of the child of one of its members. YAM has been sustained by the Augustinian values of community, friendship and hospitality since its foundation.

noticeable everywhere. We all have suffered and may still be suffering from the dramatic effect of the virus: the loss of some of our friars, nuns and lay faithful; a number of us still remember the death of some members of our biological family, our friends and acquaintances, those who work with us or are close to us through our apostolates. Many people are devastated by the consequences of this microscopic being; loss of employment or means of livelihood, living in isolation, breakdown in relationships, uncertainty and fear of the future and trauma which will require time to get over. Our life has significantly been affected by the virus. Nevertheless, this is also an opportunity to look inward, return to ourselves and to God. This period has made us to come to the awareness of how fragile and vulnerable we are; it has opened our eyes to the discovery of our dependence on one another, the need for relationship. Many of the things that we took for granted have turned out to be crucial. We have come to value and appreciate physical contact in interpersonal relationship. What more? We have rediscovered the centrality of God in our life.

What do you long and hope for at this period? It is not unlikely that each one of us longs for a return to meet and embrace one another again. Our desire is to journey with one another in a search to emerge anew and strengthened by the grace and love of God to move ahead. This desire to embark on the path of togetherness finds meaning in the transformation within us and the outreach to others. Our hope then becomes the driving force that sustains us on the way. "Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together". Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all."2 These words of Pope Francis remind us of the need to cherish one another, the driving force of any accomplishment in life and apostolates by which we grow and become more human.

The inconvenience of the present may seem to slow us down. It may still pose obstacles to our set plans and aspirations. But let us be courageous, hold firm, fix our gaze on the Lord who leads and will lead us gently across the shore to safety.

¹Confessions 1. 1.

² Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti", on Fraternity and Social Relationship, 2020, n. 8.

Augustinian Education

ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE-SYDNEY CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

As a community, we acknowledge International Women's Day. At Saint's we have a language of wellbeing. At Saints' we know that by deliberately choosing to build up the protective factors of PER-MA, we are able to proactively cope with situations in life that adversely affect us. That engaging with positive emotions, engaging with our world, building positive, respectful relationships, attributing meaning to what we do and experience accomplishment in the tasks we set our mind to, we....as human beings can lead contented and fulfilled life.

But what if you live in an environment where you are not afforded that choice? You are unable to engage in your world because, as a woman, you are not extended the human right of education.

But what if you work in an environment where you are not afforded that choice? You are unable to experience accomplishment because, as a woman, you are not seen as valuable an asset as your male co-workers?

But what if you are not afforded that choice because your right to choose is controlled by some else? You are unable to experience the positive emotions of love, trust or honesty because, as a woman, you live with the knowledge that, despite domestic violence laws, public awareness and access to legal protections, Australian men are still killing women partners or exes at the rate of one a week.

But what if you live in a society where you are not respected by that choice? You do not feel as valued because, as a woman in some fields, you will earn less pay than your male co-workers? Currently, Australia's national gender pay gap is 13.4%. At November 2020, women's average weekly ordinary full-time earnings across all industries and occupations was \$1,562.00 compared to men's average weekly ordinary full-time earnings of \$1,804.20.

So why are we having this conversation again? Because we still need to. Because, while there's little we can do about some of those issues. There are absolutely some things we can about others, this year the International Women's Day theme is #choose to challenge as a college we choose to challenge through our language.

During the assembly College students were shown a video prepared by the student leaders, where they had a round table discussion with young women from a range of schools. They discussed how demeaning and offensive language makes them feel.

The following week students were invited to attend a lunchtime meeting to show their solidarity and #choose to challenge the language that we use about and to women. Around 400 students attended and as a group pledged;

- The way I talk about women
- The way I talk to women
- The way I behave towards and around women
- Being respectful to ALL
- This is how I choose to challenge

Contributed by Craig Jeffery Leader of SEA (Service, Education, Awareness) Program St Augustine's College-Sydney

VILLANOVA COLLEGE: GROWING FINE YOUNG MEN



Fr Peter Wieneke OSA (Chaplain, Villanova College) sharing St Augustine's spirituality during the Vinnies Sleepout program participated in by some boys from the College

It is Holy Week in 2021. At Villanova: a committed group of students and staff are cleaning up the Norman creek on Palm Sunday; on Monday all senior students with a team of 19 staff are heading up the mountain for a time of retreat; on Tuesday our YAYM (Young Augustinian Youth Ministry) group will complete their huge efforts of raising awareness and funds to "Be More" for Project Compassion; on Wednesday our Vinnies group will be heading out to deliver the baskets of food and Easter goodies to families who are doing it tough in our local area; on Holy Thursday the whole community will gather for a liturgy to remember the passion, death and resurrection of Christ; on Saturday morning staff and families will prepare and serve breakfast and share time with about 100 people experiencing homelessness at Emmanuel City Mission. As I write this email my inbox is pinging with staff enthusiastically responding to the chance to serve others in their holidays. Yes, it is a big week! As I come to the end of my first term at Villanova, I realise it is also representative of how things happen here. The rhythm of taking action, responding to what is happening, meaningful conversation, prayer, intentionally setting up opportunities to challenge and stretch us, asking questions, digging deeper, generosity, responding to needs, creatively engaging is certainly what happens each day at Villanova.

The place is not perfect. There are challenges. It can be hard to keep up with the pace, and sometimes difficult to fit in lunch! There are times we get it right, and there are times when we are learning! What I have enjoyed immensely is that there is encouragement to engage and to have a go; that creativity and ideas flow and are supported by others.

The Augustinian charism is new for me. I have delighted in beginning to uncover what it is. I

have particularly appreciated the articulation of the Augustinian values of interiority, community, the restless search for truth, ongoing conversion and humility. What I have noticed is a genuine sharing of decision making within the context of community. I have felt the way the community comes together in the tragic loss of one of our new students. I have witnessed how space is given to unpack difficult questions around relevant topics in our wider community around issues of consent and boundaries with a willingness to look more deeply at what we are doing in partnership with families to form boys and young men so that they have the skills, knowledge and emotional and spiritual intelligence to be respectful in their relationships. I have sensed amongst staff, especially those who have been in the school for some time, a recognition of the interior world and a respect for the inner journey. This has been supported and articulated by classroom teachers, support staff and



members of the leadership team, such that I know mission and identity is held by many in the school.

At our College Leadership Team in January, our principal, Mark Stower, led us in a prayer that encapsulated some of the spirit I have discovered at Villanova College. We looked back on photos of the group of young Augustinians pictured beside the car they travelled in, making their way to Brisbane with the dream of making a contribution to society by forming and educating boys into fine young men. They responded to the needs of their time. Mark reminded us that we are entrusted to do the same. To be in touch with what is needed in our community, in our world, and to bring our gifts, knowledge and commitment to helping shape boys and young men for today's world. It is an incredible privilege to be bestowed with that legacy, and the freedom to respond in ways that are needed now. I pray we will continue to do this well at Villanova College!

> Kate Elizabeth Garrone Dean of Mission and Identity, Villanova College-Brisbane

<mark>Justice</mark> & Peace

GREEN TEAM @ VILLA: LIVING THE SPIRIT OF *LAUDATO SI*

Over the past three months I have had the pleasure of working as co-captain for the Villanova College "Green Team". The ministry is orientated around establishing environmental sustainability strategies throughout the school. More importantly, it raises awareness to students about the escalating challenge of climate change and environmental deterioration.

The ministry had its revitalisation last year, where we had multiple clean-up events and we also organised for the tuckshop to have reduced distribution of plastic utensils. There were also trees planted throughout the local area, and fundraisers that were set up to involve the rest of the school. Moving into this year, our practical work began with us placing posters onto different bins so that students would segregate their rubbish well. At the beginning of February there was another clean-up event situated in the creek down the road from the school. This filled us with optimism as the area was far cleaner than expected. The staff have also been in contact with the external group "CitySmart" who have been interested in hosting collaborative clean-up events: one in March, another in April, another in May, and another in June. These clean-up events will be done with the local all-girls school Loreto College. The representative of "CitySmart", Courtney Bridgewater, also came to the school to lecture the Green Team and the year 10 cohort about methods of environmental sustainability. Another exciting and ongoing project that the ministry has been working on is the school





garden bed. Although the specific contents of the garden bed are undecided, we believe that its presence will help to reinforce an environmentally friendly atmosphere within the school. There are also plans to set up beehives next to the garden bed, posing the opportunity to host a beehive sponsoring activity for Junior School students.

The work that I have done in the Green Team has greatly enhanced my leadership skills, specifically because it reinforces to me what group work is all about: the achievement of something greater. Although the work that the ministry has done might seem insignificant in the grander scheme of the environmental catastrophe, the capacity for the attitudes and values expressed through the work to ripple across the student body is undeniable. These expressed attitudes and values might then alter the habits of uninvolved students. The people that surround those transformed students might choose to change their habits, too. It is contagious.

This links in with the school's motto of "vincit veritas", meaning "truth conquers": the human condition is an endless search for truth. That truth is the love of creation and of other people. The ministry is meeting this motto for it is an expression of the love that we have of creation.

Harrison White and Keegan Bell Year 12, Villanova College - Brisbane

FRIENDS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE



The Friends of St Augustine-Coorparoo visited the Friends of St Augustine- Mareeba in Far North Queensland. The occasion was marked with a warmth sharing of faith, friendship and vision.

Once a year the leaders of each Friends of St Augustine group in Australia come together to review the past year and plan for the year ahead. This would normally be done over a weekend and serve as a time for reflection and renewal. Each year we find, as St Augustine did, the friendship and support of those of "one heart and one mind" sustains and energises us. This year we met via Zoom and whilst the togetherness was virtual and a lot shorter than normal the joy of coming together, sharing our experiences of "the Covid year" and guiding each other was still there. It was very clear during our discussions how much our quarterly newsletter, Amici and the accompanying Prayer Resource is valued by our members. I had thought at one stage we could integrate Amici with this newsletter however the desire to maintain a separate channel of communication is much desired therefore the plan is to have three Amicis a year

Lay Partnership updates

and a significant presence in the August, Feast of St Augustine, publication of this newsletter. We will also continue to contribute here and I'm very happy to say this publication via email will be included in the Friends annual subscription along with Amici, either by email or post as requested.

There is a Friends of St Augustine group in every Augustinian Parish plus Kyabram and we are very happy to have new groups on the Gold Coast and in Cairns. If you are interested in finding out more about Friends please contact me at gjworth@tpg.com.au

> Jacky Worthington National Leader



which now have 20 members.

AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION ASSOCIATION

On 15 February 2021, the Augustinian Formation Association (AFA) in Sydney held its Annual General Meeting, where a new committee was elected for 2021. The photo below shows our lovely committee members, which includes Maryanne Guy (Treasurer) and Honorine Jarkey (Secretary). I am very happy and honoured to be elected President again this year and would like to thank all the AFA committee members for their continued support, friendship and time.

With all going well here in Sydney, the AFA committee is hoping to host a few functions this year to help support the Augustinian seminarians financially and bring the students, priests and the community together, especially with the year we had last year. We hope to start with a Fun Walk Fundraiser on Sunday, 16 May, followed by a Christmas in July Dinner on Saturday, 24 July in the North Harbour Parish Centre and end the year with our annual dinner at the Wakehurst Golf Club on Saturday, 13 November. We hope that our Sydney members and friends will join us and support the Augustinian community.

The AFA Committee members would like to take this opportunity to wish the Augustinian community, all our members, friends and supporters near and far a very blessed and joyful Easter - Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Adriana Bowyer AFA President



2021 VOLUNTEERS AND FOUNDATION WORKING GROUP IMMERSION

AVA held a unique event in February bringing together two quite separate though essentially interdependent groups whose interactions now will hopefully bear much fruit in the future. From 18th to 21st February this year, the foundation working group of AVA had an Immersion in Sydney to try to experience some of the interactions with Indigenous communities that have so far been the preserve of the Volunteers



Some of the participants in the 2021 Volunteer and Foundation Working Group Indigenous Immersion in Western Sydney

alone. Though the title may be new to some, the 'working group' have been a force in the background of AVA operations since 2010. Their task is to find the funding to make AVA an independent not-for-profit organisation working within the Augustinian charism and spirit as a lay organisation, eventually reliant on their own resources. They have rarely gathered with the Volunteers they support until now.

What made this event unique was that some volunteers found their way onto the immersion. Some did it to gain the credit available from BBI for this theology unit; some to complete the 2021 volunteer immersion. All agreed the experience of being able to share the immersions of the Friday and Saturday together was an exciting new project for both parties and clarified for participants the underlying principles

of Augustinian Volunteer processes and actions. A number of participants urged that this Immersion with accompanying theological reflections would be well-received by others who are looking for greater appreciation of and involvement in Augustinian ministry.

Paul Wilson Justice and Peace Officer



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Imagine that you were asked to take part in an On-Line Assembly Meeting of a 770-year-old Catholic religious order whose first member arrived in Australia in 1838 and up until now is the longest continuously serving male religious order on the island continent.

Imagine further that as part of the On-Line Assembly Meeting, you minister in one of the five parishes or in one of the two colleges presently in the care of the Augustinians on the Australian east coast; or that you do special ministry with indigenous Australians; or social justice outreach ministry in urban Australia; or that you give retreats and spiritual guidance at a community in western Sydney; or that you work in South Korea in retreat ministry, social ministry or the training o f young Augustinians to serve in the Korean church; or that you work to assist refugees in Thailand; or that you assist in the training and guidance of young future Augustinians for ministry in the churches of Australia and Vietnam; or that you work to produce on-line lectures and printed publications to share your knowledge and faith with readers and viewers; or finally, that you have retired from active ministry and assist the younger members of the province through your friendship and prayer.

If you can imagine yourself in one of these ministries, you would have greatly enjoyed being part of the Augustinian Australasian Province meeting that was held on-line across five countries for five days 6th – 10th January, 2021.



Sound exciting? Very!

But also very challenging when you have also to consider the aging demographic of the original part of the Australasian Province and the financial resources needed to continue all of our ministries. Both the exciting and the challenging aspects of the realities facing our Augustinian Australasian Province were confronted head on in a video presentation to the meeting given by Jacky Worthington. Jacky has much experience of lay involvement in the Order through her position as business manager in North Harbour parish, her work with the Augustinian International Laity Commission and as President of the Friends of Saint Augustine in Australia.

Jacky spoke of the great partnership in ministry that has existed between the Augustinians and lay people for many decades in a variety of settings in Australia - and I must add also in Korea. She urged us to be bold in finding new ways to build that partnership using modern digital tools that are popular among young and old alike.

Jacky's final words of advice to us Augustinians in our efforts both to encourage the young to become part of the church community and to renew lay involvement in our ministries:

"Don't replicate the clergy, but create something new... be bold and courageous ... don't be bound by convention and don't wait! Have a go! No one cares if you make a few mistakes along the way. The main thing is to act!"

> Fr. Michael Sullivan OSA Vietnam Region Team

AN EASTER EXPERIENCE

Growing up, Easter was synonymous with chocolate. Church attendance and religious instruction in my family had been lost somewhere in the few generations preceding mine. And what was left of religious tradition would have been all but unrecognizable to the last well-catechised ancestors in my family tree.

Sometimes, we would have fish for dinner on Good Friday, but no one REALLY knew why.

different. We are TRULY blessed.

Easter for me now, is a season full of wonder and thanksgiving, of beauty and humility, of all the senses which this time of year evokes in the hearts of the faithful. After witnessing the Christmas narrative, and considering the early, hidden years of our Lord, we do our best as a family to follow along as the Church in all her wisdom takes us on this most aweinspiring journey.

Similarly, I would ask "what is good about Good Friday?" and my question was typically answered with vagueness, or distraction. I can't really blame my pre-internet-inyour-pocket parents because cranking up the old PC and waiting for the NNEEIIOORRR



We accompany Jesus into the desert, as we contemplate fasting and His temptation during Lent. We encourage one another through our own self-imposed sacrifices, just as the angels attended to our Lord. We welcome Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as he rides a borrowed

Jamie with his family

NEEIOOR CKCKCKCKKKKRRRKKK of the dial up internet just to satisfy a 10-year old's curiosity wasn't really going to happen anyway.

Yes, Easter tradition in our house came in the form of a big chocolate Easter Bunny for my sister and I, plus a smorgasbord of assorted chocolate treats which would leave us nearly comatose. This treasure trove of chocolate would be waiting for us at the foot of our beds on Easter morning, and Easter Sunday was the only day of the year we were actually allowed to have chocolate for breakfast! The early morning chocolate induced euphoria was the closest our young minds got to the contemplation of heavenly things during Easter.

Fast forward to 2021.

20 years later, and what I assume is my "Holy Spirit Inspired" natural curiosity has finally led me to Christ. It has all happened at just the right time, and in just the right way for my wonderful wife to be taken by the beauty and truth of THE Church as well. Our real conversion had begun a couple of years prior to the eldest of our (now four) sons reaching the age of reason, so all my children now get to experience the beauty of the liturgical year the way it is meant to be experienced, without having known anything donkey towards His passion, and we stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday as we recognise in a profound way, the true, infinite cost of our sin.

The crucifixion of God made man, suffering to pay the debt that we could not, so that we may join Him in what comes next. Easter Sunday! The resurrection of Jesus! The fulfilment of an impossible number of prophecies and the reason for our Hope! So, what does Eater mean to me?

Easter is a moment in time. Easter is a journey we don't just watch, but which we actually live. Just like the rest of the liturgical year, Easter is a PARTICIPATION in the divine, in which we are not just spectators, nor even are we like cast members. We, the Church, ARE the body of Christ. We fast and face temptation (Lent), we carry our cross (difficulties), we fall (sin), we get back up (confession), we die (mortality).... And because of Easter. God willing. We rise again to eternal life.

Jamie Dowsett

Parishioner of Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair, who is currently a member of the Parish Pastoral Council and of Men's Business (Men's Ministry)



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