



Order of the Augustinian Recollects

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Order of Augustinian Recollects, I would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Gianni Bracciali and Mr. Massimo Bracciali of Vetrate Artistiche Toscane of Siena, Italy, for assisting us in the production of stained glass windows and mosaics for our chapel at Tagaste Monastery in Suffern, New York. In addition to the high quality of the designs and stained glass, one of the distinctive features of the windows is the use of fused glass which has been a hallmark of this important project and which has attracted a great deal of attention.

Through their cooperation and collaboration with other artists, they were able to create a series of windows depicting Augustinian saints, as well as a panorama of windows using the theme of "Sunrise to Sunset". Along with the stained glass windows, we had also commissioned three mosaics for the chapel. The mosaic icons in the Byzantine tradition were made according to our specifications in working with a liturgical design consultant.

All throughout the process we found the Bracciali brothers and their staff at Vetrate Artistiche Toscane were most cooperative in incorporating our specific iconographical needs in producing the stained glass windows and mosaics.

The icons and stained glass windows added the much needed dimension that has given life to the chapel and the prayerful atmosphere.

As a religious community, we would highly recommend Vetrate Artistiche Toscane for any consideration you might have for stained glass windows and mosaics. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should desire additional information.

Sincerely,

Br. Michael Stechmann, O.A.R.

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Secretary of the Province