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It is a great joy for me to update you on some of the activities that have been going on with regard to the Founder's Cause, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new Director of the Father Paul of Graymoor Guild. Sixty years ago, I began my journey as a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement when I entered St. John's Seminary in Montour Falls, New York. It has been a transformative journey filled with grace, growth, and countless cherished memories.

Recently, I celebrated my Diamond Jubilee, marking 60 years of dedication to our Franciscan mission of Atonement. I am filled with gratitude for the opportunities I have had to serve, and I look forward to this new chapter with you as we work together to support the

canonization of our beloved founder, **Servant of God Father Paul Wattson. SA.** 

Before my Jubilee and assuming my current role on the General Council and Director of the Father Paul of Graymoor Guild, I had the opportunity to go to Italy for a period of retreat and prayer. While on retreat, I had the privilege of attending a papal audience with His Holiness Pope Francis and spoke with him briefly about our **Servant** of **God Fr. Paul Wattson, SA** and presented him with a copy

of the book <u>Fire in the Night</u> by Fr. Joe Scerbo, SA. Hopefully, you are familiar with this well-written and illustrated life of Father Paul.

Presently, the definitive biography *of Servant of God Father Paul Wattson, SA* by Fr. Rick Gribble, CSC, is completed and ready to be sent off to be published. The previous directors of the Guild always assured you of a personal remembrance in prayer at the tomb of Father Paul and I likewise promise that I will continue to give thanks to God for your support of our Founder's Cause and ask that you keep us posted of any favors or blessings

received through the intercession of our holy founder, **Servant of God, Father Paul Wattson, SA.** 

Your commitment to this mission is invaluable, and I am eager to learn from our experiences and collaborate on meaningful initiatives that will further our objective of promoting Father Paul's virtues and inspiring others to follow in his footsteps.

As we approach this Christmas season, I want to wish you and your family joy, peace and love. May this sacred time remind us of the importance of community and fellowship, embodying the spirit of At-One-Ment that Father Paul exemplified throughout his life and the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement continue to this day.

Looking forward to the New Year, let us embrace new opportunities to deepen our mission. Together, we will carry the light of Father Paul's example into the future, fostering unity and love throughout the world.



Thank you for your continued support and commitment. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Yours in Christ.

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