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**SIENA COLLEGE NAMES SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR
OF FRANCISCAN FRIAR KENNETH PAULLI**

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Nov. 19, 2010 — Siena College, a Franciscan-run school here, has established the Fr. Kenneth P. Paulli '82, O.F.M., Ed.D. Scholarship in honor of the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Paulli, chief of staff.

The scholarship honors Paulli's 25 years in the Order of Friars Minor and the 20th anniversary of his ordination this year. He requested that the scholarship specifically honor his grandparents, Alfred and Lena Albano and Paul and Josephine Paulli, who were advocates of education, although none graduated from college. It was their commitment to education that encouraged Paulli to earn a doctorate in education, he said.

The scholarship, which has already raised more than \$300,000, is designated for students in financial need who value Catholic education. Paulli, who also teaches class in addition to his administrative role, is known as a student-centered and challenging teacher. He is an advocate of collaborative and thorough work, is compassionate to students, and exemplifies Franciscan educational values.

Siena held a special Mass on Oct. 7 at St. Mary of the Angels Chapel to celebrate the scholarship. More than 400 people attended including Siena college faculty, staff, administrators and Paulli's parents, who traveled from Tennessee.

Siena College president, the Rev. Kevin Mullen, OFM, Ph.D., and the previous four living presidents, the Rev. Kevin Mackin, OFM; the Rev. William McConville, OFM, Ph.D.; the Rev. Hugh Hines, OFM; and the Rev. Matthew Conlin, OFM, Ph.D.; were all members of the scholarship honorary committee.

Information about the scholarship offered by the nearly 80-year-old college outside Albany can be found on Siena's website. <http://www.siena.edu/pages/1.asp> The liberal arts school has an enrollment of roughly 3,000 students.

About Holy Name Province

The community to which Paulli belongs, Holy Name Province, is one of seven provinces in the United States that belong to the Order of Friars Minor. Holy Name is the largest U.S. province, with ministries in 12 states along the East Coast. Its more than 350 Catholic priests and brothers serve in colleges, parishes, urban ministry centers, and a wide variety of social ministries as well as in missions in Bolivia, Brazil, Peru, East Africa, Japan, Taiwan and Vietnam.

More than 800 years since its founding by St. Francis of Assisi, the Order continues to minister to the poorest of the poor. Today, St. Francis, whose feast day is Oct. 4, remains one of the most widely-known saints, revered for his affection for nature and care for creation.

Information about Holy Name Province can be found on www.hnp.org.

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