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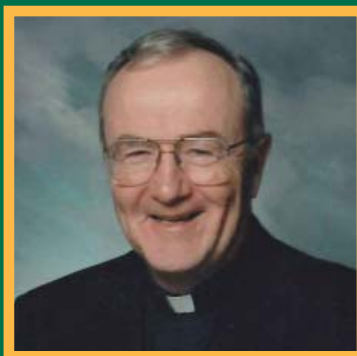


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Upcoming Events:

Annual Seminary Appeal (November, 2011)

Seminarian speakers will be in parishes on the weekends of November 5 and 6, 2011 and November 12 and 13, 2011.

Pre-Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 4, 2011
(7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 8, 2011

National Vocations

Awareness Week

January 8-14, 2012

March for Life

Monday, January 23, 2012

Multicultural Sunday World Day for Consecrated Life

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Rector's Corner

Dear Brother Priests and Friends of
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary:

I hope that you are experiencing the abundant blessings of Our Lord Jesus Christ as our Seminary community embraces the rigors of the fall semester. This year, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has been blessed with 32 new men who have generously responded to the Lord's call. Please pray for our new men and all of the seminarians as they are being formed to the Priesthood. These men are a great gift to the Church, and the faithful support that you show for them is truly appreciated by all members of our community. This time spent during formation will encourage our young men to reflect deeper into the mysteries and joys of the Priesthood. Our seminarians are eager to be formed into good and holy priests to serve the community.

On behalf of the entire Seminary community, it gives me great pleasure to welcome our new Archbishop Charles J. Chaput. As the shepherd of the faithful of Denver, Colorado, Archbishop Chaput was a champion for vocations. We are excited about the future of our Seminary under his leadership. As one tenure begins another ends. It is with much reverence and gratitude that we bid Cardinal Justin Rigali prayerful best wishes in his retirement.

The fall of 2011 marks a time of continuing traditions at the Seminary. On Saturday, October 29, the "new men" of the Seminary became more embedded in the Saint Charles Borromeo fraternity, as they received their cassocks and surplices prior to the traditional Cassock Day Mass and Lunch. The following day, Sunday, October 30, marked the return of the Seminary's Open House and Tours. Hundreds of visitors experienced daily life as a seminarian while also enjoying our sacred works of art. At the conclusion of the tours, a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated in Saint Martin of Tours Chapel. Our annual Forty Hours of devotion and the Admission of Candidacy culminated with the patronal feast of Saint Charles Borromeo on November 4, 2011.

We are continually grateful for the unyielding support of our donors, especially during these challenging economic times. The benefactors of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary are remembered in the daily prayers that are so much a part of the life of these young men in formation. I kindly ask that you continue to remember the Seminary and our seminarians in your prayers as we begin the 2011-2012 Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. I am confident that, with our Savior as a guiding light, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary will continue to prosper in the fulfillment of its mission. May the Lord bless you for your goodness to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend Shaun L. Mahoney
Rector



Summer Spirituality Program

By Christopher Moriconi
II Theology, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Drawing us into a deeper love of God is foundational to the work of evangelization. Hence, our training in spirituality, coming to know and love the Lord deeply, is an essential part of the Church's mission.

In late May of 2011, six seminarians from Philadelphia traveled to the heartland of America, to Omaha, Nebraska to take part in a ten-week program on Diocesan Spirituality at Jesuit-run Creighton University. It was almost two decades ago when Reverend Richard Gabuzda, a diocesan Priest from Scranton, PA, made the 30-day Ignatian Spiritual Exercises at Creighton University. At the end of his retreat, he was inspired to begin a summer program for diocesan seminarians and Priests. The idea has grown immensely since its inception. Now, not only is there a ten-week program for diocesan seminarians, but there is also training for Priests in spiritual direction and much more.

After a weeklong introduction, we began the summer by entering into the silence of an eight-day retreat. During this time we were encouraged to make four holy hours and spend one hour in spiritual direction every day. This eight-day experience was a modified version of the 30-day exercises of Saint Ignatius. Saint Ignatius, the sixteenth century Spanish founder of the Jesuits, was wise when he called these Spiritual *Exercises*. The time spent in prayer and spiritual direction is, however odd it may seem, exhausting. However, the blessings and graces that result from such dedicated attention to one's relation with the Blessed Trinity and Mary is inestimable.

During the summer we concentrated on a great spiritual gem of the Church, i.e. the text of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. In this text, Ignatius gives us rules for becoming aware of understanding and discerning the different spirits in prayer, to reject the bad and embrace the good. By discerning between the Spirit of God and the spirit of the enemy of human nature, we can come to see how God and the devil are at work in our lives. Understanding these interior movements can help us to grow in the spiritual life.

One of the greatest blessings of the summer was the balance of prayer and leisure. A couple of times a week the Philadelphia seminarians would head to the local public golf course and work on discerning the best way to swing a golf club. Aided by the expertise of Kevin Mulligan, a Theology I seminarian studying at Blessed John XXIII Seminary, the men from Philadelphia grew to appreciate what it feels like to break 100! Afterwards we would go out to one of the local restaurants or breweries for a taste of Omaha steaks. The balance that the schedule at Creighton afforded us was very conducive to prayer and fraternity.

Formation in spirituality, in learning how to pray is really needed as a man journeys through the seminary. It is when the Lord feeds us in prayer that we can then go into the world bringing to others He whom we have contemplated. This summer really taught me how crucial it is to be rooted in prayer and fraternity in order to become the man God created me to be. For this summer - Thanks be to God!

Spanish Language Class Trip To Mexico

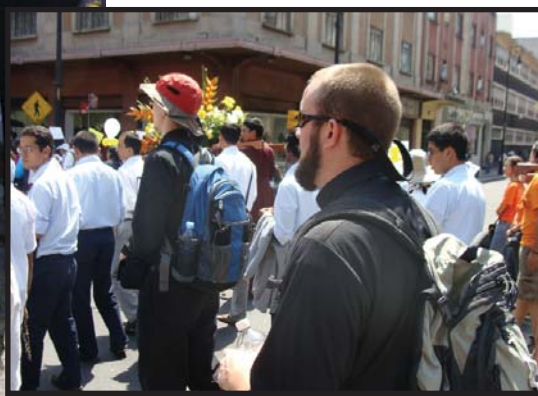
*By Alexander Gibbs
I Theology, Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

As we drove down the sloping mountain road, we noticed that the mountainside was dotted with crosses covered in brilliant ribbons. The road was taking us to Chalma, the second most popular shrine in Mexico, after Our Lady of Guadalupe of course. Our driver explained to us that many pilgrims come to Chalma and ask Our Lord for different favors. As part of their petition, they promise to do penance when their favor is granted. For many pilgrims this is planting a cross on the mountainside. And so, every cross, of which there are dozens, is a sign of thanksgiving for a favor received. Such was the faith that we encountered in Mexico.

This past summer, four Philadelphia seminarians went to Mexico for the 7-week language intensive program *Curso de Hispanidad*, from June 12 to July 30, 2011. We lived in Mexico City at a retreat house run by some delightful Mexican sisters. There were about 18 of us in the program, a mix of seminarians and Priests from different dioceses in the United States. We had Mass in Spanish every day along with adoration and evening prayer. Monday through Friday we went to Anahuac del Sur, a branch of the legionary-run Anahuac university system, for five hours a day of Spanish. Once a week we had a conference on various topics regarding Hispanic ministry, particularly in the United States, as well as an apostolate at a local parish. And, every weekend we had cultural outings to different famous sites in Mexico City and the surrounding area. We visited Our Lady of Guadalupe, numerous Mayan pyramids, great Mexican museums, and even went on a mission trip.

The goals of the program were to improve our Spanish, experience Mexican culture, foster a Priestly spirituality, and ultimately to prepare us for Hispanic ministry. A lot of credit is due to the Legionaries of Christ, the organization that ran the program. They were tremendous young men of faith whose spontaneity and athleticism kept all of us engaged in the program, especially through those trying moments of being in a foreign country with sometimes hostile microbes and very few American flags. It was such a positive experience that we would definitely consider returning to Mexico in the future.

(photo left) Alexander Gibbs and the three other seminarians from Saint Charles Borromeo explored many historic places of worship in Mexico that were rich in culture. (photo right) Robert Gross, II Theology, Archdiocese of Philadelphia (right), joined the area faithful in a procession for Our Lady of Guadalupe.



A moment in time... Cardinal Justin Rigali was pictured with the Alumni Jubilarians for the final time as Archbishop of Philadelphia on May 5, 2011.



Priesthood Jubilee 2011

*By Reverend Mr. Thomas Schultes
IV Theology, Diocese of Lincoln*

The Annual Alumni and Jubilarian Mass provides us a deep sense of appreciation for those Priests who have lived their vocational call to the Priesthood.

Each year at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, we experience several annual events: Forty Hours, Cassock Day, and College-Theology Division athletic contests. These are just a few of the annual events that current students and alumni enjoy as fond memories. Two other events are especially poignant in that they orient us towards the ultimate goal of the Seminary - the Priesthood. Both the annual Newly Ordained Mass in the fall and the Alumni and Jubilarian Mass in spring highlight Christ's wonderful gift of the Priesthood.

This 2011 Jubilee Mass, which was celebrated on May 5 in Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, honored Saint Charles alumni for 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 years of pastoral service. Cardinal Rigali, then Archbishop of Philadelphia, was the principal celebrant, while Retired Auxiliary Bishop Robert Maginnis was the homilist, in addition to celebrating his own golden jubilee. The jubilarian listing was highlighted by Reverend Monsignor Charles J. Monaghan, who marked seventy years of service to God's people. Other Priest jubilarians most familiar to current Saint Charles seminarians included our current vice rector Reverend Joseph Bongard, who celebrated twenty-five years; Reverend Monsignor Louis D'Addezio, who currently assists the most eminent resident at Saint Charles Seminary (Cardinal Bevilacqua), Reverend Francis Lendacky, who has been involved in the Legion of Mary and Reverend Monsignor Joseph Murray, who is a spiritual director for seminarians, all celebrated their 50-year jubilees.

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The current timing of the jubilee Mass is most inspiring also, as it took place amongst our late April and May celebrations of the Institution of Reader and Acolyte, along with the Diaconate and Priesthood ordinations. As each of the current theology students receive or are preparing to receive their applicable ministry, we are inspired by the jubilarians for their numerous years of service, with the common bond that at one time they were sitting in the very same pews from which we are now discerning our own call. As a member of the class of 2012 - provided God's will gives me those many years of service - I look forward to walking into Saint Martin's chapel in 2037 and perhaps 2062 myself, to provide inspiration and witness to other seminarians.



Most Reverend Robert Maginnis encouraged the Saint Charles Borromeo seminarians, seated among the alumni, to remain steadfast in their discernment, so they, too, may join the ranks of many Jubliarians who had come before them.



Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Statkus, Class of 1946, posed for a photo with Cardinal Rigali in celebration of 65 years of service as a military ordinate and priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Attention All Alumni! – We need news on you! Send us a picture and a story about the latest news surrounding your life and ministry. Please send pictures and articles to the Office for Institutional Advancement, Saint Charles Seminary, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096, e-mail advancement@scs.edu or call 610-785-6231.

Annual Priest Alumni Appeal

Sincere gratitude is extended to all Saint Charles Seminary alumni who answered the call of the Annual Alumni Appeal during the 2010/2011 fiscal year. As a result, nearly \$51,000 was contributed. Please know that the Seminary community is ever grateful for the kindness and commitment you show to your alma mater and the men whom you will one day, God willing, call brother priests. In keeping with tradition, the Alumni Appeal funds benefit the Priest Alumni Scholarship Fund, which provides relief for seminarians in need of financial assistance through the Alumni Scholarship Fund and the Student Assistance Program. Alumni gifts are still being accepted through this academic year. For more information, please contact the Seminary's Office for Institutional Advancement at 610-785-6231.



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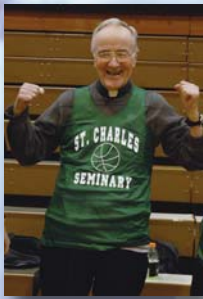
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In Memoriam

REVEREND MONSIGNOR FRANCIS X. MEEHAN
1937-2011



*Reflections by Jason Buck
II Theology, Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

Reverend Monsignor Francis Meehan, or like he used to tell us, “Just call me, Father,” was not known for memorizing and calling every seminarian by name, but he was known for his ever present smile. If he didn’t know your name he was not bashful in asking. A second question would follow, “How you doing?” He would then lean back, slightly hunched over, in his motorized chair or sit on his walker, cross his legs, and listen. What you had to say was important.

Arriving at the gates of Saints Charles Seminary, I knew I would need a spiritual director, but I didn’t know who it would be. Thankfully, after I was done unpacking, Father Meehan asked me, “What’s your name?” He had heard from the parishioners that I started a youth group at Saints Simon and Jude parish shortly after he left. I then asked him to be my spiritual director and he said “yes.” That day began a three-year friendship with one of the most compassionate, holy, and humble Priests I have ever met.

This was the third of Monsignor Meehan’s terms at the Seminary; he first came to the seminary as a young student, later returned as a professor of moral theology, and returned for the final time serving as an adjunct spiritual director. In his final days at the seminary in the Spring 2011 semester, he made every effort to participate in all seminary activities. If Mass was celebrated in Immaculate Conception Chapel, he coordinated multiple seminarians to help him from his room, to the car, travel across campus, vest him, bring one of his brothers’ chalices, and prepare him for Mass. He gave many seminarians the unique experience to serve Jesus Christ.

Towards the end of last spring, the Philadelphia seminarians’ rosary walk on Wednesdays would end outside his room. While we gathered to pray with him, Monsignor would sit on his walker in front of his statue of the Blessed Mother. After asking us to pray for him, he would impart his blessing.

The seminarians enjoyed his presence because he would offer a kind word, sincerely listen to your heart, make time for the sacraments, share a laugh, and witness to the love of the heart of Jesus Christ. He was a true friend, father, and priest. Monsignor Meehan was called back to God this past summer. Eternal rest, grant him O Lord.

Holy Land Seminary Program



*By John Stokely
III Theology, Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

Thanks be to God for the gift of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for the gift of the beautiful and sacred land where the history of salvation took place. And thanks be to God for those who have dedicated their lives to charitable work in that land we call “holy,” the birthplace of Jesus Christ.

During the summer of 2011 the Eastern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem inaugurated a three-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome specifically for seminarians. Thirteen seminarians, representing nine (arch)dioceses, were invited to take part in this extraordinary experience, which was entirely funded by the generous contributions of the Knights and Ladies of the order.

Kevin Longergan (II Theology, Diocese of Allentown) and I joined various seminarians from around the country on a month-long adventure to tour places, such as, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Rome. This “once-in-a-lifetime” journey afforded the group an opportunity to spend time in the many holy places where our Lord, Jesus Christ spread the seeds of our faith. Not only did the group visit many incredibly significant places to the Judeo-Christian tradition, but they were also blessed with an experience that will enhance and nourish their relationship with God for a lifetime.

Baltimore Archbishop Edwin O’Brien, the Pro-Grandmaster of Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, said that he hopes that ranks of the order from around the world would follow the example of the Eastern Lieutenancy of the United States, led by Raymond Teatum. The Archbishop also added that through the generosity of the Knights and Ladies many more seminarians will be given this wonderful opportunity - to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

This pilgrimage was not merely a vacation to a holy place, but rather a journey of the soul manifested in concrete terms - to truly walk in the footsteps of our Lord.



Reverend Mr. Thomas Whittingham received his Master of Divinity from Philadelphia Archbishop Emeritus, Cardinal Justin Rigali.

Baccalaureate Mass and Conkursus

By Jonathon Baggett
I Theology, Diocese of Raleigh

On May 20, 2011, a total of thirty-six men were awarded academic degrees from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. During this 179th conferral of degrees, fourteen men from the College Division received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Philosophy, while from the Theologate ten men received the Masters of Arts in Theology, and twelve were awarded Masters of Divinity degrees. The degrees were awarded by Cardinal Justin Rigali, in the presence of Most Reverend Daniel Thomas and Most Reverend Michael Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishops of Philadelphia, and Bishop Michael Burbidge of the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina.

The ceremony was held in Saint Martin of Tours Chapel and began as the family and friends of those receiving degrees rose to the sound of Charpentier's *Festival Te Deum*. Vice Rector, Reverend Joseph Bongard opened the ceremony with a prayer beseeching God's blessings on the graduates, their families, and their professors. After his prayer and the *National Anthem*, the College Division

seminarians were presented for conferral by the Academic Dean, Mr. James Growdon, to Rector, Reverend Shaun Mahoney.

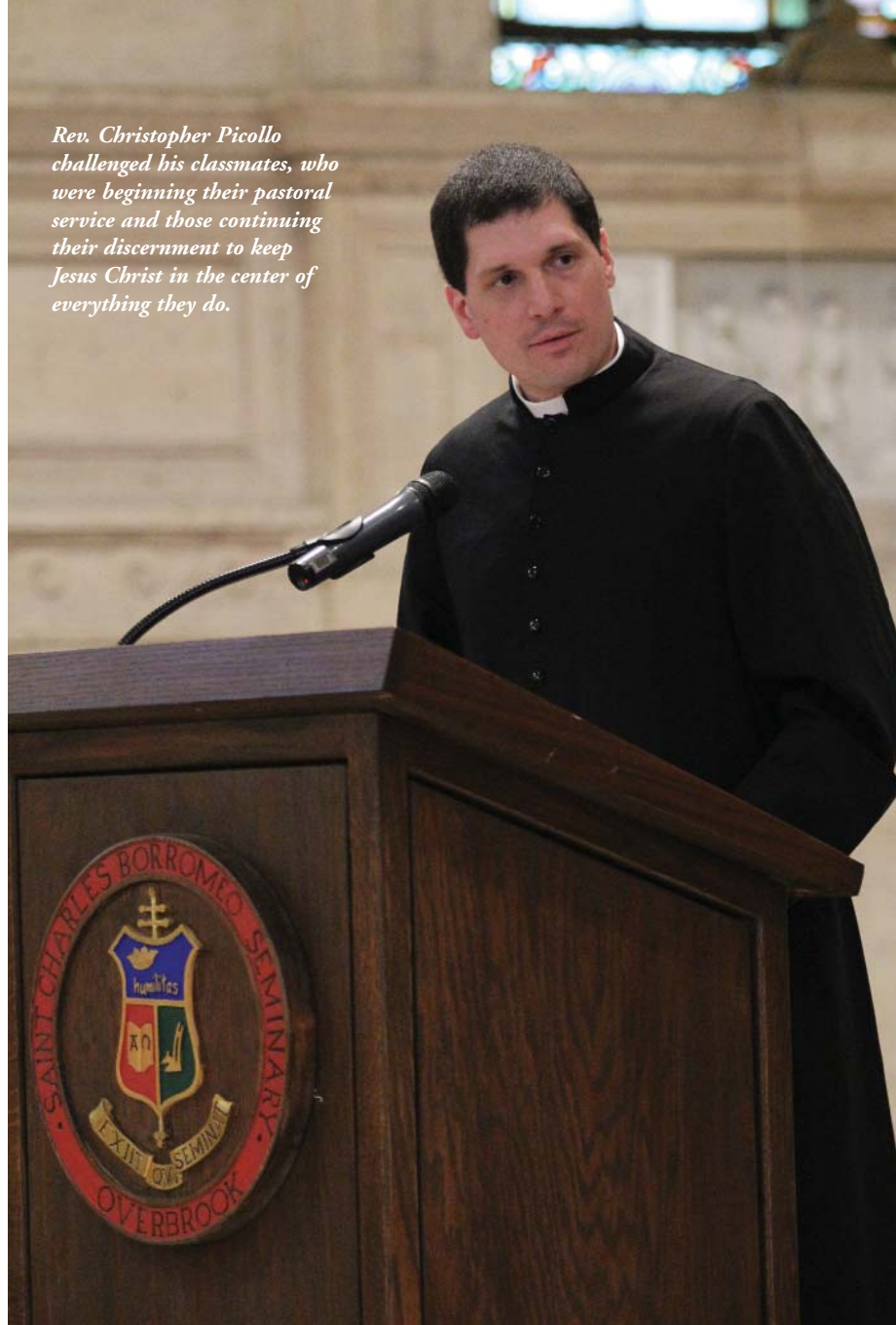
Following the distribution of degrees, Mr. Michael Hendershott of the Diocese of Knoxville, offered the valedictory address on behalf of the College Division. His speech highlighted three elements in the thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas, which summarize formation in the College Division: the *telos*, forming one's intellect in the truth, and the synthesis of faith and reason. *Telos* or "end" is the purpose of things, and in formation, seminarians are reminded that they do not study and form intellects in the truth merely for the sake of learning in itself, but for the sake of the people of God who will be served. Mr. Hendershott also noted that by uniting faith and reason the seminarians are able to preach, to teach, and to instruct those in their care and to give a "good account of the faith that is in us." This sure and necessary foundation will serve the College seminarian well as they prepare to

enter the Theology program in preparation for holy priesthood. He ended by exhorting his classmates and fellow graduates, “be mindful of your zeal with which you entered the seminary, and rekindle your devotion so that tepidity might not quench the flame of supernatural charity for the supreme goods of God’s glory and the salvation of souls.”

Reverend Christopher Picollo from the Diocese of Trenton followed to speak on behalf of his classmates. He addressed the seminarian community, reminding them that there is an end to seminary formation, but “formation in holiness never really comes to an end in our lives.” The then-Deacon Picollo continued, “We can ask ourselves the question- what areas might be holding us back from living the life of holiness that the Church expects from Her future priests? A life of prayer, chastity, integrity, honesty, compassion, and humility (is expected), because as Pope Paul VI said, ‘for the Church, the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life.’”

Father Picollo’s challenging and inspiring speech was followed by closing addresses from Reverend Shaun Mahoney, who participated in his first Concursus as Rector, and Cardinal Justin Rigali, who attended his final graduation ceremony as Archbishop of Philadelphia. In their final remarks, both stressed the importance of the priesthood and of the beauty of the vocation. The call to serve the people of Christ is something mysterious and wonderful to which each seminarian has responded uniquely. Called to witness Christ to his people, each man must prepare well and pray for God’s grace without which we cannot hope to succeed and with which we have all we need. As everyone processed down the marble aisle amid the torrents of applause from friends and family a great chapter had ended. For most of the graduates, priesthood became more of a stark and beautiful reality rather than a distant thought. May we, by God’s grace and the prayers of his saints and faithful, enter that sacred vocation with awe of what we dare to do, and a willingness to join Our Lord on His cross on our ordination day, for, “no greater love hath any man, than that he lay down his life for his friends.”

Rev. Christopher Picollo challenged his classmates, who were beginning their pastoral service and those continuing their discernment to keep Jesus Christ in the center of everything they do.



SEMINARIAN NIGHT *at the Ballpark*

On Wednesday, May 4, 2011 the Serra Club of Philadelphia took the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary community out to the ballgame for what has become an annual outing at Citizens Bank Ballpark. And keeping in line with tradition the Phillies topped the visiting Washington Nationals, 7-4 in front of a sold-out crowd of 44,123. The Serra Club provided a large amount of the crowd, purchasing tickets for the nearly 130 priests and seminarians. Again, many thanks go to the Serrans for their continual support of the seminarians and the mission of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Class of 2011

We Congratulate Our Newly Ordained Alumni!



*Reverend Kenneth C. Brabazon
Archdiocese of Philadelphia*



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Diocese of Raleigh*



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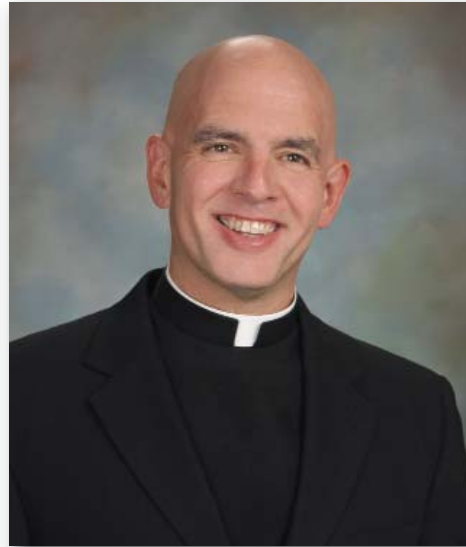
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Archdiocese of Philadelphia*



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Archdiocese of Philadelphia*



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Diocese of Knoxville*



*Reverend Christopher P. Picollo
Diocese of Trenton*



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Diocese of Arlington*



*Reverend Jason F. Stokes
Diocese of Allentown*



*Reverend Matthew J. Zimmer
Diocese of Lincoln*

Ad Multos Annos!

Experiencing the Face of Jesus in Asia

Steven Mills (left), III Theology, Diocese of Lincoln, and Christopher Heanue (right), III Theology, Diocese of Brooklyn, scaled the Great Wall during their pilgrimage throughout the Far East.

*By Christopher Heanue
III Theology, Diocese of Brooklyn*



This past summer, Steven Mills (III Theology, Diocese of Lincoln) and I had the opportunity to travel to Asia to experience the Church in China. Our group included seven other men - two men studying from the Archdiocese of New York, two deacons from Theological College, a Sulpician priest, a Benedictine priest and a Benedictine brother. The program, which was hosted by Maryknoll, celebrated the centennial of the founding of their mission in China.

The journey began with a non-stop flight from Newark to Hong Kong. Following a few days in Hong Kong the trip would lead to mainland China. While in Hong Kong we stayed with the Maryknoll community in their residence for about five days before departing to Beijing. We had the opportunity to meet many Maryknoll clergy. There we had a series of presentations to instruct the group about the present situation in China. Father Bruno, the superior of the

foreign mission society was one of our main presenters. He spoke in detail about the historical background, including the 1951 expulsion of the Apostolic Nuncio from China, the creation of the patriotic association (“the patriotic church”) in 1957, and the Cultural Revolution in 1966, during which time Bishops were jailed and most clergy were placed in labor camps. Father Bruno also addressed the need for proper seminary education as well as the recent illicit ordinations of Bishops by the government who were not approved by the Holy See. All of this truly prepared us for the next stage of our experience, Mainland China.

Upon our arrival in Beijing, we played the role of tourists. We had the opportunity to see the Great Wall of China (at its highest point above sea level), the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, as well as the site of the Olympics. It was truly an amazing experience! After our few days in the capital the group split up into pairs,

boarded different trains and headed in all different directions. Accompanied by Reverend Dan Moore, I traveled northeast to Shenyang, a large cosmopolitan city and the home diocese of Saint Charles Borromeo alumnus Bishop Paul Pei. While there we were able to really see the Church operating in China. Recently, the government tried to make Bishop Pei ordain a man to the episcopacy whom the Holy See did not recognize. His Excellency refused and the members of his clergy surrounded his residence in order to prevent the officials from taking him away. This act of rebellion has put Bishop Pei in “hot water” with authorities. He is no longer allowed any visitors without the government’s approval and his emails and phone calls are monitored.

Our travels also took us to rural parishes, religious communities of sisters, and other sites throughout the city of Shenyang. We followed many of the local customs, included eating solely

with chopsticks. And our meals included delicacies, such as donkey meat and pig ears. Fortunately, the city offered a taste of home with western businesses such as *Starbucks*, *McDonalds*, *Kentucky Fried Chicken*, and *Pizza Hut*.

The journey met with some tense moments as well. Late one night local authorities came to the door and said they had been watching us. They wanted to know who we were and why we were there. After disclosing our passports the distressing ordeal came to a peaceful resolution in about an hour and a half.

The group reunited to return to Hong Kong, where we received a “debriefing” session to mark the end of the program. But Steve and I

continued on to the Philippines to experience the Church in Manila. What a contrast between the two countries! The churches were packed and the confession line was always long with joyful people. We were able to attend some novena Masses as well as tour the city.

This entire experience opened my eyes to the different cultural experiences where the Church ministers and to better understand their concerns. It served as a reminder to enjoy the freedom we have to practice our faith openly and proudly without concern. On behalf of Steve, we are truly grateful to the Seminary for allowing us this opportunity as well as to the Maryknoll society, without which we never would have experienced any of this.



Heanue visited with Bishop Paul Pei in Shenyang after he celebrated a special Mass for area religious sisters.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 2011

*By Matthew Robinson
II College, Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

“Your faith is stronger than the rain,” said the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI to young people in Madrid, and how true this proved to be Good Friday 2011. As people traveled from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to attend the Stations of the Cross at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, not even the rain could deter their willingness to participate in the *Via Crucis*. Along with His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali, the former Archbishop of Philadelphia, and his Auxiliary Bishops, there were countless Priests, religious, and lay faithful joined in one voice in echoing the words of the pious devotion, “We adore thee O Christ, and we praise Thee.” Among the faithful were numerous Catholic High school students who participated by reading the reflections for each station. As Cardinal Rigali processed to each station, flanked by six Archdiocesan Seminarians, the words of the *Stabat Mater* resounded throughout the walls of St. Martin of Tours Chapel. The *Archdiocesan Boy Choir* led the faithful of God, in chanting this ancient hymn. Despite the somberness of the day’s celebration, the sight of all gathered within the confines of St. Martins Chapel brought much hope for the future of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Seeing the excitement of the many people who attended the annual Archdiocesan celebration of the Stations of the Cross brought a renewed sense of joy and dedication to the hearts of every seminarian present. The lay people came to be spiritually fed, but in turn they spiritually fed the Seminary Community. As the candlelit Stations of the Cross came to an end, His Eminence gave words of encouragement and hope to his faithful flock. This beautiful event, in the midst of the Sacred Triduum, gave proof that the Cross of the Crucified Lord still reigns victoriously in today’s world.



Saint Martin of Tours Chapel provided shelter from a few April showers for this year’s Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

(photo courtesy: Thomas J. Walsh/ Admore.Patch.com)

Religious Studies Division Receives New Name, New Leader



New Dean, Dr. Kelly Bowring looks to rapidly expand the curriculum for the newly named Graduate School of Theology and Program of Catholic Study.



GST is a division of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary serving the Religious, as well as lay men and women.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia recently approved a new name for the Religious Studies Division at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. The new name, “The Graduate School of Theology (GST) and Program of Catholic Studies”, previously called Religious Studies Division, more clearly describes the academic institution’s identity and program offerings. GST offers three levels of Catholic study programs: 1) Catholic certifications in catechesis and Church ministry; 2) undergraduate Vatican Diploma in

Theology, with specializations that include liturgical studies, Christian initiation, youth ministry, religious education, and a program of Ministry to Black Catholics (MBC); and 3) an internationally-recognized, fully-accredited Master of Arts (MA) degree in Sacred Theology. GST’s programs run in the fall, spring, and summer semesters and include online courses.

The departmental name change comes under new direction with the recent appointment of Dr. Kelly Bowring in August, 2011. As GST’s new Academic Dean, Dr. Bowring seeks to emphasize that GST is open to both religious and lay students: “A main reason for our new name is to emphasize that our Archdiocesan-sponsored, Vatican-endorsed theology programs are not just for seminarians and religious, but for all the Catholic faithful, and especially for the laity.” Dean Bowring states that GST is answering Blessed John Paul II’s call to build and renew the Church of the Third Millennium as part of the New Evangelization. “GST’s vision is to educate and form students who, as leaders in Church ministries and the apostolate, will live by the highest intellectual and ethical standards and fully witness the Gospel in truth and love to those they are called to serve,” says Dr. Bowring.

Dr. Bowring has had a distinguished career in Catholic higher education. He has been a dean of spirituality, chair of theology, and director of a national catechetical institute while previously teaching at Ave Maria University and Southern Catholic College. He received his masters in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, the licentiate from Dominican House of Studies (and JPII Institute) in Washington DC, and his doctorate from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Since its founding in 1969, GST has graduated 1050 students in its Masters of Theology program, many of whom are still serving the Church in various leadership positions and ministries today. With the recent changes, GST has already seen a growth in new students enrolled this fall. It currently has 475 students in its three programs.

For more information about GST or to apply for admission, go to www.StudyCatholicTheology.com or call (610) 785-6287.

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Faculty and Administration Updates

Reverend Dennis J. Billy, C.Ss.R., Th.D. in Church History, M.M.R.Sc. in Moral Theology (1980), published “Faithful in Christ: The Ministry and Life of the Catholic Priest” (Leonine Publishers, LLC, Phoenix, AZ, 2011).

Peter J. Colosi, M.A., Ph.D., created two new websites: www.peterjcolosi.com which features archived articles, audio and video presentations, and www.tobinternational.com which presents video lectures that were delivered at the Theology of the Body International Symposia, of which he is a co-founder. The most recent Symposium took place June 3-5, 2011 at Saint Mary’s University, Twickenham, London at which Dr. Colosi presented Theology of the Body and Dignitas Personae: Reflections on Christian Anthropology as the Foundation of the Culture of Life: Transforming the Culture of Death from the Roots Up. Dr. Colosi presented that same paper at the University of Notre Dame for the annual meeting of the University Faculty for Life (June 10 - 12, 2011). Dr. Colosi co-presented at a panel on how to improve the reading and writing skills of university students, as part of the ISI American Studies Summer Institute in partnership with the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions of Princeton University (June 20-23, 2011). He presented a talk on John Paul II’s Theology of the Body for the teens and their parents at St. John of Rochester Parish in Fairport, NY (August 21, 2011). Dr. Colosi also presented “An Introduction to Catholic Social Doctrine” to The Catholic Young Adults of Chester County in West Chester, PA (August 24, 2011).

Mr. James F. Growdon, Academic Dean of the College Division, gave a presentation to parents of children receiving Sacraments at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Lansdale, PA. The Presentation was entitled “Reflections on the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Penance, and Confirmation. (September 26, 2011)

Reverend Monsignor Michael K. Magee, S.T.D., S.S.L., M.A., M. Div. (1991), published “Men of Prayer: Priests and Holiness”, in Faithful in Christ: the Ministry and Life of

the Catholic Priest (Denver, CO: Leonine Publications, 2011), originally delivered as part of the Lecture Series entitled “Faithful in Christ: The Ministry and Life of the Catholic Priest”, sponsored by the John Cardinal Krol Chair of Moral Theology: February 19, 2010. Monsignor Magee has also become a regular contributor with a column entitled, “Theology 101,” which was written for *Phaith*, magazine for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, beginning in September 2011. Also, presentations given by Monsignor Magee include the following: “The New Lectionary: the Church’s Preparation of the Table of God’s Word since the Second Vatican Council,” for the International Symposium Council and Continuity: the Interim Missals and the Immediate Post-Conciliar Liturgical Reform, in Phoenix, AZ, on October 4, 2011; “The Pope and the Patriarchs: Peter’s Role Today,” to faculty and students of Benedictine College, Atchison, KS, on September 23, 2011; “A Taste of Things to Come: the New Translation of the Order of Mass for the English Language,” for the Louisiana North Shore and Baton Rouge chapters of Legatus, July 27-28, 2011; “Lord, Teach us to Pray: the New Translation of the Roman Missal,” for the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of the Monastery of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Loretto, PA, June 27-30, 2011; “The Nature of the Patriarchal Institution: a Disputed Point in Catholic Theology,” for the Orientale Lumen Conference XV, Washington, D.C., June 20-23, 2011; “The Theme of Self-Negation in the Gospel of John,” for the Monsignor Jerome D. Quinn Institute of Biblical Studies of the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, Conference June 9-11, 2011, Saint Paul, MN, entitled The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church: The Catholic Seminary Professor of Sacred Scripture and the Classroom.

Monsignor Magee participated in various media including: “Why Liturgy?,” an interview with Patrick Coffin followed by audience Questions and Answers on Catholic Answers Live, (aired October 17, 2011); “The New Roman Missal: Authentic, Scriptural, and Noble,” an interview with Deacon Dan Borné on Catholic Life Television, Diocese of Baton Rouge (aired August 7-19, 2011); “Wake Up Baton Rouge Live,” with David Dawson, 1380 AM in Baton Rouge, LA, (aired July 28, 2011).

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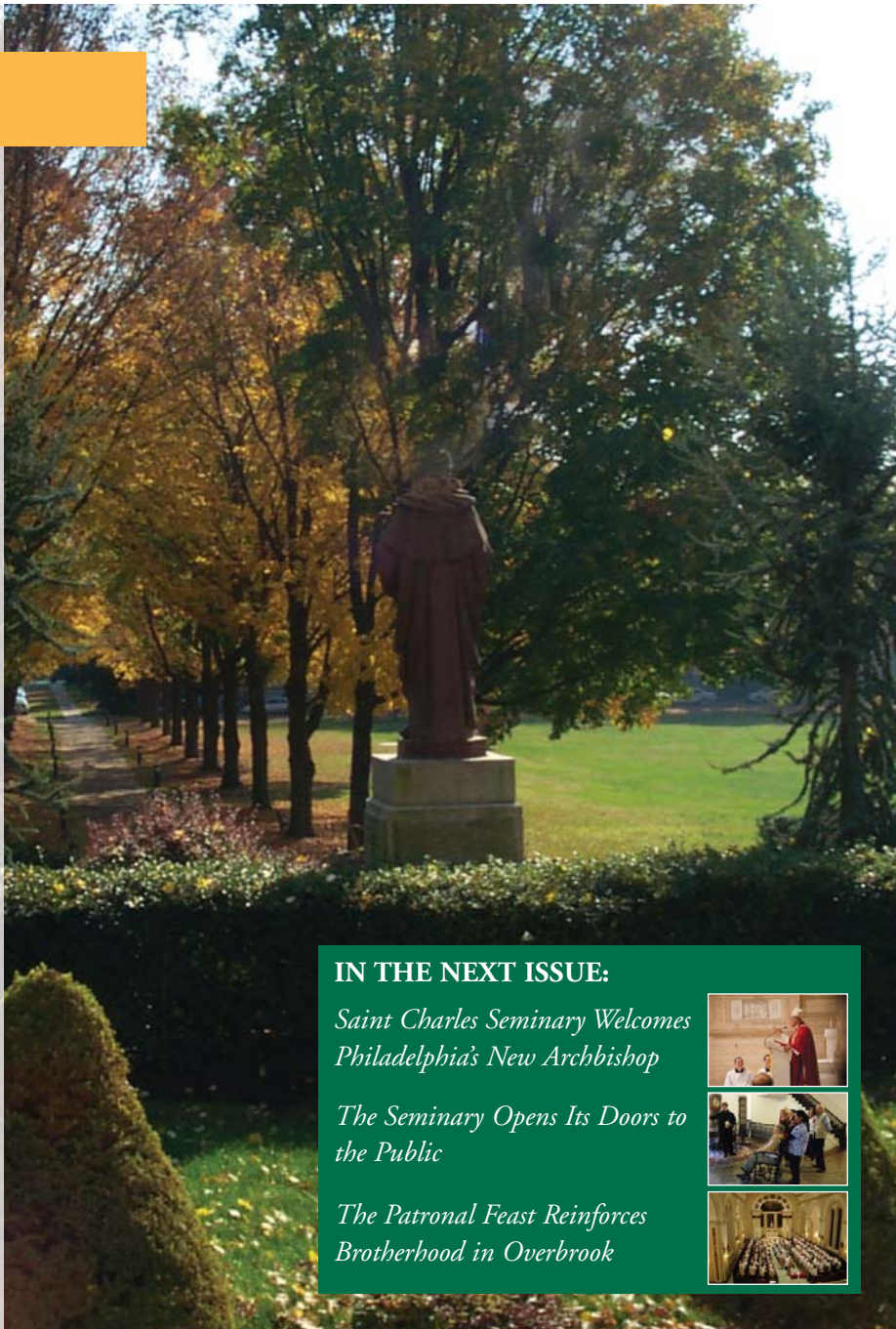
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