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**FRIAR PRIEST FROM TAMPA HONORED
BY FRANCISCAN MISSION SERVICE**

TAMPA, Fla. — Dec. 2, 2010 — The Franciscan Mission Service recently honored the Rev. George Corrigan, OFM, of Sacred Heart Church here, with the Joe Nangle, OFM Lifelong Mission Award.

Corrigan, a Franciscan friar with Holy Name Province, was a lay missionary with the organization in Kenya from 1996 to 1999 before he was ordained a priest. FMS, part of the Franciscan family of organizations, prepares Catholic lay women and men to serve in cross-cultural missions in developing countries.

The awards event, held Oct. 23 in Washington, D.C., also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the FMS lay missionary program. The award Corrigan received is named for the Rev. Joseph Nangle, OFM, a friar with Holy Name Province who was FMS' executive director and co-director for 12 years.

Corrigan, who has been at Sacred Heart Parish since his ordination in 2007, was a pastoral worker in the Kibera slums of Nairobi while on his FMS mission. His principal work was with Rwandan refugees, providing support in community organizing, education, small-business loans, and pastoral care. He also contributed to the parish-wide evangelization and youth ministry program, as well as building two schools, one dedicated to the Rwandan community. He has taught formation courses to missionaries in training and received a matching grant to facilitate and increase lay mission support.

Corrigan is a regular contributor to the FMS blog through his monthly reflections on “Franciscan Mission in the Third Millennium.” <http://franciscanmissionservice.org/blogs.aspx>

A native of Atlanta, Corrigan grew up in Orlando, Fla. The former naval officer was a chief information officer for a private sector business before becoming a priest. His ministry has included chaplaincy at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland and St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Del., internships at the Maryknoll Office for Global Concern in Washington, and the Mercy Center in the Bronx, N.Y., working with Hispanic youth through Esperanza Latina in Langley Park, Md., and as a pastoral associate at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community in Raleigh, N.C.

About Holy Name Province

Holy Name Province is one of seven provinces in the United States that belong to the Order of Friars Minor. Holy Name, headquartered in New York City, 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 overseas missions.

The Order, founded in 1209 by St. Francis of Assisi, commemorated its 800th anniversary last year. 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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