

# 2022-23 GRATITUDE REPORT

*One gift, immeasurable blessings*

the  
**Augustinians**

Province of St. Thomas of Villanova



# Fiscal Year 2022-23 Highlights



**JUNE**

Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A. is installed as the 41st Prior Provincial of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova.



**JULY**

Fr. Paul Galetto, O.S.A. is assigned to Saint Paul and Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi parishes in South Philadelphia as their pastor.



**AUGUST**

Br. Nicholas Stone, O.S.A. makes his First Profession of Vows. Golfers at the 20th annual Cascia Classic celebrate two decades of golf, friendship, and doing good for the Augustinians.



**NOVEMBER**

Augustinian friends gather at Notre Dame Academy High School on Staten Island, NY for an evening of fellowship. Fr. Ray Dlugos, O.S.A., Vice President for Mission and Ministry at Merrimack College, is awarded the college's Saint Augustine Medal for embodying Merrimack's mission to enlighten minds, engage hearts and empower lives.



**OCTOBER**

The Leadership & Legacy Mass and Brunch honors and recognizes the members of our Saint Thomas of Villanova Leadership Giving Society and the Saint Augustine Legacy Society.



**SEPTEMBER**

Villanova University men's basketball coach Kyle Neptune is the featured speaker at the Profile in Augustinian Leadership event at the Overbrook Golf Club. Beloved friar Fr. George F. Riley, O.S.A. namesake of the Fr. George Riley Fund for Augustinian HealthCare, dies at age 87.



**DECEMBER**

Barb and Brian Riley make a transformative \$6 million dollar gift to the Province. The new Riley Fund for Mission and Ministry will advance the mission of the Augustinians through the direct support of Augustinian Friars in their spiritual ministries.



**JANUARY**

Br. Michael Riggs, O.S.A. makes his Solemn Profession of Vows.



**FEBRUARY**

Bishop Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A. is named by Pope Francis the new prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, the department of the Roman Curia that oversees the selection of most new bishops.



**MAY**

The first annual Friends of the Augustinians Golf Outing at Applebrook Golf Club is a rousing success. Province Friars travel to Japan for the priestly ordination of Fr. Atsushi Kuwahara, O.S.A.



**APRIL**

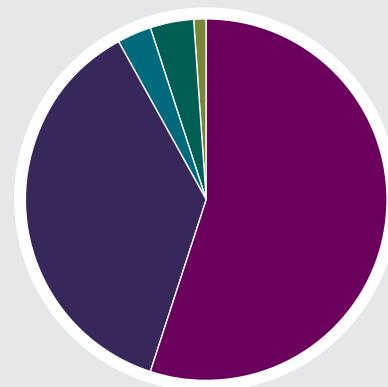
Our third annual Tolle Lege Day raises a record \$480,000 for the Augustinian Friars and their ministries.



**MARCH**

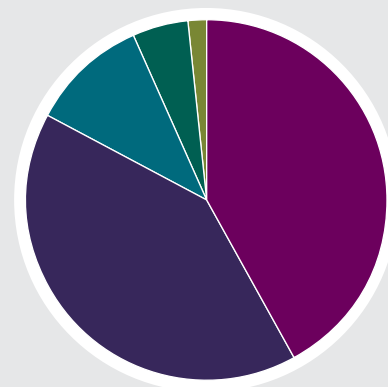
The fund for Justice and Peace is renamed in honor of Fr. John E. Deegan, O.S.A. at the annual A.D.R.O.P. Mass and brunch.

Revenue: \$8,087,843



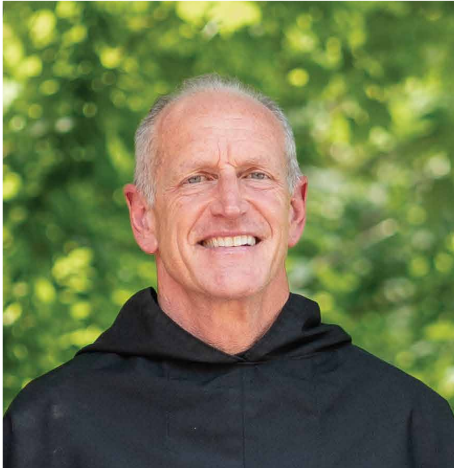
- \$4,462,176 | OSA Community Contributions & Benefits
- \$3,068,418 | Fundraising (IA, Missions, Guild)
- \$213,580 | Support Fund Donations (Family Estates, Collections)
- \$314,917 | Friars' Social Security Benefits
- \$28,752 | Miscellaneous

Expenses: \$8,388,568



- \$3,527,095 | Province Operations
- \$3,442,288 | Care for the Infirm & Elderly friars
- \$887,236 | Ministry & Education
- \$443,752 | Formation & Vocations
- \$88,197 | Foreign Missions

# Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Your generosity to my Augustinian brothers and me is truly a blessing. Every dollar we raised means secure health care for our infirm and elderly friars, excellent training and education for our men in formation, and the ability to further our Augustinian mission and charism around the world.

We are extremely grateful to Barb and Brian Riley (shown on the cover of this report) for their transformative commitment of \$6,000,000 over a five-year period. The new Barb and Brian Riley Fund for Mission and Ministry will allow us to strengthen our ministerial programs and to continue our work to preach the Gospel news and serve the people of God, particularly those struggling on the margins of society.

As Saint Paul says in his second letter to the Corinthians, “Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” Our community of supporters has truly excelled in this grace, and we are humbled by your generosity. Know that you and all of your intentions remain in our prayers.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RPH, O.S.A.'.

**Fr. Robert P. Hagan, O.S.A.,** *Prior Provincial*

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Colleen Tegler

Everyone should be as lucky as the Augustinians to have Colleen Tegler working as their volunteer. Colleen gives of her time selflessly and accomplishes great things—and always with a big smile.

Colleen has enjoyed a connection with the Augustinians since the day she was born, as the niece of Servant of God Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. Fr. Bill (who Colleen remembers fondly as Uncle Bill) had a positive impact on her and played an important part in her life. “I grew up watching first-hand the love and care the Augustinian brothers gave to my Uncle Bill, and now it is important for us to help give back to care for those who cared for him,” says Colleen.



*Left to right: The Tegler Family—Tommy, Devin, Colleen, Riley, Alison, and Tom.*

This past spring Colleen single-handedly planned and organized the Province’s inaugural Friends of the Augustinians Golf Outing, alongside a fantastic committee that she recruited. She left no stone unturned, and the event sold out within a matter of weeks.

She also serves as a member of the Province’s Advancement Council, a board member of the Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. Foundation, a current trustee at the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, a member of the Capital Campaign Committee at Malvern Prep and board member for the Love, Vaughn Foundation. Even Colleen’s four children (Alison, Riley, Devin and Tommy) have volunteered for the Augustinians!

Colleen knows the true meaning of giving back, which she does with her whole heart. We are enormously grateful for Colleen’s commitment and dedication to the Augustinian Friars and for sharing her time, talent, and treasure with us. God bless you, Colleen!

The Augustinian Fund was established in 2006 to build a reliable source of annual revenue to help the Province meet its financial responsibilities. Years ago, the friars' earned salaries were sufficient to cover all of our expenses. However, today, with fewer friars in active ministry and salaried we must rely on the generosity of friends and benefactors to help us sustain our way of life and the ministries we perform.

**AUGUSTINIAN  
 ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL**

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*Our Mission*

We Augustinians, inspired by the religious insight and teaching of St. Augustine, and established as a Mendicant Order in the 13th Century, seek to live out our Christian vocation of love for God and neighbor in the fashion of Augustine, in communion of life and service to the Church. To seek God together is our common project. To share our discovery of God is our chosen undertaking. Thus we have always been, and see ourselves still, as active contemplatives in the Church, called to impart to others the gifts we have received. Unity of minds and hearts is our goal as well as our constant stimulus.

**SUSTAINING THE  
 AUGUSTINIAN WAY OF LIFE**

**The Fr. George F. Riley, O.S.A.  
 Fund for Augustinian HealthCare**

**FR. MICHAEL P. SULLIVAN, O.S.A.**

I served the Augustinians as a Preaching Apostolate for over forty years, traveling the country to spread the good news of the Lord. Only the pandemic could stop my ministry, and it was coincidentally at that time that I began to need some of the many spectacular healthcare services offered at the monastery. Because of donors like you,



*Fr. Michael Sullivan, O.S.A. with Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A. during the 2022 Leadership and Legacy Mass & Brunch.*

I am driven to and from dialysis three times a week, but I still get to live amongst my brothers in the monastery.

The ability to receive quality healthcare is a blessing to us friars and one for which we are grateful every day. The fact that I can attend daily Mass and pray together with my brothers brings me comfort and peace each day. The nursing staff in the monastery is very attentive, thorough, and attends to our medical needs in a loving, compassionate, and caring manner. My life as an Augustinian Friar continues to have significance even though I am unable to

actively minister. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we friars in the monastery can live out our lives in a secure and peaceful home. We owe a debt of gratitude to our benefactors. God bless you.

*Fr. Michael Sullivan, O.S.A. was called to the Lord on August 3, 2023.*

**The M. Louise Fitzpatrick Fund for Formation**

**BR. NICHOLAS STONE, O.S.A.**

Before entering formation with the Augustinians, I paid rent. I had a car payment. I had bills. I had student loans. But, I was a high school science teacher. As I answered the call to religious life as an Augustinian, I questioned how I would keep up with my bills and my student loans between entering initial formation and professing solemn vows. I knew all Augustinians went to graduate school to study theology. What if I needed to take out more student loans to cover the cost since I no longer had a full time job?

Thankfully, that was not needed. The generosity of our benefactors is something that I am very grateful for and that I pray in thanksgiving for daily. Because of the kindness of our benefactors, we as students in formation are given the freedom to truly discern whether God is calling us to live as consecrated religious within the Augustinian charism. We don't have to worry about how to pay for our education, how to pay for the basic necessities of life, how to keep up with our bills, how to maintain our health and wellness. I am truly grateful and humbled by the faith, the generosity, the trust that is demonstrated by the commitment of our benefactors to the Augustinian vocation program. From the bottom of my heart, and from our Augustinian family, THANK YOU!



*Br. Nicholas Stone, O.S.A. with Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A. at Br. Stone's First Profession of Vows on August 6, 2022.*

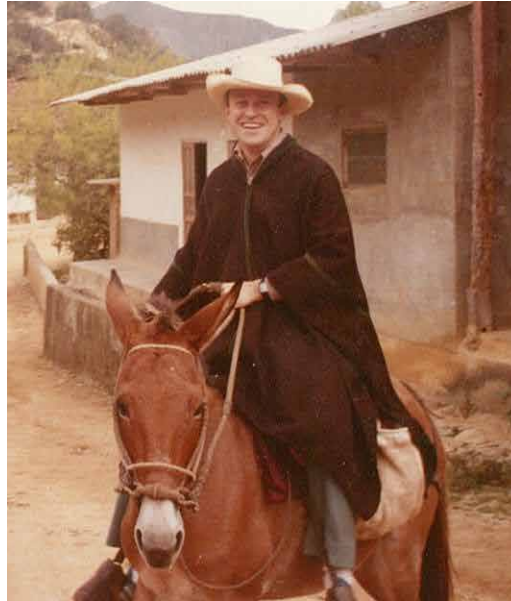
# SUPPORT FOR THE UNDERSERVED AND DISENFRANCHISED

## The Fr. Richard D. Appicci, O.S.A. Endowment for Augustinian Missions

### FR. ARTHUR PURCARO, O.S.A.

One of the many significant lessons in life that I learned from my parents has to do with Christmas, the season to celebrate gratitude for God's self-emptying, becoming one with us so that we might become one with God.

I am one of four siblings, now all in our seventies, and I distinctly remember when one Christmas, before we had completed our first decade, on Christmas morning when we were opening our few but gratefully received Christmas gifts, my Dad asked us each to choose one of our gifts. Next, he said to get our coats on and to bring our chosen gift with us. "Where are we going?" we all chimed in. "To the orphanage. Just as receiving your gifts has made you happy, now you'll have



*Fr. Arthur Purcaro, O.S.A. on a mule in Pacaipampa, Peru.*

the chance to share that happiness with someone else, who otherwise might not receive any gift."

As Augustine stated this same concept: "What do we have that we have not received?"

All is gift, given to us but not solely for us. Gifts are meant to be shared, just as God has shared with us. Our faith is the most precious gift we have received (not earned, deserved or merited). The Augustinian Missions provide the opportunity for us to share the wonderful gift of faith with others, be it in Peru, South Africa, Japan or in our neighborhood. We are deeply grateful to those who make this possible through kind and generous support, both material and spiritual.

## Office of Justice and Peace & Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor (A.D.R.O.P.)

### FR. JOHN E. DEEGAN, O.S.A. AND LACIE MICHAELSON-FISCHLEY

The Office of Justice and Peace and A.D.R.O.P. have had their busiest year since the pandemic, and we couldn't have done it without support from donors like you.

The A.D.R.O.P. Unity Clinic returned to full service and saw an average of 20 patients each session, addressing the needs of those who do not have regular health care. We resumed our English for Speakers of other Languages classes with more students than ever. Maybe you joined us for our four-lecture series (both in-person and online) discussing some of the many issues of environmental justice raised by the Papal document *Laudato Si'*.



*Students learn English together and build community at the A.D.R.O.P. night E.S.O.L. class.*

The Adeodatus Prison Ministry group continued its weekly meetings and support for those recently released from prison and their families. And

last but not least, through the gift of a generous donor, a coffee machine, supplies, and funding to staff a coffee cart at the National Shrine of Saint Rita will begin this summer. This coffee cart will allow those recently released from incarceration to gain the job skills they need to re-enter society.

Thank you, donors. Know that your generosity is changing lives here in South Philadelphia every day.



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*Front cover: Barb and Brian Riley, pictured with Prior Provincial Robert Hagan, O.S.A., visited the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia to see first-hand the needs that the Riley Fund for Mission and Ministry will address.*

*Back cover: The Rileys also visited St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in the Bronx to see how their fund could help advance the mission of the parish. The Rileys are accompanied by (L to R) Fr. Luis Vera, O.S.A. (pastor), Fr. Joseph Murray, O.S.A., Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A., and Fr. Carlos Urbina, O.S.A.*



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