

TAGASTE NEWSLETTER
PROVINCE OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE
OAR
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Fall greetings to all of our brothers in the Province of St. Nicholas, the Order, the Augustinian Recollect Sisters, our Secular Augustinian Recollects, Guild members, and the Hispanic Committee, as well as our parishioners at Sacred Heart Church!

Remembering 9/11. The Sacred Heart community participated in the Village of Suffern memorial service for those who died or were injured together with their families and first responders on the 21st anniversary of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. The service was held at Suffern Community Center and was hosted by Suffern mayor, Michael Curley. Those attending the gathering included the various groups of veterans, the Boy Scouts Honor Guard, the Rockland County Fire Fighters Pipes & Drums, and various local political leaders, many of whom offered brief thoughts about the meaning of the day. Fr. John Gruben, OAR, led the group in the opening Invocation.



***Memorial Service:** Fr. John offering the Invocation for the Suffern 9/11 gathering at Suffern Community Center, September 11, 2022. Behind Fr. John is Suffern mayor, Michael Curley.*

Suffern Fall Street Fair. Sacred Heart and Tagaste Monastery once again participated in the biannual Suffern Street Fair on September 18. All of Main Street (Lafayette Avenue) was closed to traffic so that the various down town merchants could display their wares. There was a great deal of food, clothing, and crafts available to the crowds that filled the street from 10 am to 4 pm with good weather prevailing throughout the day. The parish booth offered information about the various activities and services of the parish along with a number of devotional items and free water for all. The Knights of Columbus booth was located right next to that of the parish.



In the spotlight (l to r): Jean Bolton, Ray Miller, Madeline McBain, and Fr. John at the Sacred Heart/Tagaste Monastery booth for the Suffern Street Fair, September 22, 2022.



The Knights of Columbus, Joyce Kilmer Lodge, has been supporting the parish for a great many years. Representatives manned the booth for the street fair. The K of C raises money by organizing different activities such as the wrestling match they are currently sponsoring.

SAR Regional Assembly. The Secular Augustinian Recollect chapters of the Eastern Region including Suffern, New York, Union City, New Jersey, and the new chapter in Miami, Florida, met at Tagaste Monastery in Suffern on Saturday, September 24 for a day of prayer, reflection, fraternity, and the election of a new regional president. Members of the West Orange, NJ, chapter were unable to attend. Fr. Alberto Fuentes, OAR, spiritual director of the SAR for the US Vicariate, presided at the day along with Noemi González, SAR, current Vicariate president; Fr. Eliseo Gonzalez, OAR, was main celebrant at the Mass assisted by Frs. John Gruben and Charles Huse.

About 25 SAR members and religious were present for the day, which included several talks, discussions to get the various fraternities better acquainted, and lunch provided by the Tagaste Guild. After a vote by all the professed members, Milagros (Millie) Villareal, president of the Union City fraternity, was elected the new regional president. Our congratulations to Millie and ongoing prayers and support for all of our dedicated SAR members!



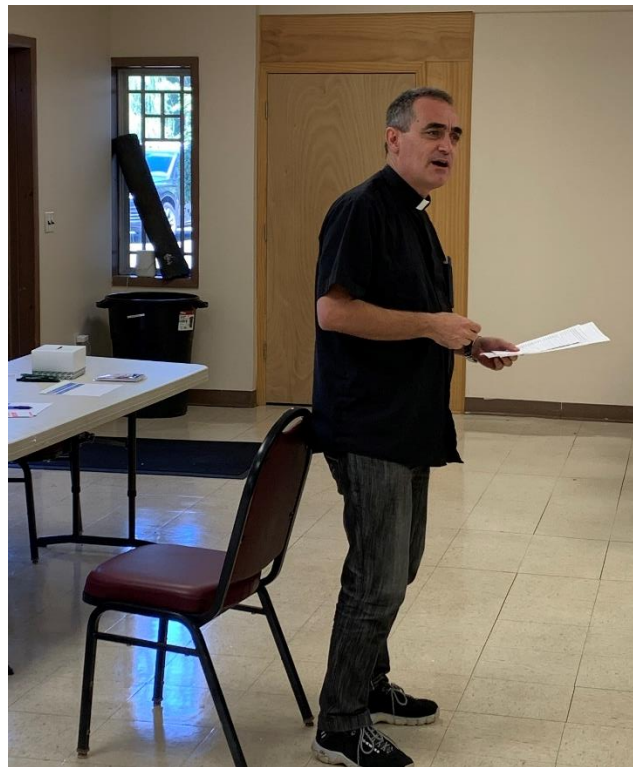
SAR Assembly: Recollect friars (l to r, back row) Frs. Alberto Fuentes, Eliseo González, John Gruben, and Charles Huse, join in closing Mass in the chapel at Tagaste Monastery. Portrait to the right is image of SAR patroness, St. Magdalene of Nagasaki.



Presidents: Current Vicariate president Noemi González (l) joins newly elected regional president, Millie Villareal following the election. Noemi is a parishioner of St. Benedict Church in Montebello, California, and Millie resides in Union City, NJ and is a parishioner at Holy Family Church.



Presidents and spiritual directors: Leeds (Lydia) Mardo, Frs. John and Charles, Noemi González, Fr. Alberto, Milagros (Millie) Villareal, and Ignacia Cañizales.



Fr. Alberto Fuentes, OAR, giving a presentation to the SAR assembly at Tagaste Monastery, September 24, 2022.

Confirmation, 2022. 43 young people in the Sacred Heart religious education program received the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 24 in two ceremonies, one at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 12:30 p.m. Bishop Gerald Walsh, Auxiliary of the Archdiocese of New York, conducted the service assisted by Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR. Janis Batewell, religious education coordinator, as well as the teachers were on hand along with parents and relatives of the candidates. Congratulations to everyone!



“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit!” Bishop Gerald Walsh (r) anoints a candidate for Confirmation accompanied by Fr. Michael, pastor of Sacred Heart.

For all parish news, upcoming events, and Mass schedules,
see www.sacredheartparish.org

For the latest news on Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, OAR,
see www.bishopgallegos.org

Fr. John Gruben, OAR, prior
Theresa Giampaglia, SAR president
Connie Montanye, Guild president

*Scenes from SAR assembly, September 24, 2022
Tagaste Monastery*

