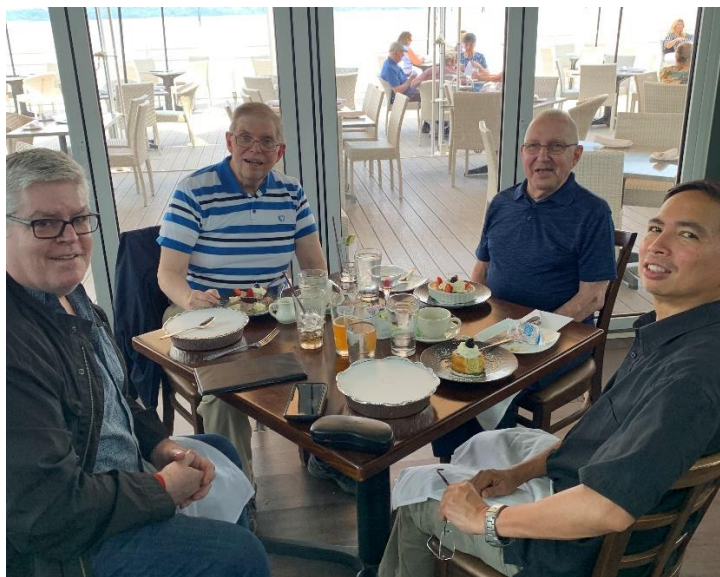


TAGASTE NEWSLETTER
PROVINCE OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE
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JULY - AUGUST 2022

Late summer 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!



Fraternal get-together (l to r): Frs. Michael Rafferty, John Gruben, Charles Huse, and Eric Crelencia enjoy lunch together on July 12 at the Hudson River Club in Haverstraw, New York, in celebrating Fr. Charles' 61st anniversary of ordination. The friars owe thanks to a parishioner of Sacred Heart for gift certificate for lunch.



Marydell annual picnic. Fr. John joins Srs. Virginia Johnson and Veronica Méndez, RCD, for their annual "Friends and Family Picnic" on July 16 in Nyack, NY. The Marydell Sisters have been friends of Tagaste for a great many years since the friars used to go for daily for Mass at their former convent in Montebello, NY. The Sisters taught Religious Education in many Rockland County parishes including Sacred Heart.



Rest in Peace: Frs. Michael and John with a photo of Dn. Ramiro Munoz, OAR, following a Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Suffern on Aug.1. Dn. Ramiro (who died on July 27, in Oxnard, CA) had been stationed at Tagaste for a number of years and had many friends, especially in the Hispanic Community. After the evening Mass the community hosted a reception with food and refreshments in the cafeteria. Fr. Eric missed out on photo since he was greeting parishioners!



Proceeds from the Tagaste Golf Outing, 2022. Mr. Greg Hayden of Hayden Building Maintenance Corp., in West Nyack, NY, coordinator of the 25th Annual Tagaste Golf Outing, hands Fr. John a check for \$40,000 to support our students in formation. The Recollect community of Suffern is profoundly grateful to Greg and the other members of the Golf Committee that have contributed so generously to supporting the students of our Province for the past twenty-five years. Heartfelt thanks!



Bon Voyage! Frs. John, Michael, and Eric wish a fond farewell to Ed and Barbara Mahecha who are moving to South Belmar, NJ, after many years as active parishioners at Sacred Heart. Ed was a dedicated coordinator of the Vincent de Paul Society of the parish as well as a frequent lector at the Masses. The couple was given an engraved memorial Bible following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on August 13.



Appreciation dinner: The Knights of Columbus (Joyce Kilmer Lodge) and their wives together with Frs. John, Michael, and Eric enjoy dinner at DaNina's Restaurant in downtown Suffern, NY, on August 15. Among their many activities in support of Sacred Heart Church, the Knights periodically take the priests of the parish to dinner at a local restaurant. The owners of DaNina's have been constant patrons of the annual Tagaste Golf Outing.

Feast of St. Ezekiel Moreno, 2022. The parish continued the tradition of celebrating a bi-lingual evening Mass on August 19 honoring St. Ezekiel and including the offering of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for those who are seriously ill or weakened by age or some chronic condition. There was also a general healing blessing offered for all parishioners in attendance at the Mass. Fr. Michael was main celebrant and homilist assisted by Frs. John and Eric; the Hispanic Choir, led by Tino Ruiz, provided music for the liturgy.



Honoring St. Ezekiel (l to r): Frs. Eric, Michael, and John concelebrate Mass for the feast day.



Liturgy of Anointing. Fr. Michael anoints the forehead and hands of parishioner coming to receive the Sacrament.

Vicar's visit. Fr. Marlon Beof, OAR, Vicar Provincial for the United States, arrived in Suffern on Monday, August 22 and remained until Saturday, August 27. On August 23 he accompanied Fr. John on a courtesy call to Bishop Edmund Whalen, Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of New York for an update on the current situation of Tagaste Monastery and Sacred Heart Church, both in Suffern, New York. On August 26, Fr. Marlon was main celebrant at the evening Mass, honoring St. Monica and St. Augustine. The following day he left Suffern to continue his regional visit at St. Nicholas Monastery in Union City, New Jersey.



Chancery visit: Frs. Marlon Beof and John Gruben with Bishop Edmund Whalen (c), Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of New York, August 23.



Mass honoring St. Monica and St. Augustine (l to r): Frs. Michael, Marlon, John, and Eric celebrating Mass remembering our Founder and his mother, August 26.

Feast of St. Augustine, 2022. Since the Feast of St. Augustine fell on a Sunday this year, the community decided to combine the celebrations of Monica and Augustine on Friday, August 26 with a bilingual evening Mass. Fr. Marlon Beof, Vicar Provincial, was celebrant and homilist for the Mass. Afterward there was a reception in the school gymnasium with light refreshments for all.



Fr. Marlon incenses the image of Sts. Augustine and Monica during the Mass.



Let us rejoice and be glad! Frs. John, Marlon, and Michael with members of the Tagaste SARs and Pius X Guild who hosted the reception following the Mass on August 26.



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



SAR Regional Meeting. All professed members of the Secular Augustinian Recollects in the Eastern Region of the Vicariate are invited to attend a meeting of our fraternities at Tagaste Monastery in Suffern, New York, on Saturday, September 24 beginning at 10 a.m. The purpose of the meeting in addition to prayer and fraternity will be to elect a president and council to represent the region. *[The schedule for the day appears below]*

PROVINCE OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE
REGIONAL SAR ASSEMBLY-USA, SUFFERN
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

ITINERARIO/SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 10:00 REGISTRO/REGISTRATION
- 10:15 CAFE/COFFEE
- 10:30 BIENVENIDA/WELCOME
- 10:40 ORACION DE APERTURA/OPENING PRAYER
- 11:00 DINAMICA DE INTEGRACION/GROUP ACTIVITY
- 12:00 CHARLA/DISCUSSION
- 1:00 COMIDA/LUNCH
- 2:00 ELECCION DEL PRESIDENTE Y SU CONSEJO/ELECTION OF
PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL
- 3:00 REUNION DEL NUEVO PRESIDENTE Y SU CONSEJO/
NEW PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEETING
- 4:00 CELEBRACION EUCARISTIA/EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION,
PRESENTACION DEL NUEVO PRESIDENTE Y SU CONSEJO/
INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL.

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