

TAGASTE NEWSLETTER  
PROVINCE OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE  
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Midsummer greetings to all of our brothers in the Province of St. Nicholas and 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!

**60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Priesthood.** Frs. John Gruben, and Eric Crelencia joined the friars at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Monastery in Union City, New Jersey, on Friday, July 9, 2021, to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Frs. Antonio Ciordia, Miguel Echeverria, and Charles Huse. The festivities began with a Mass at which Fr. Miguel presided and Frs. Ciordia and Huse each offered words of thanksgiving for the gift of the priesthood and the many years of service with which God had blessed them. Following the Mass there was a sumptuous dinner and a cake honoring the jubilarians. Our congratulations to Frs. Antonio, Miguel, and Charles for their wonderful example of fidelity and perseverance in their priestly vocations as Augustinian Recollects!



*Thanksgiving Mass (l to r): Frs. Antonio Ciordia, Miguel Echeverría, and Charles Huse offer Mass to mark their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood in chapel at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Monastery, Union City, New Jersey, on July 9.*



*Anniversary wish: Frs. Charles and Miguel blow out candles on their cake while Fr. Dionesio Gutiérrez (l) and Eric Creencia lend moral support. Fr. Antonio had been called away to parish duties.*



*Sisters of Life profession: Bishop James D. Conley of the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, received the profession of First Vows for five of the Sisters of Life at Sacred Heart Church in Suffern on June 26.*

**Five Sisters of Life profess First Vows.** Sacred Heart Church hosted the profession of First Vows for five of the Sisters of Life on June 26 with Bishop James D. Conley of Lincoln, Nebraska presiding at the liturgy. The Sisters of Life have had a close relationship with Sacred Heart parish for a number of years now, with six of the sisters living in the old rectory next to the church and many others in the convent on Montebello Road in Suffern. Founded by Cardinal Joseph O'Connor in 1991, the Sisters now number 116 in the congregation with six foundations in the US and one in Canada. They are blessed with many religious vocations and describe their charism as expressed in a fourth vow “to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life.”



*Sisters of Life lead the singing at Mass of Simple Profession at Sacred Heart Church on June 26. The Sisters in the first row made their profession of First Vows. Community superior, Mother Agnes Donovan, occupies the aisle seat in the second row.*

**Update on pandemic regulations:** Sacred Heart continues to move along with the State of New York and the Archdiocese to relax Covid-19 restrictions. Although normal precautions are still advised, including use of hand sanitizer and masks, especially for reception of Holy Communion, as well as alternative expressions of the Sign of Peace, seating restrictions have been eliminated and the church can once again be fully occupied. The parish will continue to televise the liturgy for weekday Masses and the principal Masses on Sunday and feast days for the benefit of our homebound parishioners. The former Sacred Heart School gymnasium will continue to be utilized for additional seating and for special celebrations such as the Christmas season.



***Our Lady of Fatima.** Parishioners gather around the statue of Our Lady of Fatima which was placed in the sanctuary of the church at the beginning of July in anticipation of the feast on July 16.*



***40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration:** Fr. John (2<sup>nd</sup> row, center) joins Fr. Joseph Emmanuel (1<sup>st</sup> row, center), pastor of the combined churches of St. Joan of Arc (Sloatsburg) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Tuxedo) along with local priests on July 23. The Jubilee Mass was followed by a reception for priests and people, with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, surprising everyone by being on hand for the table blessing. Tagaste friars have assisted at the two parishes for many years.*

***Please pray for:*** All the members of our SAR fraternity and Guild members and especially for Robert Augustin, a friend of the O'Brien family who is critically ill.

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

\*For all parish news, upcoming events, and Mass schedules see [www.sacredheartparish.org](http://www.sacredheartparish.org)

\*For latest news on Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, OAR, see [www.bishopgallegos.org](http://www.bishopgallegos.org)



*Fr. Charles with Frs Eric and John for his anniversary celebration at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Monastery on July 9.*

