



# GRAYMOOR TODAY

Newsletter of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

## FATHER PAUL'S WELCOMING VISION CONTINUES ~ GRAYMOOR DEDICATES NEW VISITORS' CENTER

On April 14, over ninety benefactors, friends, and Friars joined **Fr. Timothy MacDonald, SA**, Vicar General, and **Fr. Ken Cienik, SA**, director of the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center at the dedication of Graymoor's new Welcome Center. Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD, Episcopal Vicar of Northern Vicariates, Archdiocese of New York, offered the blessing and concelebrated Mass in Little Flower Chapel afterwards.

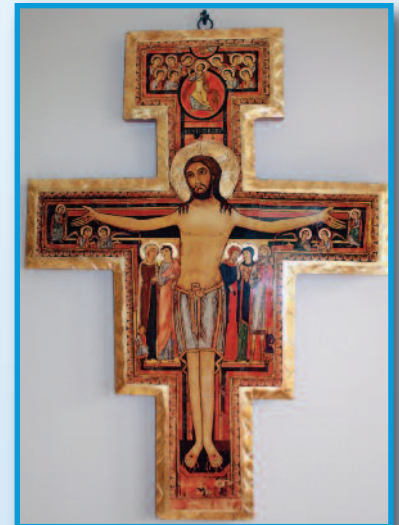


In 1973, the Friars established what is now known as the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in the massive St. Pius X building. Since then, people have flocked to its special programs and events which include weekly holy hours, Bible studies, centering prayer groups, retreats for families, married couples, seniors, and singles as well as programs for those recovering from alcohol and

drug addictions.

Even though Father Paul envisioned the Society he founded as a preaching order— his friars “going down the mountain to cast their nets in the great sea of humanity,” he encouraged retreat and ecumenical work on Graymoor's *Holy Mountain*.

Before the renovation, visitors entered the Center through the loading dock or by walking up a three-story flight of stairs.



*A replica of the Cross of San Damiano hangs in the new Welcome Center.*

With the conversion of a garage bay and a portion of the existing service entrance, visitors now arrive at a welcoming entry where they are offered information about the sites on the *Holy Mountain* and can view a presentation of the Friars' various activities and ministries on wide-screen televisions.

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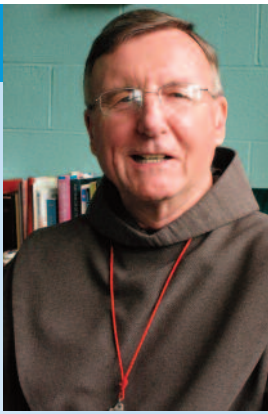
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## GLAD TIDINGS

by Fr. Bob Warren, SA

*Magi  
from the east came  
to Jerusalem and asked,  
“Where is the one who has  
been born king of the Jews? We  
saw his star when it rose and  
have come to worship him.”*

~Matthew 2:1



We now have a splendid new Welcome Center at Graymoor. It is warm and inviting and thousands of people will pass through its doors in the course of a year. Some will want to have a Mass said, perhaps, for a deceased loved one. Others will come for confession, Bible study, a retreat, or perhaps a recovery meeting.

One recent Friday afternoon about twenty people were registering for a retreat. A delivery man arrived with a package. It was his first time at Graymoor. When he saw the crowd of men and women of every background and nationality, he asked why they were here. I told him. He paused then asked, “What are they looking for?”

This is the same question Jesus asked when two disciples of John the Baptist were following him. Turning to them, Jesus asked: “What are you looking for?” They replied, “Sir, where do you live?” He answers, “Just come and you will see.” (John 1: 35-42)

If Jesus asks you this question, what will you say? As a follower of Christ, you should, I think, be looking for Him. He has to become as real to you as your closest friend.

Another group of people in the Bible was asked by King Herod what they were looking for. They were, of course, the Magi who were following a star in search of the new born King. Scripture does not tell us what was said when they found him only that upon entering the stable, seeing the Child in a trough, they fell down and adored Him. (Matthew 2:1-12)

What are you looking for? This question comes not from me, but from Jesus. How convinced and passionate a disciple are you? In another form, this is the question Jesus asked His disciple Peter— “Do you love me?” If you do, you will find Him.

And that is *Glad Tidings!*

## VOCATION MINISTRY NEWS

### FRIARS ACCEPT CANDIDATE

On May 31, the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement accepted Fabián Tavares into their Formation program.



Br. John O'Hara, SA

Mr. Tavares, from Uruguay, has been a philosophy professor at the Universidad del Trabajo de Uruguay for the past fifteen years. He graduated in 1993 from the Instituto Profesores Artigas where he received his degree in education and philosophy. He presently lives in Salto, Uruguay.

Mr. Tavares began his discernment about religious life when he participated in Ignatian retreats and describes his spirituality as “positive, loving, and following Jesus.” He says his spirit is “rooted in the word of Jesus.” For the past nine years he has been discerning in earnest and discovered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement two years ago. The internet introduced him to the community’s objectives and visions which also reflect his own. Mr. Tavares has visited Graymoor twice during the past two years.

Mr. Tavares will be travelling to Rome where he will join the other Friar candidates, Baby John Aloysious, who has returned to the program following a period of discernment, and Douglas Craig Allen, who was accepted last year. The candidacy program begins in August under the guidance of **Fr. Dennis Polanco, SA**, vocation and candidate director.

Please continue to pray for our vocations.



Br. John O'Hara, SA

Fabián Tavares receives communion from Fr. John Kiesling, SA.

For information about vocations,  
call the Vocation Department at 800-338-2620, ext. 2126  
or visit [AtonementFriars.org/Vocations](http://AtonementFriars.org/Vocations)

## FRIARS OBSERVE JUBILEES AT GRAYMOR ~ CELEBRATING SERVICE TO GOD

On June 25, five Friars, along with their friends and family, celebrated jubilees, marking their arrivals into the community and the start of their religious careers.

V. Rev. James F. Puglisi, SA, Minister General, was the principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass in Pilgrim Hall.

### 60 years

Fr. Daniel O'Shea, SA; Fr. David Doerner, SA; and Fr. William Schmidt, SA

### 50 years

Fr. Joseph Scerbo, SA; Fr. Robert Warren, SA; and Fr. Dennis Polanco, SA

To learn more about the Jubilee Friars visit [AtonementFriars.org/Jubilees](http://AtonementFriars.org/Jubilees)



Br. John O'Hara, SA

From left: Fr. Polanco, Fr. O'Shea, Fr. Puglisi, Fr. Scerbo, Fr. Warren, and Fr. Schmidt.

## DISASTER RELIEF IN JAPAN

The Friars' ministries in Japan date back more than sixty years. During World War II, when many Japanese-Americans were interned in Canada, the Friars traveled there to serve them spiritually in the encampments. Shortly after the war ended, the opportunity to fulfill one of the dreams of Fr. Paul—to preach the gospel to all nations—came to the Friars.

In 1948, a large territory of the diocese of Yokohama was offered to them in which to establish a mission. On November 21, 1948, the first Mass was said at what was to become known as "Graymoor in Japan."

Ever since then, the Friars have provided parish, educational, ecumenical, and social ministries in Japan. Today, they staff a parish; sponsor St. Joseph's School, an elementary and high school; St. Clare's Kindergarten; and Kaizuka Hall, for the homeless, as well as Atonement House, a social center.

Shortly after the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan earlier this year, Fr. Joseph T. Hiramatsu, SA, Regional Superior in Japan wrote: "The people of Japan are still experiencing the after effects. . . we are currently experiencing a shortage in gasoline supply. . . News clips daily show of people, young and elderly, who are taking refuge in shelters. Many people lost their homes and livelihood. . . Presently, the concern of many people in Japan is related to the nuclear plants in Fukushima. . . School is already over and many of the children are staying indoors in their respective houses. . . the people need blankets, food, clothing, medication, and much more."

St. Clare's Kindergarten, Kawasaki, Japan.

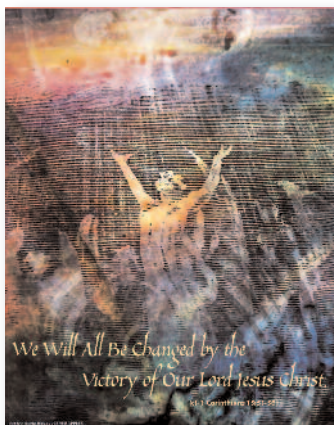


In April 2010, Fr. Hiramatsu blessed the site for new Kaizuka Hall in Kawasaki. With him are Fr. Pacificus Von Essen, SA and Br. Ignatius Kobayashi, SA. The facility serves the homeless in and around the city by offering food and rest during the day.



## WEEK OF PRAYER 2012 THEME ANNOUNCED by Fr. James Loughran, SA, Director, GEII

The theme for the 2012 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* comes from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, (15: 51-58), "We will all be changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is a paraphrase of verses 51 and 57. It is a message of hope that every human being who professes faith in Christ and in his Gospel will be changed, "in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet." This change will be effected by grace, God's perfect gift of love in Christ, which will transform the believer into a glorified being. Rightly does Paul say, "Listen, I will tell you a mystery!"



united belief in the Trinity, in our binding dogma of Christ as Saviour and God incarnate as man, in the sacrament of baptism and, yes, in our belief that the world will be transformed by the Second Coming.

Yet we remain divided over other teachings and practices that keep us sadly separated at the altar, the common celebration of the Eucharist, which would be the sign of our full visible unity. So with inspiration from the Holy Spirit, we continue to pray, especially during the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* (January 18-25), that these divisions will disappear.

This type of theological expression is called eschatological, because it refers to the "end of days" when Jesus Christ will return in His glory to judge the living and the dead. It is a bedrock of Christian theology, shared by all the Christian churches and communities throughout the world. It helps explain what Christians hold in common about the next life, the glorious life that awaits each believer. The binding force of this doctrine we all hold in common adds to the drive we must have for overcoming all that separates us.

Christian unity is already a reality in so many ways: in our common proclamation of Scriptures, in our

2012's theme is chosen by the Christian churches and communities of Poland. The texts for study, prayer and reflection are the work of the Polish churches along with the joint committee for the Week of Prayer of the Holy See and the World Council of Churches. The texts are adapted for use in the United States by Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute.

**Materials such as prayer cards, posters, Services of the Word, and meditations for each of the eight days are available from Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, P.O. Box 300, Garrison, NY 10524 [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org)**

## BUDDHIST-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE AT GRAYMOOR

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue issued a message on March 31, entitled "Seeking Truth in Freedom: Christians and Buddhists Live in Peace." Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran and Archbishop Pier Luigi Celata, respectively President and Secretary of the Pontifical Council, noted that "in pursuit of authentic peace, a commitment to seek truth is a necessary condition. This human striving for truth offers a fruitful opportunity for the followers of the different religions to encounter one another in depth and to grow in appreciation of the gifts of each."

Over the weekend of May 13-15, the Friars sponsored a Buddhist-Christian Dialogue at Graymoor. Through presentations and panel discussions speakers from Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Buddhist traditions examined the differences of their respective beliefs while offering insights into how they each strive to seek a common path to truth and peace.



*Pictured from left to right: Fr. Kenneth Cienik, SA; Fr. John Keane, SA; Venerable Dhammadipa, abbot of Chuang Yen Buddhist Monastery; Rev. Dr. Diane Kessler, representative from United Church of Christ of Massachusetts; Rev. Masamichi Kamiya, director of the Rissho Kosei-kai Buddhist organization of New York; Fr. Robert E. Kennedy, SJ, Jesuit Father from St. Peter's College in Jersey City, NJ.*

## SIXTH GRAYMOOR LECTURE

... *GEII* hosts *Ayatollah*

The Sixth Graymoor Lecture, sponsored by the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute was held on April 25 at the Interchurch Center in New York City.

Ayatollah Ahmad Iravani (right) lectured on “The Use of Reason in Shi’ite Islam.”

**Fr. Elias Mallon, SA**, the author of *Islam: What Catholics Need to Know* (see page 10) was the respondent.



An advocate of interfaith and intra-faith peace dialogue, Ayatollah Iravani is a respected scholar and clergyman from the northern region of Iran, along the Caspian Sea. He is the former dean of the School of Philosophy at Mofid University, Qom, Iran. Ayatollah Iravani holds a PhD in Philosophy from the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran. He is the founder and president of the Center for the Study of Islam and the Middle East (CSIME), Washington, DC; he has taught at the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC and the University of California, Davis.

Twice each year, the Graymoor Lecture Series features distinguished scholars, leaders, activists and faithful from great varieties of religious experience. They are invited to talk on the challenges, obstacles, successes and future of the ecumenical movement and the importance, impact and complexity of inter-religious dialogue in our global community.

## SPIRIT OF ASSISI AT GRAYMOOR

... *To Promote World Peace*

On October 27, 1986, Pope John Paul II met in Assisi with leaders from Christian Churches and from other religious traditions to promote world peace. In his closing address he thanked them for coming and he encouraged them to keep alive what he called “*the spirit of Assisi*.”

Pope Benedict XVI announced in his New Year’s address that he will be going to Assisi on October 27 to mark this twenty-fifth anniversary. He will meet with Christian leaders and those from other religions to promote world peace. The pope invited the crowd “to support this initiative with your prayers.”

On October 27, the Friars, following the Holy Father’s example, are inviting leaders from the Christian churches and other religious traditions to Graymoor for a daylong event, including round-table discussions, joint reflection, and an evening concert.

## HERITAGE DAY AT GRAYMOOR



On June 10, members of the Fr. Paul Wattson Heritage Society and other benefactors joined the Friars at Graymoor. The day began with a reception and continued with an outdoor Mass and healing service at the refurbished St. Anthony Shrine. After lunch, the day ended with a gathering where participants had an opportunity to meet with Friars including **Fr. Emil Tomaskovic, SA**, **Fr. Bob Warren, SA**, **Fr. Ken Cienik, SA**, and others.

Members of the Heritage Society have demonstrated their support for the Friars in a major way—either through a planned gift in life, or through a bequest. Recognized by name on the Heritage Society plaque on permanent display at Graymoor, they are remembered in the *Perpetual Novena to St. Anthony*, which is prayed daily by the Friars at Graymoor. Each member receives a special membership certificate booklet and lapel pin designed exclusively for Society members and are granted perpetual membership in the Graymoor Spiritual Union.

[AtonementFriars.org/HeritageSociety](http://AtonementFriars.org/HeritageSociety)



*The Interfaith Day of Prayer for Peace, Assisi 1986.*

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# GRAYMOOR'S NEW WELCOME CENTER

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Once inside, visitors are greeted by a replica of the cross of San Damiano, which is not only a reminder of the Friars' Franciscan heritage but also symbolizes the redemption which Christ gained for us through his suffering. A replica of the beautiful triptych presented by the Society of the Atonement to Pope John Paul II, commemorating the centennial of the founding of their community in 1898, hangs behind the reception desk. Visitors may also receive the Sacrament of Penance in the new Reconciliation room.

The new Welcome Center is the result of the hard work of the Graymoor facilities staff, Alfandre Architecture, and leadership from the Graymoor Redevelopment Committee. It is dedicated in memory of Mary Katherine Cahill, her father, Harry Cahill, and family. Ms. Cahill was a long-time friend and benefactor of the Friars. It was her wish that through her estate gift, the Friars have the opportunity to undertake a project that might not otherwise be possible.

In 1898, Fr. Paul and Mother Lurana set about turning Graymoor's "howling wilderness" into the *Holy Mountain* they envisioned. From these humble beginnings came the Friars' many ministries that still continue— with the mission to bring healing and reconciliation into the world.

Today, many of the shrines, chapels, and buildings at Graymoor are in need of repair and restoration. The Welcome Center is one of the first of the Friars' projects aimed at refurbishing and rebuilding the Holy Mountain so that it will remain a monument to the *at-one-ment*, which was Christ's gift to the world.

To learn more, visit [AtonementFriars.org/RebuildGraymoor](http://AtonementFriars.org/RebuildGraymoor)



Alfandre Architecture

The Welcome Center before the renovation.



Br. John O'Hara, SA

Bishop Lagonegro blesses the triptych.



Br. John O'Hara, SA

Friends and Friars during the dedication on April 14, 2011.



In the Welcome Center, visitors can learn about the Friars and their ministries.

## GRAYMOOR SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

In addition to its retreat programs, the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, offers weekly holy hours, Bible study, a centering prayer group, charismatic prayer meetings, and hosts AA, NA, Al-Anon, and Recovery International meetings. It also offers Matt Talbot retreats and Dan Egan retreats for those recovering from alcohol and drug addictions.

The Center schedules a number of special programs and events throughout the year, including the inauguration of National Wildflower Week (the first Sunday in May), when wildflower seeds are blessed and planted; the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, when the traditional procession with the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass; and the Blessing of Animals, when a great procession of pets and their human friends honor St. Francis of Assisi—the patron saint of animals.

### UPCOMING RETREATS

**Fri. Aug. 26 - Sun. Aug. 28**

#### **SPIRITUALITY OF THE 12 STEPS**

Help for everyone to discover the spiritual part of themselves.

**Tue. Sep. 27 - Fri. Sept. 30**

#### **MIDWEEK RETREAT FOR SENIORS**

An opportunity to celebrate life, enjoy the fall colors, and reflect on one's relationship with God and other people.

**Fri. Oct. 7 - Sun. Oct. 9**

#### **ENCOUNTERING FRANCIS AND CLARE TODAY**

A special weekend focusing on the enduring popularity and relevance of the Franciscan tradition, incorporating elements of the popular Franciscan Nature Retreat.

**Fri. Oct. 7 - Sun. Oct. 9**

#### **AUTUMN NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP & SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

Spend a weekend photographing outdoors and exploring your spiritual and creative side. Nature serves as a source of inspiration and enlightenment.

**Fri. Oct. 14 - Sun. Oct. 16**

#### **MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT**

A weekend for married couples to explore their relationship and deepen their love for each other.

For a full listing of retreats and events visit  
[AtonementFriars.org/Retreats](http://AtonementFriars.org/Retreats)  
or call 845-424-2111

## WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL CROSS

... *A Decade of Remembrance*



It's a simple story of the love, spirituality, and patriotism—of **Br. Ted Novak, SA**, members of the Ironworkers Local 40, and the local community coming together to remember, reflect, and pay homage.

Members of the Ironworkers Local 40 who make their retreats at Graymoor often seek respite by visiting the St. Jude Prayer and Meditation Garden. Shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, it seemed to them the perfect spot for a relic from Ground Zero. They constructed the World Trade Center Memorial Cross from steel beams from the North and South Towers and rods from the substation and arranged for its transportation to Graymoor.

A simple but powerful tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, it is fitting that every September since its dedication in 2002, the Friars and the Garrison Volunteer Fire Company hold a prayer service at the Cross.



This year, on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 7 p.m., Putnam County Sheriff, Brig. Gen. Donald B. Smith, US Army, Ret., will speak at a candlelight memorial service. All are welcome.

[AtonementFriars.org/WTCMemorial](http://AtonementFriars.org/WTCMemorial)

## ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH, TORONTO

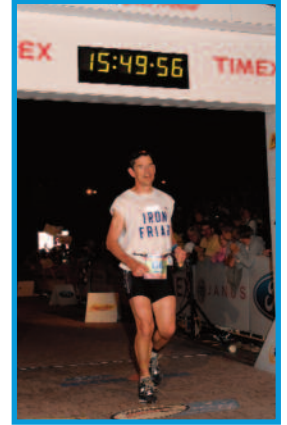
### ... Iron Friar Runs for Ministry

In Toronto **Fr. Dan Callahan, SA**, (right) is pastor of St. Joan of Arc established in 1919 as a French-speaking parish a few blocks away from its current location on Bloor Street. Today, it is a multi-ethnic English-speaking parish serving 3,000 families and known for its dedication to the value of stewardship.

This year, during their Easter vigil, St. Joan of Arc celebrated the baptism of five adults and two children. Six other adults and four children were received into the Church.

In addition, to his parish activities, Fr. Dan, competed in his 13th Iron Man Competition at Lake Placid, NY, on July 24. The grueling 140.8 mile journey consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.4 mile marathon. Fr. Dan trains and competes when he can take time from his busy parish responsibilities. This year, Fr. Dan competed to raise money to purchase a new sign for St. Joan of Arc parish, for St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center in Saranac Lake (see following page), and to support the Friars' ministries.

To view Fr. Dan's results or to contribute on his behalf, visit [AtonementFriars.org/IronFriar](http://AtonementFriars.org/IronFriar)



## FRIARS CELEBRATE HOPE

### Eighteenth Annual Sharing Hope Celebration

On Friday, September 30, the Friars are hosting their Eighteenth Annual Sharing Hope Celebration dinner at The Pierre in New York City. Each year, nearly 300 people join the Friars in recognizing members of the Catholic community who have demonstrated witness to the Gospel message and to the Friars' charism of *at-one-ment*—the unity of men and women with God, with creation, and with each other.

This year, **John and June Heffernan** will receive the *Graymoor Sharing Hope Award* in recognition for their commitment to helping the poor, the homeless, and those less fortunate. Their mission, combined with their dedication in ensuring that underprivileged children receive quality educations, provides an inspiration that echoes the Friars own charism to be of service to humankind.

Restaurateur and renowned chef, **Peter X. Kelly** will receive the *Graymoor Community Service Award* for his commitment to helping religious and non-profit organizations effectively and creatively fundraise so that they can fulfill their missions and ministries of bringing hope to those in need.

The *Graymoor Award* will go to **Thomas Conniff** of Cullen & Dykman, LLP, who is being honored not only for his personal and professional commitment to public service, but also for the efforts he has taken to furthering God's message of hope by dedicating his time, talent, counsel, and financial support towards helping Catholic schools, colleges, and universities.

For information about this year's event, call 800-338-2620, ext. 2137 or visit [AtonementFriars.org/SharingHope](http://AtonementFriars.org/SharingHope)



V. Rev. James F. Puglisi, SA, Minister General, with Mary Higgins Clark, Master of Ceremonies, at last year's celebration.



## ST. JOSEPH'S REHABILITATION CENTER

### Former Friar Ministry Celebrates 40 years

In June 1940, the Friars purchased for \$12,000 a compound of 18 acres and several Tudor style buildings in Saranac Lake, NY to establish a friary, novitiate and school of theology. This was continued until St. Pius X Seminary opened at Graymoor in 1960.

In 1970, **Fr. J. Leon Kotsko, SA** proposed to the Friars that the property in Saranac be used as a center for the treatment of male alcoholics — some of whom would come from the Friar's ministry at St. Christopher's Inn.

**Fr. Carmen Giuliano, SA**, received the assignment and in February 1971 St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center opened, "to serve God by promoting healing and recovery for all persons who suffer from the disease of alcoholism and chemical dependency," and to "prudently use resources to provide treatment and advocacy for those who lack the necessary resources."

Over the next decades, under the guidance of the Friar directors, including **Fr. Emil Tomaskovic, SA**, who followed Fr. Carmen and **Fr. Arthur Johnson, SA**, St. Joseph's reputation for providing lasting treatment would lead to it being recognized as one of the premier treatment programs in New York State. By providing programs, treatment and a full continuum of



care such as the Family Program, outpatient clinics, half-way houses, and a supportive living facility, St. Joe's changed thousands of lives for the addicted and their loved ones.

By 2009, the Friars realized that they were ready to establish the ministry as a fully-independent non-profit organization and ceded full authority to a board of directors. This transfer enabled St. Joseph's to seek funding that otherwise would not be available. Later that year, it was one of four addiction treatment facilities in New York State to receive funding to construct a community residence for veterans suffering from both addiction and post traumatic stress disorder.

**The story of St. Joseph's forty years is one of vision and progress, of expansion, and hope expressed so eloquently in the words of St. Francis: "We are called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way."**

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S INN

[WWW.STCHRISTOPHERSINN-GRAYMOOR.ORG](http://WWW.STCHRISTOPHERSINN-GRAYMOOR.ORG)

### Seventh Annual Board of Directors Dinner

On May 26, St. Christopher's Inn celebrated the service and commitment of **Br. Benedict Terasawa, SA**, who has served at the Inn for over twenty years and Mr. Peter Pritchard of Pritchard Industries, Inc. The good work of the Friars, staff, and residents of St. Christopher's Inn was also acknowledged during the annual board of directors dinner.

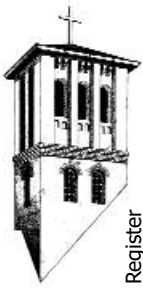
Ambassador Shigeki Sumi of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, and long-time friend of Br. Benny offered a warm welcome to the guests. V. Rev. Jude Arogundade, in his invocation, expressed his admiration for the Inn and the good work that goes on there. WABC-TV Eyewitness News meteorologist, Bill Evans, master of ceremonies, spoke of his commitment to helping the Inn and the residents as they work toward changing their lives.

Mr. Pritchard spoke of his visit to the Inn with his wife, Zohreh, and the touching performance by its choir. Before his acceptance speech, Br. Benny, who was the first Japanese brother to be accepted into the order, asked for forgiveness because his English was "made in Japan."



*Br. Benedict Terasawa, SA*

The highlight of the evening came when Atticus L., an Inn alumnus, shared his story. After speaking about his time in and out of rehab programs, and his struggle with addiction that began when he was in his teens, Atticus thanked the Friars, staff, and benefactors for giving his mother the opportunity to hear him stand up and tell his story of recovery.



# BELL TOWER NOTES

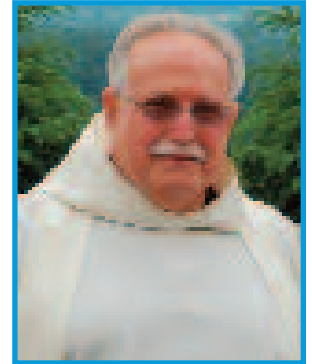
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**Fr. Damian MacPherson, SA**, director of ecumenical and interfaith affairs, Archdiocese of Toronto, is a member of a group planning a Christian, Muslim, and Jewish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. *In the Path of Abraham* seeks to advocate for peace and understanding among the three faiths. The pilgrimage departs September 4 and returns the following Sunday. For information, call Fr. Damian at 416-934-3400, ext. 344.

From Left: Fr. Damian; Rabbi Friedman Kohel; Karen Hamilton, general secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches; Hanan Perahida, travel convener; and Imam Hai Patel, past president of the Canadian Council of Imams

**Fr. Elias D. Mallon, SA**, (right) has been appointed educational and inter-religious affairs officer for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. The CNEWA, a papal agency servicing the churches and peoples of the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe was co-founded by Father Paul. Fr. Elias is a member of the Friars' General Council and the author of *Islam: What Catholics Need to Know*, available from the Graymoor Book & Gift Center at 845-424-2100.



**Fr. James Gardiner, SA**, former director of the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center who is currently on sabbatical at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC, joined Ven. Dr. Dhammadipa, abbot of the Chuang Yen Buddhist Monastery in Carmel, NY, on his visit to the headquarters of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC, in early June.

From left: Rev. James Massa, executive director of the USCCB Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs; Rev. Msgr. Ronny Jenkins, new USCCB general secretary; the abbot; and Fr. Gardiner.

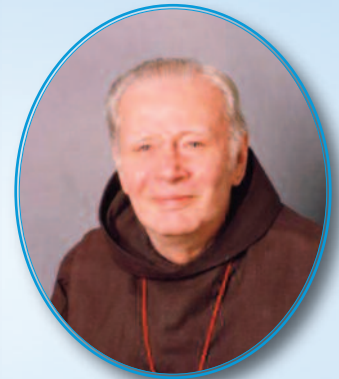
In addition, Fr. Gardiner's book, *Quest for a Black Theology*, which he co-edited with Dr. J. Deotis Roberts, professor of religion emeritus at the Howard University School of Theology in Washington, DC, was re-issued in October 2010 by Augsburg Fortress Publishers. First published in 1961 and out of print for several years, the essays in this classic capture the urgency, contention, and energy of the late 1960s in the black churches. It is available from the Graymoor Book & Gift Center at 845-424-2100.

## May They Rest in Peace



**Fr. Henry Marchese, SA**  
1931 ~2011

*Let us also  
remember and  
pray for our  
benefactors who  
have died.*



**Br. Edmund Sheridan, SA**  
1924 ~2011

## STUDENT FRIARS IN NAIROBI



Fr. Elias Mallon, SA

This year, as part of their ongoing formation, Friar students, **Br. Simon Peter Ango, SA** (left) and **Br. Deogratias Musabingo, SA** (right) are travelling to Nairobi, Kenya for their summer ministries. Br. Simon Peter and Br. Deogratias will be working alongside other Franciscans to help the extreme poor in the slums of Nairobi and serving in local parishes. They will also have the opportunity to live and share in the life of other Franciscans in formation in Kenya.

Later, they will be joined by **Br. Gregory Lucrezia, SA**, post-novitiate director, **Fr. Dennis Polanco, SA**, vocation and candidate director, and **Fr. Brian Terry, SA**, novice director, who will explore the Friars' next steps in Africa.

Both Friar students have been studying in Rome for the past several years. Br. Simon Peter who was born in the

Nigerian region professed his final vows in 2010. He will finish his studies at the Angilcum this year, where he has been working towards a degree in Theology. Br. Deogratias was born in the Congo. Before professing his first vows in 2010, he was a French teacher living in Nairobi. He will continue his studies in Rome later this year.

Father Paul, the Friars' founder, was a man of abundant vision. Besides his vision for Church unity resulting in the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* (see page 4), he dreamed of seeing his friars as parish ministers and missionaries in foreign lands. Please join us in praying for the success of their summer ministries.



Br. John O'Hara, SA; 2009

## GRAYMOOR GOLF CLASSIC

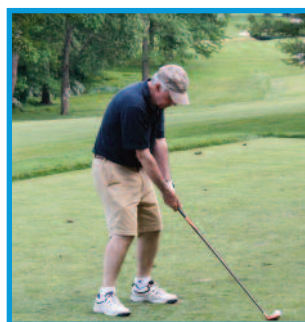


**Fr. Emil Tomaskovic, SA**, (center) with tournament winners, Mr. and Mrs. Kieran Duffy.

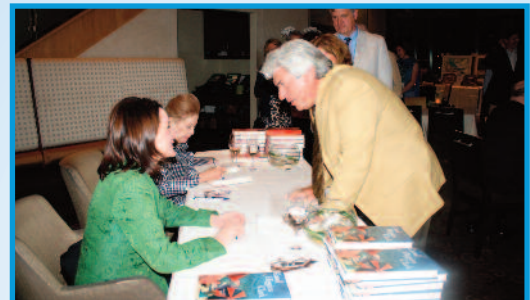
The Twelfth Annual *Graymoor Golf Classic* took place on June 6 at the Mount Kisco Country Club in Mount Kisco, NY. Dennis Newman, Eifert, French & Ketchum Insurance Co. and Jim O'Rourke, of Garrison, were tournament chairs.

Nearly 100 people participated in the outing, barbecue, and silent auction.

Proceeds benefit the ministries of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.



## SUNSET ON THE HUDSON



The second annual *Sunset on the Hudson Cocktail Party*, was hosted by the Friars on May 12 at X20 Xaviars in Yonkers, NY.

The *Extraordinary Evening* featured best selling authors Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark, who presented guests with copies of their most recent novels. Hudson Valley radio personality, Kacey Morabito, was the master of ceremonies.

# ST. ANTHONY'S CORNER



**"It was Truly a Miracle!"**

St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ready to offer on behalf of those in need. Encouraged by this, I ask you to hear my prayers.

**"I asked St. Anthony for help and he answered!"**

*"God bless you for sending me the lovely St. Anthony wrist rosary and prayer card in January. It arrived at just the right time—the day before my grand-niece, Jennifer, was scheduled for a complicated surgery following a car accident. Everyone in the family was quite upset about the surgery and the long recovery and weeks of rehabilitation she would have to endure— even while knowing she might never return to playing her favorite sport of basketball. I gave my new rosary to Jenny the day it arrived— and told her about St. Anthony being known as the "Miracle Worker".*

*I called your Benefactor Services department and asked if they would send me another rosary and prayer card so I could pray to St. Anthony along with Jenny. The lady I spoke with was so nice. She put Jenny's name on the Friars' daily prayer list and she also told me I could listen and pray along with Fr. Bob through my computer. I did that a few days later when my new rosary arrived. It is so wonderful to pray along with him, it is almost like he is right beside me.*

*I'm happy to report that Jenny is doing very well. Her doctor said if she continues, she should be back on the basketball court by Thanksgiving.*

*God bless you all for your prayers and for sending St. Anthony when we needed him most." ~ Mrs. Anne H., Cleveland, Ohio*

To pray with Fr. Bob  
visit [www.AtonementFriars.org/Pray](http://www.AtonementFriars.org/Pray)

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# EVENTS



**August 7**

**Juan Diego Sunday**  
Graymoor, Garrison, New York

**September 7**

**Sponsor Appreciation Day**  
Graymoor, Garrison, New York

**September 11**

**9/11 Commemoration**  
Graymoor, Garrison, New York  
(see page 7)

**September 30**

**Sharing Hope Celebration Dinner**  
The Pierre, New York City  
(see page 8)

**October 9**

**Celebration of St. Francis/  
Blessing of the Animals**  
Graymoor, Garrison, New York

**For more information**

**800-338-2620**

Benefactor Appreciation Days in September and October are being scheduled in various locations on the East Coast and in various cities in California in November.

For more information contact Lisa Koesling:  
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