

A New Book that includes the story of Weston Priory

Reverse Mission: Transnational Religious Communities and the Making of US Foreign Policy (Timothy A. Byrnes, Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2011. Paperback \$26.95)

TIMOTHY BYRNES HAS KNOWN OUR COMMUNITY since he was a young boy when he would frequent the monastery with his parents, Helen and Robert Byrnes. Timothy is now a professor of Political Science at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.

The book is a reflection derived from his extensive interviews with our brothers and the Mexican Benedictine Sisters about the *Alianza* (Covenant) of our communities over the past 35 years, as well as from interviews with Maryknoll Sisters missioned in Latin America, and the response of Jesuit priests from the United States in the wake of their martyred brother-Jesuits in El Salvador.

The book reads easily and is very engaging. Tim offers a well-researched analysis with background history to Weston Priory's engagement with the Sisters in Latin America and through the Guadalupe Center in Cuernavaca, Mexico, that is sponsored by the brothers of the Priory and the Mexican Sisters. But most importantly, the book explores the vision of "reverse mission", evangelization coming from Latin America to the United States with the differing yet complementary perspectives and approaches of the Jesuits, Maryknoll Sisters, and Benedictine Monastics.

We recommend this book. We are very grateful to Timothy Byrnes for his friendship, sensitivity, and gifted abilities evident on many levels. The book is obviously written by a thoroughly engaged educator and author who sees his venue of research as unveiling a creative and necessary dimension of Gospel witness today. ■