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# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MONASTERY



*Ordination of our Fr. Thomas Aquinas*

SUMMER 2010



*Brother Augustine's ordination to the diaconate by His Excellency Bishop de Galarreta.*

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

**T**HE HISTORY OF OUR MONASTIC FAMILY WILL SOON TURN A PAGE. On Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is the Benedictine feast day of Our Lady of Holy Hope, our little foundation will be given a higher status in the Church as His Excellency Bishop de Galarreta will raise it to a Conventual Priory. This will be one step from becoming an abbey. After nineteen years of labor for the glory of God, may this momentous day also be the crown placed upon your generosity.



The monastery has successfully traversed the period of trial and error, of wait and see, now to be officially confirmed as a true house of God where a community of 26 monks pray and labor in the Benedictine tradition of Ora et Labora. If we have persevered through many hardships to arrive at this great moment, it is thanks to the perseverance of our friends and benefactors who have never failed to support us every step of the way.

Everyone is invited, and may your schedule allow for travel to New Mexico for this historic event. Please let us know if you are coming, so our brother cooks can treat you at the banquet which will follow the Pontifical Mass and ceremony.

*With our utmost gratitude always, Fr. Cyprian*



*Brother Santiago's perpetual vows before a chapel full of Spanish speaking faithful. The kiss of peace completes the ceremony. Named after our founder, Fr. Jean Baptiste Muard, Benedict Pouliot is now Br. John the Baptist, our newest and happiest novice !*





# Chronicle



## MAY

**3** Fr. Garcia from Mexico arrives for a sabbatical stay, getting plenty of exercise



and helping in the kitchen to prepare our favorite Mexican dishes and lemonade!



**15** Fr. Matthew, Prior of our traditional Benedictine brothers in France, returns to visit with his American brothers and marvels at all the growth and expansion.

**23** Fr. Gerspacher travels all the way down from Vernon, Canada, to spend a fortnight on retreat in the spiritual oasis of our warm New Mexican desert.

## JUNE

**5** Our cloister, recently enhanced with a central fountain, is embellished with trees and plants symbolic of the various categories of saints found in Sacred Scripture.



**10** Mr. Joseph Mullen with a group of boys from St. Jude's in Pennsylvania helps the monks in a generous week of *ora et labora*, and shares his musical talents with us.

**18** Another landmark day in our monastery's history witnesses the ordinations of our Brothers Augustine and Thomas Aquinas to the diaconate and priesthood respectively by His Excellency Bishop De Galarreta.



**27** In a return of gratitude to our dear faithful of St. Isidore's in Denver, CO, Fr. Thomas Aquinas celebrates a first Mass and grants his first blessing at their new priory.

## JULY

**2** Fr. Raphael travels to St. Marys, KS to perform the funeral of Mr. José Garcia.



**4** On the occasion of the Alumni Reunion in St. Marys, KS, our Fr. Thomas Aquinas, a former student and graduate, celebrates a first Mass in his home town, with his cousin, Fr. Riccomini, as deacon preaching the sermon.

**5-11** Mr. Bruns with six boys from St. Marys, together with Reverend Mr. Chavarria and his father, help us to finish the bathrooms in our little guesthouse.



**11 SOLEMNITY OF ST. BENEDICT:** On this great feast day, our Fr. Thomas Aquinas has the honor of celebrating his first Mass at the monastery and giving his first blessing.



**18-22** Mr. Kagay & Mr. Kline with 14 boys from St. Marys help us to lay tile and put the finishing touches on the bathrooms.

## AUGUST

**1-7** Also from St. Marys, the Armestos & Murphys assist us in the building up of our rock wall which will eventually close off the perimeter of our monastic cloister.



**5** Benedict Pouliot from NY receives the habit and the name John the Baptist.



**6 FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION:** Our Brother Santiago makes his perpetual profession in the presence of his family who travelled from Texas and Colorado.



**7-14** The final summer camp from St. Marys, headed by Mr. Erlendson, boost our various projects and join in prayer & recreation.

**20-21** Brs. Augustine, Andrew and Jerome participate in the annual 50 mile St. Frances Cabrini pilgrimage in Denver, CO.



# OUR WORKS





THANKS to the constant relay of summer camps and the plethora of hard-working boys from all across America, we have been able to tackle many projects, in between hikes up and down the mountains. The art of laying tiles was quickly mastered, as well as plumbing, carpentry and painting plus raising rock walls for the boys wanting bigger muscles. Boys were cooks and waiters in the Refectory and served daily Mass.





## HOW TO HELP THE MONASTERY

THE GROWTH OF OUR MONASTIC COMMUNITY, THE CONSTRUCTION WORK REQUIRED FOR OUR PRESENT EXPANSION AND OUR ONGOING APOSTOLATES DEPEND ENTIRELY ON CHARITABLE AND GOODWILL DONATIONS.

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