Father Puglisi Reelected as Minister General ~ New General Council Installed

On June 10, the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement reelected V. Rev. James F. Puglisi, SA, to a second term as Minister General at their General Chapter. Elected to the General Council were Fr. Timothy MacDonald, SA, Vicar General and First Councilor; Fr. Elias D. Mallon, SA, Second Councilor; Bro. Kevin Goss, SA, Third Councilor; and Fr. Paul Ojibway, SA, Fourth Councilor. The Councilors assist the Minister General in his duties and serve as the Board of Directors for the friars worldwide.

At the General Chapter, held every five years, friar-delegates dispersed throughout the world meet to elect their administration and set the course for their future.

“Forward in Faith” was the theme of the XVI General Chapter. Praying and reflecting on their Franciscan and Atonement heritage, the 58 delegates set the course for the future to which God is calling them. Much energy and discussion led them to affirm a document titled “The Mind of the XVI General Chapter.”

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Pope Benedict XVI Greets Franciscans

V. Rev. James F. Puglisi, SA, Minister General, and other members of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement communities in Assisi and Rome, were among some 1,800 Franciscans from around the world attending an April celebration of the 800th anniversary of papal approval of the Franciscan rule. Recalling the trip of St. Francis to present his rule to Pope Innocent III in 1209, Franciscans travelled to the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo for a special audience with Pope Benedict XVI on April 18. His Holiness, in acknowledging their renewal of “this gesture of your founder,” thanked them for being a “precious gift” to all Christians.

This was the first time that so many representatives from the four major Franciscan branches—the Friars Minor, Conventual Franciscans, Capuchins, and Third Order Regulars—had met in Assisi, the birthplace of their founder, St. Francis.

Fr. Puglisi said that he felt blessed to be part of the gathering, also known as a Chapter of Mats. “It revealed the rich diversity of our Franciscan Orders and reaffirmed our commitment to living our lives in the light of the Holy Gospel as Francis envisioned,” he said.

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I often receive letters from parents asking how they can get their sons or daughters to go to Church. “My teenagers,” a parent writes, “say they do not need to attend Mass in order to find God.”

The Church has always held that God is not confined to a building or churchly institutions. We do not attend Mass to find refuge from a world devoid of divinity or come to Church to find refuge from the world.

When we are assembled in Church, we are refocused, empowered, renewed, and nourished by the Body of Christ. Coming together as God’s people releases us from our delusions that we are the center of the universe. At Mass we come to realize that we belong to more than those who are just like us.

It is in Mass when we are united with everyone in every corner of the world whether they are in basilicas or barrios, palaces or prisons. We are in Church taking courage from each other’s presence, hearing God’s word and celebrating the Eucharist.

So, parents, it is true: God is not confined to the Church. He is in nature. He is in art. He is also in the welcoming faces of other Catholics who surround us when we attend Mass. It is the people of God celebrating their faith.

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Fr. Puglisi Re-elected

“At the heart of this document is a realistic vision rooted in hope understood to be our future,” said Fr. Puglisi. “Since faith is characterized as our attitude TODAY, hope is our attitude TOMORROW. We will carry today’s faith forward into tomorrow and each tomorrow.”

At the Chapter, the delegates affirmed the “Union-that-Nothing-Be-Lost” principle—to waste nothing, to use all of their time, talent, substance, and opportunity for the greater glory of God and the salvation of humanity—as their model of stewardship for the fulfillment of their mission. The friars will share with those they minister to the essentials of reconciliation and peace as set forth in the Gospel. The delegates also confirmed a commitment to seeking vocations and developing strategies for forming their friars for the future; to creating quality of community living; to spiritual renewal; and to developing leadership at all levels of the fraternity.

Friars to Honor Archbishop Dolan

On Friday, October 2, the friars are hosting their 16th Annual Sharing Hope Celebration at The Plaza Hotel 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’s recipient of the Graymoor Sharing Hope Award is Timothy Michael Dolan, Archbishop of New York. Stephen J. Sweeney, PhD, President, College of New Rochelle will receive the Graymoor Award.
“The Spirit of Saint Francis and of our Society’s founder, Father Paul of Graymoor, guided us each day and helped us to focus our eyes on Christ by looking through the eyes of both Saint Francis and Father Paul,” said Fr. Puglisi.

Father Puglisi, a native of Amsterdam, NY, entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1964, was professed in 1966, and ordained in 1973. He holds doctorates in Theology from the Institut Catholique de Paris and Religious Anthropology and the History of Religion from the University of Paris, Sorbonne. He is a professor of ecumenical theology at the Pontifical Atheneum, San Anselmo, Rome; the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas; and the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, Venice. He also serves on the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission for Rome. Since 1991, he has been director of the Centro Pro Unione—an ecumenical research and action center in Rome, which is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.

2010 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
by Fr. Tom Orians, SA

Each year, the friars join in prayer with other Christians around the world during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Initiated by Fr. Paul, the friars’ founder, it is held from January 18 – 25.

It is generally held that the 1910 World Mission Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, marked the beginnings of the modern ecumenical movement. In tribute, the promoters of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Faith and Order Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, invited the Scottish churches to prepare this year’s theme. They suggested: “You are witnesses of these things” (Luke 24:48).

Celebrating this special week is a reminder that as the community of those reconciled with God and in God, “You are witness of these things”—witness to the truth of the power of salvation in Jesus Christ who will also make real his prayer, “That all may be one...so the world may believe.”

We become better witnesses by praising the One who gives us the gift of life and resurrection; by knowing how to share the story of our faith with others; by recognizing that God is at work in our lives; by giving thanks for the faith we have received; by confessing Christ’s victory over all suffering; by seeking to always be more faithful to the Word of God; by growing in faith, hope and love; and by offering hospitality and knowing how to receive it when it is offered to us.

It is the witness of our lives that shall one day make Jesus’ prayer for Christian Unity happen in our world. Please join the friars in 2010 in praying for the unity of Christians, January 18–25.

Materials to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are available from the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. For more information visit www.geii.org.

Fr. Orians is Associate Director of Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute and Coordinator of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
ST. JOSEPH’S REHABILITATION CENTER BECOMES INDEPENDENT

In 1971 through the dedicated determination of Fr. Carmen Giuliano, SA, St. Joseph’s Rehabilitation Center, in Saranac Lake, NY, was begun as a ministry of the friars to serve the needs of people and families suffering from alcoholism and addiction.

When St. Joseph’s was established, full funding for the care and treatment of those in residence was provided through the generosity of the friars’ benefactors. Beginning in 1975, however, public funding through the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) became an important source of revenue.

During the past 38 years, St. Joseph’s has become a recognized leader not only in the ministry of recovery, but also in the education and prevention of addiction. Today it provides a full continuum of care to over 300 men and women in an inpatient facility and helps another 1,300 clients each year in outpatient and incarceration programs. The yearly budget has increased to well over $6,000,000 with additional funding required for much-needed building repairs and expansion.

For nearly four decades the friars have provided executive management, pastoral care, counseling, and ministry oversight at the facility. During the past several months, the friars have come to realize that, like John the Baptist who prepared the way, they are now ready to establish St. Joseph’s as a fully independent non-profit organization with an independent Board of Directors.

Because of their commitment to this ministry, the friars feel the re-named St. Joseph’s Addiction Treatment & Recovery Centers is well positioned for the future. The transfer of authority will enable the Board of Directors to seek and secure funding that would otherwise not be available. It is hoped that this will help St. Joseph’s repair buildings, expand the program and continue the tradition of the friars’ charism of offering hope to those in need of at-one-ment.

ST. CHRISTOPHER’S INN CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

On May 12, over 250 people gathered in New York City to celebrate 100 years of the friars’ caring for the “Brothers Christopher” — men who make their way to the Holy Mountain seeking shelter, food, and help in overcoming addictions.

Since 1909, St. Christopher’s Inn at Graymoor has been a temporary haven for men in crisis. Fr. Paul, the friars’ founder, opened the doors of the first Inn in a converted chicken coop to men wandering along the highway. Because they firmly believed these men arrived bearing Christ within themselves, he and the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement called them “Brothers Christopher.” Word spread and soon many men who felt lost or abandoned found their way here.

Following Fr. Paul’s example and inspired by the love and compassion of Jesus for “… these least brothers of mine,” the friars have welcomed tens of thousands of men to St. Christopher’s Inn during the past century.

Charles Townsend, President & CEO of Condé Nast and Bro. Gregory Lucrezia, SA, the friars’ former Secretary General who has been named Procurator General to the Holy See, were honored at the dinner. Bro. Gregory, who served at the Inn for 15 years as nursing supervisor and as director from 1988 through 1993, was recognized for his dedicated service and longstanding commitment to the men. It was a special evening with heartfelt testimonials about the good works and caring of the friars and talented staff members who minister alongside the friars to bring health, healing, reconciliation, and at-one-ment to the Brothers Christopher.

Br. Gregory Lucrezia, SA, and Charles Townsend were honored at the Centennial Celebration Dinner. Fr. Bernie Palka, SA, CEO & President, St. Christopher’s Inn, is at far left.
Our founder, Fr. Paul, weathered many storms as he guided the Society of the Atonement through the years. When the stock market crashed in October 1929, subscribers to The Lamp magazine, the friars’ publication which had been prospering in circulation, lost their incomes and cancelled their subscriptions.

As the Depression continued into the 1930s, men in the New York area who were out of jobs made their way to the small community of friars, sisters and students at Graymoor. St. Christopher’s Inn was filled to capacity but he found room for them in temporary shacks on the Holy Mountain.

Fr. Paul put homeless men to work building the National Shrine to St. Anthony at the summit of Graymoor (see page 12) and paid them in addition to offering food and lodging. Some criticized him for this and said that the friars must be “rich.” He responded with:

To charge the Friars of the Atonement as being “rich” is a simon-pure slander. Sheer faith in God and his unfailing providence has kept [me] from being sent to a sanitarium as a nervous wreck over worry and anxiety, brought on by the contemplation of an ever increasing multitude to feed, clothe, educate, and build houses for with no visible means of support.

When desperate people heard Fr. Paul’s radio programs—the Ave Maria Hour, with its dramatization of the lives of the Saints (see page 11), and the St. Anthony’s Hour, featuring his inspirational sermons—they wrote to him for spiritual and financial help. He took on their troubled lives by responding to each one with a personal letter—hundreds of them.

Fr. Paul’s recipe for weathering all these storms was as simple as the Gospel’s lilies of the field and birds of the air. He said:

Under God, let us, with unfailing confidence, go into the future and not be afraid, and when the trials and temptations and dark days come, let us remember that behind the cloud the sun still shines and that we have an anchor of the soul during the struggle and stress of the present day.

Meet the New General Council
Fr. Timothy MacDonald, SA ~ Vicar General & First General Councilor

Fr. Timothy MacDonald, SA, is associate director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, a position he has held since 2006.

Fr. MacDonald was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. He entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1958, was professed in 1960, and ordained in 1967. Early in his career he served as associate pastor at St. Anthony Parish in Hereford, TX. He received an M.A. in theology from Boston University and then served as assistant editor of the friars’ publication, The Lamp.

In 1971 he was appointed administrator of the newly founded Church of Atonement in Windsor, Ontario. Later he assumed the directorship of the Graymoor Christian Unity Center, now Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute.

After earning a PhD in Religious Studies from Marquette University, he served as director of novices and, in 1986, was named Rector of the Church of S. Onofrio, Vatican City. In 1987, he became associate director of the Centro Pro Unione—the friars’ center in Rome, which focuses on ecumenical studies. In 1990, he served as ecumenical director for the Archdiocese of Halifax and in 1994 was named the ecumenical officer for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He also served as pastor of the Church of the Atonement in Windsor, Ontario, and served at Christ the Redeemer Church in Sterling, VA, and St. Joan of Arc Parish in Toronto, Ontario.
Fr. Elias D. Mallon, SA  
**Second General Councilor**

Fr. Elias D. Mallon, SA, is working at Franciscans International and the United Nations. He is primarily engaged in issues of interreligious cooperation for conflict transformation and peace building. Fr. Mallon also works with issues of peace and justice in the Middle East, while at the same time remaining engaged in lectures and educational programs in different organizations, institutions, and dioceses in the United States.

Fr. Mallon entered the Novitiate of the Friars of the Atonement at Saranac Lake, NY, in 1962 and was professed the following year. He attended the friars’ college, St. Pius X, at Graymoor. After graduating in 1967, he studied theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where he earned a Licentiate in Theology (STL) in Old Testament studies and a PhD in Near Eastern Languages. Fr. Mallon was ordained in 1971.

For five years, Fr. Mallon worked and did dissertation research at Eberhard-Karls Universitität in Tübingen, Germany, where Hans Küng, Cardinal Walter Kasper, and Pope Benedict XVI taught at various times. For several years Fr. Mallon taught Old Testament and Near Eastern Languages at several institutions, including the University of Washington in Seattle. Afterwards Fr. Mallon represented the then Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (now the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity) as a faculty member of the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Bossey, Switzerland. For fourteen years, Fr. Mallon served at the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, ten of them as director.

In 1994 he moved to Canada, where he was the friars’ vocation director and later parochial assistant at Holy Cross Parish and St. Joan of Arc Parish in Toronto. He completed a masters-level program in “administration of a not-for-profit substance abuse program” at Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In February, he joined the Office of Community Development/Public Affairs at Graymoor as a member of the team responsible for raising funds for the community and stewarding benefactor relationships.

Fr. Paul Ojibway, SA  
**Fourth General Councilor**

Fr. Paul Ojibway, SA, was born in Seattle, Washington. He graduated from St. Mary College in Moraga, California. A member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, he entered the fraternity in 1973 as the first friar from an indigenous community. He was professed in 1974, and ordained in 1978 after completing theological studies at Catholic University and Fordham University.

Early in his career he served in parish and youth ministries in Virginia and Canada, eventually becoming the founding director of Native American Programs at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and of the Archdiocesan Native American Ministry. Fr. Ojibway was also director of Campus Ministry at Los Angeles City College and Chair of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He was the founding president of the board of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. While in Los Angeles, he was appointed Commissioner for American Indian Affairs for the City and County, and in that capacity began a seven-year relationship with the White House. In the mid-1990’s, he was named director of the Washington, DC, office of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute where he focused on social ecumenism and was also director of Legislation and Policy for Interfaith Impact for Justice and Peace.

In the late 1980’s, he had been appointed consultant to the United States Catholic Conference to the Bishop’s Committee on Education and Catechesis, and in 2002, consultant to the Committee on Evangelization, and to the Executive Committee of the United States Commission on Evangelization. At this time, he also was an advisor to the Religious Liaison at the White House, and in 1998, contributed to the President’s Initiative on Race. Since returning to California in 2001, he has focused on writing and consulting on indigenous spiritual and cultural issues and needs. In 2005, he was a presenter and consultant to the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Interreligious Relations. He has advised on cross-cultural and cross-national issues for the indigenous leaders of Western Samoa and the academic leadership in Pan-Pacific culture and spiritual life at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.
RISING INTEREST IN FRIAR Vocations
by Bro. John O’Hara, SA, Vocation Director

A s vocation interest in the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement is on the rise in the United States, there is equal interest from men living in Europe.

Within North America, the friars receive inquiries from vocation publications and websites. At this time, there are men in the formation program in the United States and in Assisi and others in the application process. Later this year, plans are being made and dates scheduled for vocation discernment retreats in Toronto and in Manila.

From October 2 to October 4, the second of two yearly *Come and See* retreats will be held at Graymoor. Men, discerning their interest in religious life, are invited to spend a weekend here. The retreats are designed to reveal to both the man and the friars his ability to continue the application process.

*For information about the *Come and See* retreat, call 800-338-2620, ext. 2126 or visit www.AtonementFriarsVocations.org.*

Novitiate Community in Assisi
by Fr. Brian Terry, SA, Novice Director, European Formation

The year began on January 16, with the Entrance into the Novitiate of Bro. Angelito Cortez, NSA; Bro. John Aloysius, NSA; and Bro. Deogratias Musabingo, NSA. This is not only an important date in Franciscan History—the Feast of the First Franciscan Martyrs—but also the birthday of Fr. Paul, the friars’ founder.

Early in the year, Fr. Ed Boes, SA, arrived in Assisi to instruct the novices on the Rule of St. Francis and the texts of Society of the Atonement.

The Assisi novices, along with Bro. Joseph O’Gara, SA, assist at the Cathedral Parish of San Rufino, where they are known as the “Fantastic Four of Assisi.” Before Easter, they participated in the annual Assisian tradition of blessing homes, asking each family to pray with them for a Blessed Reception of the Risen Christ into the house. Rewarded with Easter chocolate by the families, they eventually amassed a substantial Easter basket!

The Assisi novices and friars, along with V. Rev. James F. Puglisi, SA, Minister General, also participated in the Chapter of Mats of Franciscans—the gathering of the four main Franciscan branches in Assisi. The last day ended with a reception with Pope Benedict XVI at Castel Gondolfo (see page 1).

**IRON FRIAR IS IRON TRIATHLETE**

Fr. Daniel Callahan, SA, pastor at St. Joan of Arc parish in Toronto, aka The Iron Friar, participated in his 11th Iron Man competition at Lake Placid on July 26.

The grueling 140.8-mile journey consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.4-mile run.

This year Fr. Callahan’s goal is to raise $10,000 to support the friars’ ministries.

To view Fr. Callahan’s Iron Friar results visit: www.AtonementFriars.org/IronFriar

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**Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute**

The Third Graymoor Lecture was given on May 14 by Rev. Monsignor John A. Radano, PhD, recently of the staff of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Rome. The lecture, held at the Church of the Holy Family in New York City, was entitled *Ecumenical Dialogue in the 21st Century, Some Steps Forward and Some Continuing Concerns: A Catholic Perspective*.

To receive a free DVD of this lecture, please call 845-424-2115 or e-mail nmogan@AtonementFriars.org.

Event and lecture information is at www.geii.org.

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**The Graymoor Spiritual Life Center**

by James Gardiner, SA, Director, Graymoor Spiritual Life Center

Gather up the family, round up the neighbors, and visit Graymoor this Fall. The Holy Mountain is always a great place for families to visit year-round, but especially when the leaves are awash in reds, browns, and golds.

This year’s Franciscan Nature Retreat will take place from Friday, September 25 to Sunday, September 27. A time for celebrating creation from a uniquely Franciscan perspective, everything—conferences, meals, prayer services—is conducted outside (weather permitting). As an added treat this year, it coincides with the 400th anniversary celebration of Henry Hudson’s voyage through the river and valley that bear his name.

The following Sunday, on October 4, animals and their human friends converge on Graymoor for the annual *Procession and Blessing of Animals* in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

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Fr. James Gardiner, SA, will bless special visitors on St. Francis feast day, October 4.

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Fr. Bob Langone, SA, conducts a prayer service on the banks of the Hudson River.
In March, Fr. Tom Orians, SA, associate director of campus ministry at Felician College in NJ, was part of a delegation representing the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMSA) at the International Forum of Universities in Rome. At Felician College, Fr. Tom seeks to share Franciscan values with the students through projects such as the Midnight Run—in which they hand out food and clothing to the homeless living on the streets of New York City. These programs of the campus ministry office highlight the Franciscan family’s and the Felician Sisters’ commitment to live and work in the spirit of St. Francis.

Fr. Joseph DiMauro, SA, has been honored by the New York Department of Corrections for his dedicated work at the Fishkill and Beacon Correctional Facilities. Four times each month, he celebrates the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Mass with the inmates.

Bro. Simon Peter Ango, SA, has returned to Rome, after a three month stay in Nairobi, Kenya. Enrolled at the Anglicum, he is working towards a degree in Theology. In his free time, he studies Spanish and takes part in a singing group.

On March 26, Fr. Elias D. Mallon, SA, was invited to speak at Rutger’s University at a conference on Peace and Justice. The program consisted of three speakers, one from Seattle, one from Chicago and Fr. Mallon, who was the only non-Muslim speaker. The conference was attended by over 300 people from the tri-state area.

May They Rest in Peace

Fr. Eric Tampe, SA
1917—2009

Fr. Clement St. Jacques, SA
1914—2009

Fr. Aquinas Thomas, SA
1921—2009

Let us also remember and pray for our benefactors who have passed.
In May, V. Rev. James F. Puglisi, SA, was elected president of the International Franciscan Conference of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular (IFC-TOR). He and Fr. Dennis Polanco, SA, participated in the General Assembly, which is held in Assisi every four years for Ministers General of the TOR family.

This year’s theme was: “Becoming a Disturbing Presence in Today’s World: Through Jesus, Francis, Clare, … and ME!”

On June 27, 14 friars celebrated jubilees, marking their arrivals at Graymoor and the start of their religious careers. Most Rev. Paul Bootkoski, DD, Bishop of Metuchen, presided at the Mass. V. Rev. James F. Puglisi, SA, Minister General, was the principal celebrant and homilist.

60 years
Fr. Charles Brozat, SA and Fr. John Keane, SA.

50 years
Fr. Walter Gagne, SA; Fr. Arthur Gouthro, SA; Fr. Thomas Gumprecht, SA; Fr. C. Donald Howard, SA; Fr. John Kiesling, SA; Bro. Theodore Novak, SA; Bro. Donald Perry, SA; Bro. Robert Taylor, SA; and Fr. Emil Tomaskovic, SA.

25 years
Fr. William Drobach, SA; Fr. Robert Langone, SA; and Bro. Joseph O’Gara, SA.

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THE GRAYMOOR GOLF CLASSIC

The 10th Annual Graymoor Golf Classic took place on June 29 at the Mount Kisco Country Club in Mount Kisco, NY.

Over 100 people participated in the outing, barbecue, and silent auction. Donations exceeded $100,000. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. Fr. John Kiesling, SA, (right), sold tickets for the putting contest.

For more photos visit www.AtonementFriars.org/GolfClassic
All events are held at Graymoor, unless otherwise noted.

**September 4 – 6**
Do Not Fear To Hope Retreat

**September 9**
Sponsor Day

**September 11**
World Trade Center Cross Memorial Service

**September 25 – 27**
Franciscan Nature Retreat
Secular Franciscan Retreat

**September 29 – October 2**
Midweek Retreat for Seniors

**October 2**
Sharing Hope Celebration Dinner
*The Plaza Hotel, New York City*

**October 2 – 4**
Come and See Weekend
*Contact Vocations: 845-424-2126*

**October 4**
Procession & Blessing of the Animals

**October 9 – 11**
Spirituality & Photography Retreat

**October 23 – 25**
Married Couples Retreat

**November 20**
Benefactor Day

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**WEBSITE OFFERS PRAYER**
Pray with Fr. Bob Warren, SA
Pray the Lord's Prayer, St. Anthony's Prayer and Hail Mary with Fr. Bob.

Request Mass/Healing Cards On-line
An assortment of Mass cards, healing cards, and enrollment in the Graymoor Spiritual Union are available.

www.AtonementFriars.org/Pray

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On June 19, members of the Heritage Society gathered at Graymoor. The Heritage Society is a special group of benefactors who have demonstrated their support for Graymoor in a major way—either through a planned gift in life, or through a bequest in their last will and testament.

As members of this special society, benefactors are invited to participate in the *Heritage Day Gathering and Mass* celebrated at Graymoor in June each year. They are also remembered in the perpetual Novena to St. Anthony celebrated at Graymoor; recognized by name on the Heritage Society plaque on permanent display at Graymoor; awarded a special membership certificate booklet and lapel pin designed exclusively for Society members; and granted perpetual membership in the Graymoor Spiritual Union.

www.AtonementFriars.org/HeritageSociety

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**THE AVE MARIA HOUR REVIVED**

First brought to the radio in 1935 and continuing until 1969, the *Ave Maria Hour* encouraged and entertained thousands of listeners weekly.

These original broadcasts of the lives of the Saints have been revamped with new introductions. Hosted by Fr. Bob Warren, SA, they can now be heard on the friars’ website.

Click on the *Ave Maria Hour* link at www.AtonementFriars.org
ST. ANTHONY SHRINE REPAIRS

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the St. Anthony Shrine, the largest shrine at Graymoor, is being repaired. The shrine was damaged in a fire last year.

The St. Anthony Shrine includes a large marble statue of St. Anthony holding the child Jesus. For many years it has served not only the spiritual needs of the friars but also of the many visitors who travel to Graymoor each year.

Renovations include repairing the altar and the base of the shrine, adding new railings and fencing and providing a special area for votive lights. A new sound system and backdrop lighting will enhance the shrine.

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. Amen

A benefactor affirms:

In April, my mother was diagnosed with renal failure. She is 89 and frail from years of illness. The doctor advised to begin treatment with morphine and plan funeral arrangements. I could not bear it. My brother asked me if I was hoping for a miracle. When I said yes, the doctor assured us that it would indeed take a miracle for my mother to survive. When I got home from the hospital, a beautiful prayer card and St. Anthony medal were in my mailbox. The prayers were so encouraging that I immediately went back to the hospital and brought the medal to my mother, putting it under her pillow.

Within 24 hours her kidneys began to work on their own, within the week she was doing well enough to be moved back to the nursing home—where she remains with her kidney function improving.

I believe that St. Anthony interceded and God granted us our miracle. I wanted to share this experience with you and acknowledge your ministry and its impact on others.

God bless you, Friars!

ST. ANTHONY’S DAY AT GRAYMOOR

Each June, thousands of pilgrims come to Graymoor to celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony.

Discover the Holy Mountain ~ Come to Graymoor

St. Francis Chapel and the World Trade Center Cross in the St. Jude Meditation Garden are only a few of the chapels, shrines, and other sites beckoning visitors to Graymoor.

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In April, my mother was diagnosed with renal failure. She is 89 and frail from years of illness. The doctor advised to begin treatment with morphine and plan funeral arrangements. I could not bear it. My brother asked me if I was hoping for a miracle. When I said yes, the doctor assured us that it would indeed take a miracle for my mother to survive. When I got home from the hospital, a beautiful prayer card and St. Anthony medal were in my mailbox. The prayers were so encouraging that I immediately went back to the hospital and brought the medal to my mother, putting it under her pillow.

Within 24 hours her kidneys began to work on their own, within the week she was doing well enough to be moved back to the nursing home—where she remains with her kidney function improving.

I believe that St. Anthony interceded and God granted us our miracle. I wanted to share this experience with you and acknowledge your ministry and its impact on others.

God bless you, Friars!

ST. ANTHONY’S DAY AT GRAYMOOR

Each June, thousands of pilgrims come to Graymoor to celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony.