

CLARE

GALLERY

at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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Through the Franciscan Lens at CLARE Gallery

Hartford - The Clare Gallery is pleased to present *Through the Franciscan Lens*, an exhibition of photography by Brother Octavio Duran OFM. The exhibition opens on August 7 and continues through October 5, 2008. A reception and lecture with the artist will take place on Sunday, October 5th, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

Through the Franciscan Lens features color photographs, by Franciscan Brother Octavio Duran, OFM, that offer a transformative way to connect viewers to the subjects he has photographed. Br. Octavio was born in El Salvador and has traveled throughout the world documenting the life and plight of hundreds of individuals in a diversity of locales, including Asia, Africa, North, Central and South America and Europe. Trained as a photojournalist, Br. Octavio's photographs are sensitive and engaging portraits of the people, places and events that he encounters, ministering to the poor and underprivileged of the world.

Octavio Duran serves as Arts Director of the Anthonian Magazine and also works as official Photographer for Holy Name Province in the United States. He also contributes his work as a freelance photojournalist for St. Anthony Messenger, *Maryknoll Magazine*, Orbis Books, and Catholic News Reporter, as well as Catholic News Service.

The Clare Gallery primarily features exhibitions that emphasize world religions or interfaith themes, as well as social justice themes, on either a global or local level. The Gallery is housed in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 285 Church Street. The Center is part of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, a vibrant and active downtown faith community.

The Clare Gallery's hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Gallery and all related events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available directly across from the church, and the facility is handicapped accessible. More information may be found under "ministries" on the church's website: www.stpatrick-stanthony.org.