



# THE BRIDGE

A relationship  
to celebrate



*The Village of Mundelein Turns 100*



## A view from **The Bridge**

By Very Reverend Dennis Lyle

Many people are familiar with the phrase “All politics is local.” Although it is a phrase attributed to the late Tip O’Neill, a former Speaker of the House of Representatives, it is probably more accurate to say he made the quote famous. Some say his father used the phrase after Tip lost an election and failed to carry even his own district. Whatever the source of the quote, it carries much truth.

Sometimes the word politics carries a negative connotation, but it is important to remember that through the civil communities in which we live, human beings come together to promote the common good and establish stability and peace. The cooperation between individuals, families, groups and institutions shapes our society and gives us an opportunity to grow into the people God desires us to be. There is nothing negative about, nor should we be suspicious when we cooperate together to promote the common good; this is politics at its best.

Like all institutions of education, Mundelein Seminary benefits from the good will and hard work of many people who serve as public servants. Our mission would be more difficult if we were not able to count on the presence of fire fighters, police officers, a postal system, and many other public works. This year, the community that has been known as Mechanics Grove, Rockefeller, Area, and finally, Mundelein, celebrated its 100th Anniversary. It is the local community to which the seminary belongs and with which we have established many long-lasting relationships. In honor of the Village of Mundelein and on the occasion of this anniversary, the editors of *The Bridge* dedicate this issue to the relationship between the seminary and the village.

For our feature articles, we invited members of the seminary and of the local community to share their reflections on the relationship of the village and the seminary. Father Ron Lewinski, Pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation in Mundelein, writes as an alumnus of the seminary and now a pastor in the village. Many things have changed since he and other seminarians clandestinely ordered pizza from a local pizzeria, but the linking of seminarians with members of the local community continues to enrich both communities.

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Father Tom Franzman details the history of a fire engine, a seminary and a town. Cardinal Mundelein donated a fire engine to the Village in 1925 in gratitude for the decision to rename the town in honor of himself. Many years later, Father Franzman, Jim Carew and others saved the fire engine before it landed in a scrap heap and successfully restored it for the anniversary of the village.

Michael Flynn, Assistant Village Administrator for the Village of Mundelein, provides another perspective. He is representative of the many people who enjoy the beauty of the seminary campus and worked hard to organize the village anniversary and include the seminary in its celebrations. He has seen the village and the seminary develop and is grateful for the cooperation and mutual appreciation.

Finally, many wonderful people have lived and worked at Mundelein Seminary. I want to draw your attention to a former resident of our campus. Kit O’Carroll Kern is the daughter of Bill O’Carroll, the first groundskeeper Cardinal Mundelein hired to care for the property. Kit grew up on the seminary property and returned for a visit in the fall. Her interview captures life in the “good ol’ days.” Also, the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest have been a blessing to the seminary for twenty-five years. The history of their foundation and arrival to Mundelein are found in the article by Andrés Gutiérrez.

All politics is local means that local relationships are important. We are grateful to the people in the Village of Mundelein and congratulate them as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. They have played an essential role in the history of the seminary. I hope this issue of *The Bridge* encourages you to participate in your local community.

– Father Dennis Lyle is rector/president of the University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary.





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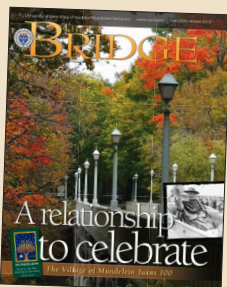
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**ON THE COVER:**  
Symbolic of the connection between Village and Seminary is this bridge that connects campus to Route 176 in Mundelein.



Background photo: Tracy Shrader / Photo of Cardinal Mundelein: Chicago History Museum.



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Kit O'Carroll-Kern, pictured here as a child, swimming in the seminary lake with her mother and siblings, circa 1930."





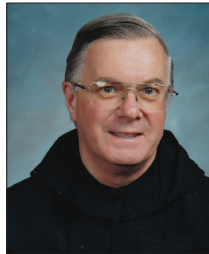
## New Faculty



**F**ather Thomas Franzman joins the University of Saint Mary of the Lake as the chief campaign and stewardship officer. He will assist the rector as a liaison

to the seminary's donors. He brings experience as an associate pastor, pastor, rector of Quigley Seminary North, director of Chicago's Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Divine

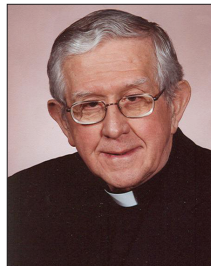
Worship and, most recently, as the Catholic chaplain at Northwestern University.



Father Philip Timko, O.S.B., is a priest of the Abbey of Saint Procopius

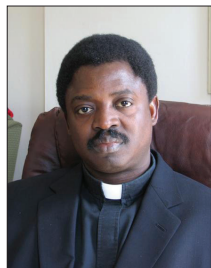
in Lisle, IL. He previously taught for 40 years at Benedictine University, but now holds the Chester and Margaret Paluch Chair of Theology. Father Timko holds a B.A. from Saint Procopius College, an S.T.L. from the Pontifical Athenaeum of Saint Anselm and an S.T.D. from the Catholic University of America under the direction of Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J. He will be teaching courses in Eastern Christianity and Monastic Spirituality.

## Departing Faculty



**F**ather Joseph Henchey, C.S.S., held the Chester and Margaret Paluch Chair of Theology for the last three years. The seminary community is

grateful for the spiritual direction, classes, lectures and priestly example he shared while at Mundelein. We wish him well in his new role as a professor of moral theory at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, NY.



Father Joseph Nietlong served Mundelein Seminary as a professor of philosophy, formation adviser and Cam priest for the last three years. The community thanks

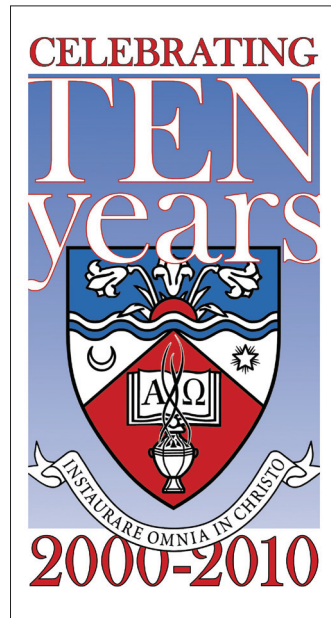
him for his teaching and formation and wishes him well as he returns to Nigeria.

## The Liturgical Institute to Celebrate its 10th Anniversary

**T**his academic year, the university's Liturgical Institute will be celebrating its 10th anniversary as it was founded by Francis Cardinal George in 2000.

Intended to bring together the study of the sacred liturgy with sacramental theology in a rites-based program, the Liturgical Institute has 58 students in its full-year and summer programs along with graduates working in 21 diocesan worship offices, including 7 abroad. The institute has sponsored 23 public conferences and 28 additional public lectures attended by nearly 3,500 participants. Its publishing imprint, Hillenbrand Books, has released 28 titles, received 4

publishing awards and distributed more than 35,000 books. With record enrollment this year, the institute looks forward to continuing to be a place where fidelity and joy meet in prayer and study. *(Courtesy of Denis R. McNamara, Ph.D., Assistant Director of the Liturgical Institute.)*



## Congratulations to 29 New Deacons: Diaconate Class of 2009

**O**n October 31, 2009, Francis Cardinal George ordained 11 men to the diaconate for the Archdiocese of Chicago and one man for the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Marytown. During the summer and fall of 2009, 27 men were ordained to the diaconate for the Archdioceses of Kansas City and Seattle and the Dioceses of Albany, Brownsville, Davenport, Grand Rapids, Joliet, La Crosse, Lexington, Rockford, Springfield and Superior. Congratulations to members of the Diaconate Class of 2009 as they prepare for ordination to the priesthood.



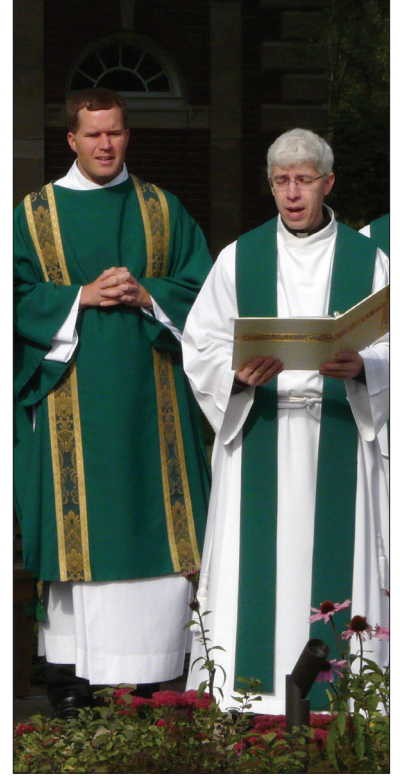
Diaconate Ordination Class of 2009



## Dedication of the Pati Dowdle Lehman Memorial Garden

As the seminarians returned to campus this fall, they were greeted by the beauty of a new Marian garden located between the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception and the refectory. The garden is in memory of Pati Dowdle Lehman, the daughter of James and Sally Dowdle who are friends and benefactors of Mundelein Seminary. The memorial garden was blessed in the presence of the Dowdle Family on October 4, 2009, by Father Dennis Lyle and Father John Canary, former rector of Mundelein. This garden gives the seminary community a wonderful place to meditate on the beauty of Mary.

- Dan Oudenhoven is a second-year theologian for the Diocese of La Crosse.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

**A**s we begin a new year, we look forward to the changes and opportunities this will afford us. Following are some of the many activities that will stimulate us – physically, mentally and spiritually – to keep growing in our vocations to the priesthood.

## **JAN 15: ALUMNI VS. LAKERS BASKETBALL GAME**

Ordained seminary alumni return to challenge current seminarians, giving them a workout and prepping them for the Seminary Shootout at the end of the month!

## **JAN 15-17: EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD WEEKEND**

This is the second of our annual discernment weekends. Visitors will receive tours of the campus, hear vocation talks and experience the rhythm and flow of seminary life.



## **JAN 21-22: MARCH FOR LIFE**

Approximately 31 Mundelein Seminary students will head to Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life. They will attend a Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of Catholic University, a youth rally and Mass at the convention center and will join hundreds of thousands in a march proclaiming the dignity and sacredness of life.

## **JAN 29-31: MUNDELEIN SEMINARY SHOOTOUT**

The local councils of the Knights of Columbus sponsor this annual basketball tournament. Ten seminaries from around the Midwest participate in this sporting event, which promotes camaraderie, teamwork and the spirit of sportsmanship among the participating teams.

## **FEB 10: PALUCH LECTURE**

Our Paluch chair, Reverend Phillip Timko, O.S.B., will be giving the second of three lectures that are held throughout the year.

## **FEB 13-23: PRE-THEOLOGY MISSION TRIP**

Our second-year pre-theology students will be leaving on either a foreign or a domestic mission trip to learn about different cultures and the challenges they face in living out their faith while coping with their economic, political and social realities. One of the groups will be going to an Indian reservation in Arizona; the other will be touring sites of the Catholic Relief Services in Ethiopia.

## **FEB 26: SECOND-YEAR THEOLOGIANS BEGIN PASTORAL INTERNSHIPS**

▶ Most second-year theologians will be back in their home dioceses and living at a parish as part of their internship assignment, which will last from three to six months, depending on diocesan requirements. For many theologians, this will be their first exposure to living and working in a parish setting. They will be mentored by the pastor, attend parish meetings and help out with various ministries located in the church, the school or in the larger community.

## **MARCH 25-26: MEYER LECTURE**

▶ The annual Meyer Lecture will be presented by the Reverend Monsignor Kevin Irwin, the dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America. He is a consultant for various USCCB committees on the liturgy, a prolific author and popular speaker at various institutions across the United States.

## **APRIL 9-11: INSTITUTE FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Members of numerous religious orders will gather from around the country to discuss the spiritual, theological and apostolic legacy of Reverend John Hardon, S.J., Servant of God. The Most Reverend Raymond Burke, prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, will be the keynote speaker. He also will be the recipient of the 2010 Pro Fidelitate et Virtute Award.

## **APRIL 14: PALUCH LECTURE**

Reverend Phillip Timko, O.S.B., will present his third and final lecture given to the university community.

## **APRIL 16-18: EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD WEEKEND**

This is the third of our annual discernment weekends.

## **APRIL 28: MUNDELEIN AUTHOR RECEPTION**

This annual McEssy Center Gallery event showcases the published works of our faculty who have recently published books.

## **MAY 7: 25TH ANNIVERSARY MASS AND LUNCHEON**

This annual celebration will honor the alumni who were ordained as the Class of 1985. They will celebrate their silver jubilee with friends, family and parishioners with a Mass celebrated by Francis Cardinal George. A luncheon is to follow.

## **MAY 8: CONVOCATION AND FOURTH-YEAR PARENTS' DAY**

This event awards academic degrees and allows the fourth-year men time to spend time with their families who have given them love, prayers and support as they approach their ordination to the priesthood.

## **MAY 22: CHICAGO PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION**

Seminarians gather with priests, families, friends and parishioners to witness the ordination to the priesthood of the fourth-year men of the Archdiocese of Chicago. We ask that you pray for these men as they finish their studies and approach ordination to the priesthood with humility and joy, especially in this "Year for Priests."

– Kevin McCray is a first-year theologian for the Archdiocese of Chicago.





## Witness to God's Love

Father John Canary,  
2009 "In Service of One Another"  
Award Recipient

By John Whitlock



Father John F. Canary was the natural choice to receive this year's Joseph Cardinal Bernardin *In Service of One Another* Catholic Humanitarian Award, awarded annually at the seminary's golf outing. With 28 of his 40 years in the priesthood spent serving the Mundelein Seminary community (including 11 years as rector/president), Father Canary has a privileged perspective on the formation of priests. He agreed to share some of his insights to help us celebrate this "Year for Priests."

**You have held many different roles as a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago. How have these roles influenced your understanding of the priesthood?**

From these experiences, I have come to understand two important things about priesthood: that priesthood is all about relationships and that a priestly vocation only remains a vibrant calling with an active prayer life.

I think most priests know and believe the heart of priesthood begins with our relationship to Christ. In some deep and grace-filled way, the love of Christ has touched our soul and it has called us to serve others in his name.

As diocesan priests, this love of Christ calls us to give ourselves to a particular people, the people of our home diocese, to preach God's Word, to celebrate the sacraments of His love with them, to walk with them in the many moments of their lives, to search together for the best ways to live in His love and to do His work. Our relationship with Christ and our relationship with His people form the heart of our priestly ministry.

As priests and seminarians live out their calling, I think most come to know these relationships need to be sustained by an active prayer life for them to remain healthy and holy. It is a challenge to maintain a deep and lively connection with Christ. It is just as challenging and necessary to maintain a deep and faith-filled connection with the people we are serving. I think that our prayer life is the lifeline to these deeper connections.

**You were recently honored with the "In Service of One Another Award." What role do you see service to others playing in the identity of the priest?**

In 1969, the ordination ceremony called us to the title of service. Our ceremonial response was 'I am ready and willing.' Over the years, I think that I have learned this call to service is a call to a particular type of service, one that somehow communicates the love of God. I think this happens if our people sense we truly love them – that we are giving our lives to help them live their lives in good and holy ways.

People seem to know if their priest is alive with the love of God and if their priest really loves them as God loves them. To become a loving man, to become one who serves, is a long process. Slowly, sometimes painfully, we are called to surrender our own self-interests. We give ourselves over to the people we serve, to be really loving men who are priests. When this happens, it is a strong witness to the love of Christ.

**You have certainly touched many lives in your priesthood. How have the people you served helped to shape your priesthood?**

I know I am the priest I am because of other people. My family, my seminary teachers, the people in parishes where I have served, my colleagues at Mundelein and the seminarians and my brother priests all have shaped me.

What has touched me the most has been the love and the faith of people, sometimes in very difficult situations, that keep saying "yes" to God, to others, to life. This "yes" deepens my own faith and inspires me to want to say "yes" over and over again. I think this is what life is all about.

As we at Mundelein Seminary seek to answer our Holy Father's summons "to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world," we give thanks to God for all His priests who, like Father Canary, inspire us in this most noble undertaking.

— John Whitlock is a first-year theologian for the Archdiocese of Chicago.



# Pastoral Formation and Local Parishes

By Dr. Kate Wiskus

The purpose of Mundelein Seminary has always been clear: to prepare men “to be priests of Jesus Christ, priest, teacher and shepherd.” To this end, the faculty strives to form the seminarians for parish pastoral ministry in a living Church. This involves comprehensive theological studies, the development of pastoral skills, and intentional spiritual and human formation. Yet, the formation would be incomplete if it did not also provide for the pastoral integration of the theological, spiritual, and human formation in the field. To this end, Mundelein Seminary and numerous local parishes join together to provide the necessary out-of-classroom experiences that will prepare the seminarians for “priestly leadership with and for others.”

This essential aspect of pastoral formation takes many forms throughout the seminarians’ years at Mundelein, including field education assignments, a parish immersion experience, a pastoral internship quarter, summer parish assignments, and diaconal assignments. Occasionally, seminarians will join local parishes for worship. Through these various experiences, the seminarians experience firsthand the “evolving, complex and multicultural settings” of the living Church in which they will serve.

## Field Education in Local Parishes

Mundelein Seminary partners with local parishes to provide field education experiences for the seminarians. These experiences take multiple forms and range from providing pastoral care to parishioners residing in area nursing homes to providing catechesis for parish children and youth. The time spent in these field-education assignments are mutually beneficial to both the parishes served and seminarians in service. The seminarians provide needed presence and expertise to the parishes, and the parishes provide the opportunity for pastoral growth through practice and evaluation by supervisors from the parish.

The pre-theology men have the opportunity to serve in a host of parish-sponsored programs in the area that focus on outreach

to parish members as well as the larger local community. The seminarians serve in a parish food pantry, a parish sponsored center for immigrants, a local PADS program, and a weekly meal program. Supervisors share with us the witness the men provide as they collaboratively serve alongside the parish volunteers and staff. The men share that their awareness of themselves as servants and co-laborers for Christ’s mission increases and deepens through these services.

Perhaps the most extensive field education program at the seminary is that for the first-year theologians who work in numerous catechetical programs in local parishes across the diocese. Parish staff and seminary faculty work together to provide training for these field-education assignments and give vital feedback to the seminarians in formation.

This year we have men assisting with evangelization and catechetical programs, parish RCIA processes for adults, the Alpha Program, and the Mysteries of Faith Series. However, the majority of first-theology men serve as catechists in programs for children and youth, assisting with sacrament preparation classes and activities and serving as catechists in weekly classes. Through youth ministry, some of the seminarians assist in training parish youth to plan, organize, and implement programs for their peers. They present topics on the faith and join in with youth service projects and social activities.

Over the years, pastors, parish staff, and site supervisors have shared that the students love having a seminarian as a teacher and that the exposure to a priestly vocation is a true service within the parish community. Supervisors at a recent meeting with seminary faculty shared that the collaboration with the seminary is mutually beneficial. The seminarians bring a depth of faith experience and knowledge to the processes. The participants provide valuable feedback to the seminarians especially in the areas of human formation and in communication skills, such as listening and responding with openness and objectivity. Seminarians find the experiences and feedback from supervisors invaluable in learning about their own relational abilities and abilities to communicate effectively their faith through word and witness.

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Third-year men have the option of designing their own field education track with faculty approval. Every year several opt to serve in catechetical programs in local parishes, recognizing the value of their presence to the parish and the value of the parish experience to their overall formation.

Through these many field education experiences, the seminary and local parishes work together to prepare the men for their ministry in parishes in the future. The experiences foster growth



in the seminarians through the integration of their intellectual, spiritual, and human formation in various ministries. They teach, they provide reflections, they lead others in service and prayer, and they companion others in their lifelong development as disciples of Jesus Christ. Through these experiences, they learn not only about the ministry in parishes but also about themselves as ministers.

## Parish Immersion Program

In the spring quarter of the second year of pre-theology, the men leave campus and head off for a weekend-long parish immersion program designed primarily by Father Ron Lewinski, pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, in collaboration with Father David Arcila, pastor of Santa Maria del Popolo Parish of Mundelein. The purpose of the experience is exposure to the myriad of relationships and activities at the local parish.

The immersion program includes time spent with parish lay leadership who serve on the councils and who lead the many programs that serve the parish and that provide outreach to the local community. Time is also set aside for the men to hear from parents about the challenges of raising children Catholic in this modern and hectic time and to interact with the families at a Saturday evening dinner in homes. The men join the faith community in worship at the weekend liturgies. Finally, they have an opportunity to process what they have seen, heard, and experienced with Father Lewinski and seminary faculty.

For many men, this parish immersion program is their first real experience of the complexity of parish life and the graces operative on a day-to-day basis. They comment on their surprise at the number of programs and efforts underway in the parishes. They are animated by the parish member's enthusiasm for their faith and genuine concern for one another.

## Pastoral Internship Quarter

In their second year of theology, seminarians traditionally undertake a pastoral internship quarter in a parish under the supervision of an experienced pastor. This full-time parish placement allows the men to more fully experience parish life and to observe diocesan priestly life and rectory living. Identified as seminarians, the men come to more fully appreciate the "public identity" of one in ministry as they work with the pastor, parish staff, and parishioners on various parish programs.

Each man's pastoral internship quarter is designed specifically for him in cooperation with the supervising pastor. The assignments traditionally include assisting with the primary aspects of pastoring, namely, liturgy, catechesis, and pastoral care. When parishes have schools and religious education programs, the seminarians take responsibility for various portions of the programs during that quarter. The seminarians are asked to begin their practice of

Seminarian Andrew Liaugminas (right) with students of St. Agnes Parish in Chicago Heights, IL during his pastoral internship quarter.



preaching by giving reflections at weekday services or at Word and Communion Services in local nursing homes. This intensive in the parish often provides the men with their first extended ministry in hospitals and nursing homes. The men benefit greatly from this prolonged, supervised exercise.

## Diaconal Assignments

Finally, in the fourth year, men who have been ordained as deacons are assigned to local parishes. They travel to the local parishes on weekends where they assist with liturgies, proclaim the Gospel, and preach. At this time they also assist the pastor in his sacramental ministries such as baptisms and marriages. If possible, they may assist with parish pastoral care as well. This involvement in the parishes benefits the pastors who welcome another "preacher." The parishioners often comment on the joyful witness of the deacons. The men themselves cannot say enough about the experiences of ministering in local faith communities. They speak of how it all comes together when they can minister to the people and how they look forward to years of future service as priests.

## Local Parishes and Mundelein Seminary Working Together

The collaboration between Mundelein Seminary and the local parishes benefits the parishes in their efforts to grow the Church. Over their years of study and formation, the seminarians assist with liturgy, catechesis, outreach to parishioners and members of the local community, and community building. In the process, the seminarians learn about the living Church in its complexity and about ministry in the modern world and themselves as ministers.

— Kate Wiskus, D. Min., is an associate dean of formation at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary.



“The Church on earth is by its very nature missionary.”

(Ad Gentes #2)

# A Community of Hope

*Mission Journey to the O'odham Nation*

By Christopher Manning

Leaving snow-covered Mundelein on an early February morning, six seminarians set out for sunny southern Arizona. Our destination: the Tohono O'odham Reservation in Arizona. After arriving in Tucson, we were met by two members from the tribe who led us to the reservation and were our guides for the journey.

Upon arrival to the nation, we had to first go through a border check. On the other side of the checkpoint, we found ourselves driving through a forest of cacti. We all soon realized we were entering into a world we knew little about. Our first stop was a small mission church, where we were given a brief introduction to the O'odham people. We met some of the tribal members, who were kind enough to give us a history of the people and explain the difficulties facing their tribe.

The people of the nation are plagued with unemployment, alcoholism, lack of education and little catechetical instruction. After the government took over education, most of the Catholic schools on the reservation closed. Many of the teachers now are not O'odham, and students are not encouraged to stay in school. Furthermore, with few jobs available, the incentive to go on for higher education is waning. Some of the tribe members have even speculated that unemployment has led to an increase in alcoholism, as many people turn to drinking out of despair. Finally, Catholic catechesis is often minimal in many areas.

That first evening, we arrived at what would be our home base for the trip – the San Solano Mission. The mission is home to one of four Franciscan priests who serve the majority of the nation. The nation is the largest in the United States, with most of its 28,000 members living in an area roughly the size of Connecticut. The O'odham people are predominately Catholic, with each community maintaining their own small church. Due to the size of the nation and the number of mission churches, most members are only able to attend Mass once a month. For the week that we were at San Solano, Father Jake Beltran, a faculty priest at Mundelein and our chaperone, was able to offer daily Mass at the San Solano Mission. We were frequently blessed to celebrate in the presence of many locals from the tribe, whose spiritual hunger was apparent.

While we were guests of the O'odham people, we were able to

*The Tohono O'odham Nation will always represent what a true community of hope can look like.*

Father Beltran with seminarians (left to right) Mark Miller, Chris Manning, Seth Brown, Hyland Smith, John Whitlock and Greg Lange in Arizona.



visit some of the neighboring mission churches. We also were taken on a tour of the border between Mexico and the United States. The border has caused many problems, as many members of the Tohono O'odham Nation live on the other side of the border in Mexico. The lightly guarded border allows them to travel from one side of the nation to the other, but it also acts as a funnel for much drug and human trafficking through the nation.

In addition to learning about the O'odham people, we were given the opportunity to help them with a variety of projects. We taught a family catechetical lesson at two of the local communities, and we also taught the community at San Solano a number of new songs and provided them with songbooks. At San Solano, we put down a new laminate floor in the arts and crafts room in the old convent. We also helped clean out an old school that had burned down several years ago, which the mission hopes to one day rebuild.

On reflecting about my experience at the Tohono O'odham Reservation, two important lessons come to mind. The first is the importance of community. The O'odham are very conscious of how their actions impact their neighbors. They try to reach consensus before doing any project, recognizing how even small actions affect others. The second lesson is hope. While the O'odham were very blunt about the problems that they are facing, they are always hopeful for the future. They have started scholarships and a local community college. The tribal government is working on procuring more jobs for the reservation. There also seems to be a renewed interest in the Catholic faith. For me, the Tohono O'odham Nation always will represent what a true community of hope can look like.

– Christopher Manning is a first-year theologian for the Diocese of Knoxville, TN.



I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus...

(1 Corinthians 1:4)



## Relationships for a Lifetime

*Mission Journey to Africa*

By Matthew Jones

This past February, eight members of the class of 2013, accompanied by Father Kevin Feeney, traveled to Ghana and Burkina Faso as part of the pre-theology mission trip sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Mission trips vary in their objective and goals. Ours was to witness the programs that CRS sponsors and their impact on the lives of the people who benefit from them. It was a different type of mission, not centered on activity and tasks, but still deeply spiritual and motivating. Although there are many events that stand out in my mind, I constantly recall the relationships made during the trip. Meeting the people CRS serves was among the most fulfilling and inspiring parts of the mission experience.

The day I planned to start writing this article for *The Bridge*, I received an e-mail from Leon, a student at St. Victor's Seminary in Tamale, Ghana, where we celebrated Sunday Mass. He happened to be the student music director for the seminary. Being a musician myself, I was able to make a more immediate connection with him.

He had written to inform me that he is working on a copy of the "Benedictus" that the seminary used at morning prayer during our visit. I remember it so well for its simplicity and beautiful motion and hope to share it with our community here sometime this year. Yet, Leon is one of a handful of people with whom I still maintain contact.

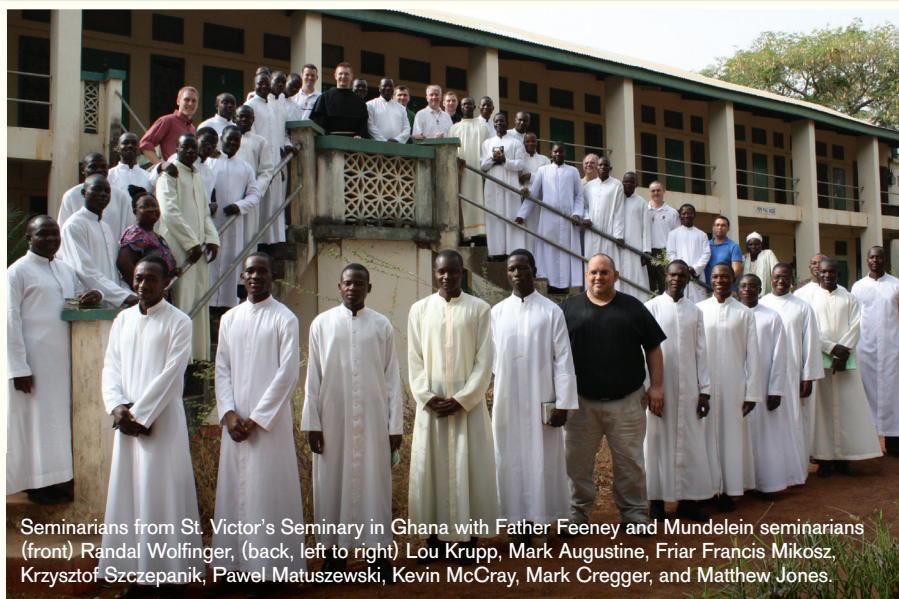
That Sunday Mass was well attended by the seminarians, priest-faculty and members of the community. Sharing breakfast with the seminarians after the Mass is another fond memory I have. Before we left, we gathered for a group picture. When I look at this particular picture, I remember more than just that day; I remember almost every part of the trip. The memories of the faces of people fly through my mind. I recall their wonderful smiles, enthusiasm and gracious hospitality. Our trip would not have been anything without these relationships.

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Relationship was a constant theme on this trip and has been, in general, the main factor in my road to the priesthood. It is a theme that Cardinal George echoed earlier this year in his address to the community after the Mass of the Holy Spirit. And it is a topic often discussed by my professors. The relationships I was able to make with the people on this mission trip helped to sustain me in foreign lands, away from any familiar surroundings. Though the liturgy was very exciting at the seminary, what was particularly striking at this Mass was seeing Father Feeney as a concelebrant. It was moving to see how these priests recognized their relationship to Father Feeney as a brother. This moment made me forget that I was thousands of miles from home and a world away. That day, we formed new relationships with people who had the same goals in sight as the seminarians of Mundelein. It became a relationship that we could see with our own eyes. I cannot speak for the rest of my classmates, but I have a sense that their feelings are not that different from mine.

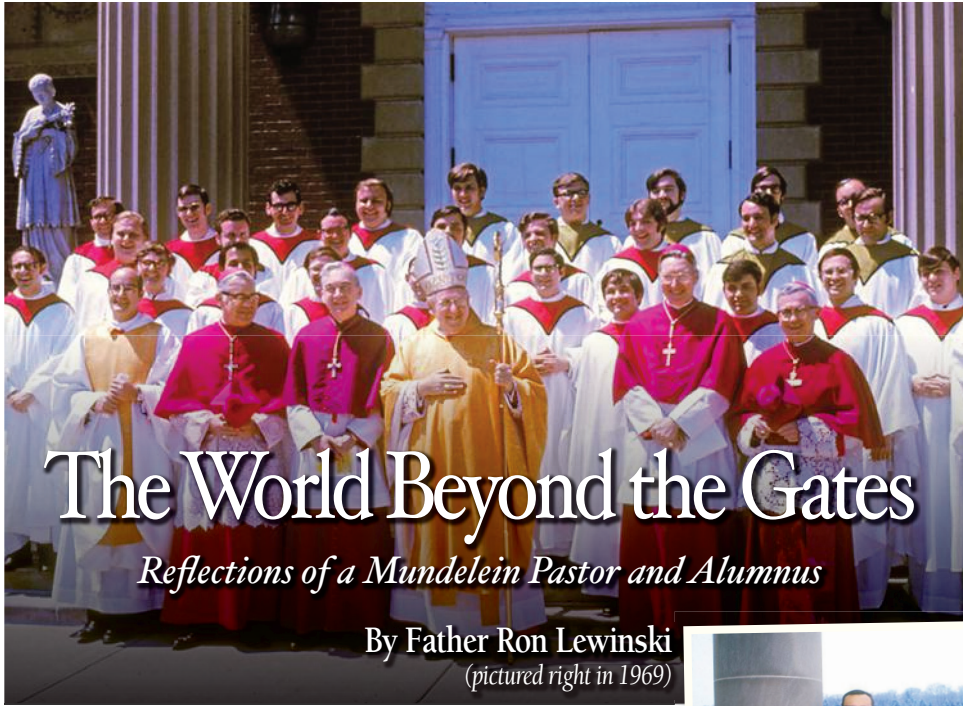
Before I came to Mundelein, one of my mentors described the importance of life experiences like these and how they relate to priesthood. Healthy, solidified relationships will carry us through our ministry, to see to the needs of others and recognize the great gifts that people can offer us. The people I met halfway around the globe are still in my life today. I hope, God willing, that they will be there for years to come.

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Seminarians from St. Victor's Seminary in Ghana with Father Feeney and Mundelein seminarians (front) Randal Wolfinger, (back, left to right) Lou Krupp, Mark Augustine, Friar Francis Mikosz, Krzysztof Szczepanik, Pawel Matuszewski, Kevin McCray, Mark Cregger, and Matthew Jones.

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ally experienced – even with the pizza delivery man.

## Preparing for Priestly Service

The funny thing about the pizza story is that the seminary was not all that closed to the outside community back then, though clearly not as open as today. In 1966, my first year at Mundelein, we staged the musical *Oliver* in the campus auditorium and welcomed village residents to enjoy the performances. When we produced *Music Man* in 1969, village residents were even invited to be part of the cast. These musicals created a wonderful rapport between the seminary and the larger community; many enduring friendships were forged. You can still meet residents around town who have fond memories of those great stage productions.

One of my unforgettable memories of connecting with the village community takes me back to our seminary psychology course. The professor assigned us to go out, in pairs, into town as would-be stutterers. The goal was to gain personal insight into what it feels like to be a stutterer and to observe the public's reaction. So, there we were – about 20 young men, spread throughout the town visiting local businesses, pretending to be stutterers. Imagine the talk around town when people started sharing their experiences! They were good sports, however, because as it turned out, they all recognized the apparent stutterers as seminarians.

As funny as these unusual encounters were, we enjoyed regular interaction with the local community through our parish apostolates. Those apostolates gave us an exposure to parish life. And a foretaste of what the priesthood would hold for us. For many of us, it also gave a renewed purpose and vigor for our theological studies. One year, we wanted to do something special to show our appreciation for the local people who welcomed us into their parishes. So the student body obtained approval from the rector, Monsignor John Gorman, to host a winter carnival to which we would invite lo-



It was just like in the old spy films: an unmarked car would pull onto campus, lights dimmed, and cautiously make its way to the arranged rendezvous point. On cue, a shadowy figure would emerge from the woods, approach the car, produce the cash, take the package, and return silently into the night. So it went each time one of the guys ordered pizza in our first years at Mundelein. And having the room closest to the streetside door in the Philosophy Building put me right in the center of the action. It was not long before I got wise and began to extract a modest toll for my classmates' use of my room and the risks that went along with it. The community outside the gate remained loyal to us poor seminarians and our youthful need for the occasional hot pizza, while the administration never quite figured out the origin of those wafts of cheese and tomato sauce in the halls.

As the Village of Mundelein celebrates its centennial this year and recalls its history, my mind goes back to these early memories of our interactions with the village as seminarians in the late 1960s. Never would I have imagined back then that here I would be writing this from the other perspective, looking in to the seminary as pastor of a local parish! But

when the editors of *The Bridge* asked me to share my perspectives on the seminary-community relationship in this issue, I took this opportunity to think over the ways, old and new, the local community has influenced the seminarians' preparation for the priesthood. In this, I have appreciated anew the significance of relationships I person-



cal residents and people from the parishes where we did our field work.

We set the date for the carnival for January 29, 1967. Contrary to all odds, just a few days prior to the event, the outside air remained at an unusually mild 65° F. There wasn't a flake of snow in the forecast, and without winter there could be no "winter" carnival. So at Wednesday's community Mass, Dave Nowicki offered up a lengthy spontaneous intercession, pleading to God for snow. Everyone chuckled. But within hours it started to snow. And it snowed. And it snowed. It snowed so heavily that even today we speak of the legendary Snow Storm of '67. It was perfect for a winter carnival. We reconstructed an old toboggan slide near the first bridge on the south end of campus. We had horse-drawn sleigh rides and a slick ice rink. Best of all was seeing the faces of the people from the community who came to enjoy the day with us. It was a spectacular event.

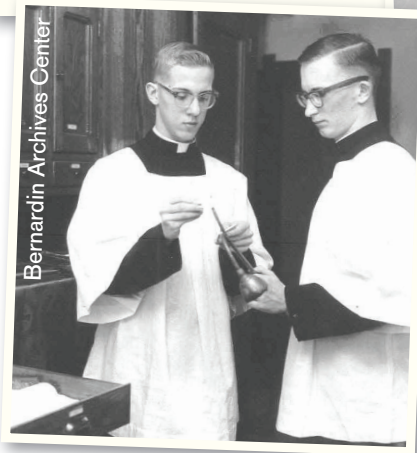
In the course of these and many other social and apostolic engagements with the wider community, we learned to listen to people share their lives and pose real questions of faith and doubt – a great preparation for being their pastors one day. On our end, we were inspired by the lives of people we encountered in the community who were truly strong in their faith. These encounters would enter into our discussions on our cams, and lead us to pose new questions in the classroom. For many of us, these interactions fed our desire to serve the Church as priests.

## From the Pastor's Desk

As a priest for more than 35 years now, I look back with great memories on those days in the seminary and see in these stories the seed of the priestly mission I have lived out ever since then. At the same time, I realize well how much has changed in the last few decades and how society today poses ever new challenges to spreading and living out the Gospel – challenges that will shape the future ministry of today's seminarians.

Literally just a few miles from the gates of the seminary is my parish, Saint Mary of the Annunciation, where I have welcomed

*I grew up in Mundelein and attended Santa Maria del Popolo and Carmel High schools in the 1960's-70's. My family has lived in Mundelein for over 45 years. I had a great childhood growing up in Mundelein ... I remember the winter wonderland festivals at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary where residents were allowed to enter the seminary grounds to go sledding and participate in other wintertime activities. - Robert M., village resident*



seminarians to experience pastoral life in their field education, pastoral internship and summer parish experiences. The various formats of pastoral experiences, like the apostolates we once had, allow the seminarians a taste of priestly ministry and the chance to form pastoral relationships.

These experiences can be formative and educational. A few years back, a seminarian was assigned as his field education to join me in meetings of the Fellowship of Saint Joseph – a group of men who meet together for spiritual enrichment through Scripture reflection and shared discussions on our faith. Meeting with the men over the course of the year for prayer and reflection, the seminarian was inspired and challenged to see the depth of spirituality the men of the fellowship had. He later reflected that he would be approaching his studies with a new lens in light of the questions and discussions he heard in the fellowship.

I have found that the second-year pre-theologians we welcome to Saint Mary's for an annual parish immersion experience have similar reactions. During the weekend, the seminarians have the opportunity to dialogue with parish lay leadership and hear how they are

translating the faith into family life, work and daily affairs. Part of the experience is the involvement of parishioners from my parish and our neighboring parish, Santa Maria del Popolo, who invite the seminarians into their homes for dinner. This has given the seminarians a close-up look at life in the parish community and in our parishioners' family lives – an early taste of what they are preparing to do one day as priests. All of these activities we do in conjunction with the Seminary's work of preparing men to serve God's people in parishes very much like ours.

These experiences are not the only ways we interact with seminarians in the parish. I have been impressed by how the men are much more out "there" than we were. In the Annual Seminary Appeal, seminarians go before people throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago to share their vocation story and raise awareness about our local seminaries. It is common to see seminarians invited to parishes to facilitate confirmation retreats and give vocation talks, or to serve as a master of ceremonies for our auxiliary bishops in Chicago as they visit parishes for Confirmation and other special occasions. All of these pastoral situations place the seminarians in a relationship where they receive practice being in front of others, while learning to be sensitive to the diversity of our parish communities.

Crossing the bridge between seminary and community is an especially daring

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feat for those of our seminarians who come from other countries. They have left the culture and often also the language known best to them and have to work hard to gain confidence in speaking English and learning American customs. In connecting to the larger community, they also leave themselves open to learning a way of living the Catholic faith that is different from what they were used to in their native country.

Certainly there are fears they must overcome as they anticipate what awaits them in their future ministry. These men are real missionaries in training.

In order for any seminarian to feel comfortable with sharing his fears regarding future ministry, there is a need for mutual respect and trust. Those men who can experience a parish where there is that mutual respect can catch firsthand the importance of a good fraternal spirit for a successful priestly ministry. A seminarian who stayed with us one summer was delighted to just see how much my associate and I enjoyed tinkering in the kitchen preparing meals and welcoming guests into our home. I think the young man was relieved to hear how much laughter filled our house. He felt far less anxious about the prospect of rectory life in the future.

One of the seminarians who joined us for field education a few years ago suggested making this experience of fellowship with local priests more of a regular practice. Together we arranged a series of dinners at one of the rectories, where we would bring together five priests and five seminarians at a time. The seminarians and priests would get to know one another and share their experiences as well



as hopes and dreams for the Church and parish ministry. They have been enjoyable and mutually enlightening gatherings – a chance to share God’s call for serving God’s people as a priest.

Although our seminary experiences in the '60s and '70s took a different form, the end result of linking seminarians with people in the community was much the same then as now. Recalling those “good ol days” stories on campus, and now reflecting on my interactions as a local pastor with seminarians of today, I believe the relationships we fostered between seminary and the community helped keep our excitement for priestly ministry alive and grounded in the needs of the contemporary culture. All this can help foster a genuine love for God’s people and a passion for wanting to share with them the joy of our faith.

I recently returned to the seminary for the Ordination to the Diaconate of a seminarian who had spent time in our parish for his field education assignment. I was able to take a family from the parish with me who came to know

and love the young man who was going to be ordained. The father of the family used to play baseball on the seminary ball fields during the years when I was a seminarian. Now, as his pastor, I accompanied him and his family to the seminary to celebrate what the seminary is all about: ordination to the service of God’s people. As we celebrate the centenary of the Village of Mundelein, it is these relationships we recall with great thanksgiving and joy.

– Father Ron Lewinski ('72) is pastor of Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Mundelein, IL.





“Since we have a great diocese and must provide for the future, we must erect a great institution. It will take years to complete it... but if we do it, we ought to do it well.”

Cardinal Mundelein, outlining vision for Seminary, 1919

# FEATURE ARTICLE



## On the Banks of Lake Eara

*How the Seminary Came to Be Where It Is Today*

George Cardinal Mundelein exercised an enormous influence on the seminary, the village and all who have lived in them. Yet, both the village and the seminary existed before Cardinal Mundelein (although, of course, under different names) brought them together under his grand plan for the archdiocese. As we look back over the years of their relationship, we bring you this excerpt from the *Archdiocese of Chicago's Diamond Jubilee (1920) book* – right at the time Mundelein was beginning to create the relationship we now celebrate:

“It is well known ... that Bishop Quarter, who arrived in Chicago to take charge of the Chicago Diocese on May 5, 1844, opened a school on June 3, the same year, and that within less than a year after his arrival here he had in operation a college, and that in 1846 he opened the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, chartered by the [Illinois] State Legislature, and officered and equipped as a classical institution and also as a seminary.

“The University of Saint Mary of the Lake was the first institution for higher education in Chicago and continued in operation from 1846 to 1866. During its existence more than five hundred students attended the school and aside from the many who became men of capacity and prominence, more than twenty-five of the students of Saint Mary's were ordained priests.

“The very interesting story of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake has been written in detail by the Right Reverend Monsignor Daniel J. Riordan and published in the *Illinois Catholic Historical Review* [Vol. II, 135ff]. It is interesting to state that the University of Saint Mary of the Lake is to live again in much greater pre-eminence. The state charter is still in force, and, under the powers granted therein, one of the greatest universities in the world is to rise on the banks of the little inland Lake Area near the town of Libertyville, west of and not far from the city of Chicago.

“While this manuscript was in preparation, arrangements were completed by His Grace, Most Reverend Archbishop Mundelein, for the creation of a great university, through which the principal educational institutions of the diocese will be coordinated, and which will be the center and seat of Catholic education in the diocese.

“A gift of five hundred thousand dollars by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hines in memory of their son, who gave up his life in the service of his country during the [First] World War, has brought this great educational project more nearly to realization, and a gift from the clergy of the diocese in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of the diocese [1920] and the Silver Jubilee of the priesthood of the Most Reverend Archbishop [see article on pages 20-21], and which His Grace has requested shall be applied to the fund for the creation of the university, gives further assurance of the early establishment of the institution.

“What a consolation it must be to the spirit of the saintly Bishop Quarter if, from his home on high, he can look back to earth and see the University of Saint Mary of the Lake – the institution in which he centered so much of his hopes – revived and perpetuated in such a wondrous way as is proposed.”

*A mere six years later, the souvenir book given to attendees of the XXVIII Eucharistic Congress (1926) in Chicago made this proud proclamation:*

“When the then Bishop Mundelein came to Chicago, early in 1916, the press of the nation acclaimed him as an extraordinary genius of fine culture and enviable scholarship... Under his administration the Catholic life and interests of Chicago have been advanced incredibly... The magnificent Quigley Memorial Seminary... is believed to be the finest institution of its kind in all the world. The same thing may be said, in truth, regarding the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, situated on the outskirts of the city, near to the town formerly called Area, but which now bears the family name of Chicago's illustrious Cardinal-Archbishop. Here, in a setting which is indescribably beautiful, Cardinal Mundelein has reared his diocesan seminary ... all making what is easily the foremost theological seminary in the world.”

– From the souvenir books of the Diamond Jubilee of the Archdiocese of Chicago (1920), page 673; and the “XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress” (1926), page 47.



Visitors to campus during the Eucharistic Congress of 1926. Chicago Daily News Collection (Chicago History Museum).





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# Old Number 1

*The History of a Fire Engine, a Seminary and a Town*

By Father Tom Franzman

The discovery of fire – or, more accurately put, the ability to control and use fire – is one of the human family’s earliest discoveries. The power of fire is something to be feared, and, at the same time, something to be exploited for the benefit of mankind. It was used to wreak havoc on others, such as was exhibited when an army would burn down an enemy’s village, or in the recent wildfires that occurred in Los Angeles. And it can do so much good, when it provides heat for cooking our food, making our tools, warming our homes and powering our machines. But for these good purposes, it must be controlled. It cannot be allowed to rage without limits.

I’m sure that the hearty settlers of what was then Mechanics Grove, now Mundelein, knew full well the power of fire and what a friend and an enemy it was simultaneously. But how they dealt with the “enemy” side is somewhat lost in the history of 1909, which saw the incorporation of the village. What we have learned, largely

through the research efforts of Lieutenant Mark Gaunky, M.F.D., is, by October of 1915, the village, known then as Area, had purchased a hose cart for about \$450.

This hose cart could be pulled by different means to the scene of a fire. It held several hundred feet of hose and a couple of nozzles, all of which could be attached to a hydrant so that water could be thrown on the fire. This was a common practice in many rural communities that lacked more modern equipment. The Area Fire Department was formed at a village meeting on November 5, 1915. It held its first drill, probably with the hose cart, on November 8, 1915.

The scene changed radically in July 1925, when Cardinal Mundelein, grateful to the village that now bore his name, presented the Mundelein Fire Department with a 1925 Stoughton Fire Engine, built in Stoughton, Wisconsin. According to an article that appeared on July 13, 1925, in the Archdiocesan newspaper *The New World*, the engine cost \$7,500 and was tested at Municipal Pier (now Navy Pier) by officials of the Chicago Fire Department. The agreement was that payment for the engine would only be made if it passed the underwriters tests for pumping, which were to be conducted by the Chicago Fire Department. Once the C.F.D. declared that it was acceptable, the Stoughton engine would be presented to the Village of Mundelein.

July 18, the day of the presentation, was celebratory; it included demonstrations of the new engine by members of Truck Company 31 of Chicago, quartered at 14th and Michigan, who had tested the engine the previous week. The presentation was made on the seminary ball field. It included a baseball game between two local area teams and music by the boys band of Saint Mary’s Training School (now Maryville) in Des Plaines, IL. The Honorable Charles S. Deneen, the





23rd governor of Illinois, and a one-term U.S. senator, addressed the crowd during the presentation festivities.

In gratitude for the new engine, the village presented Cardinal Mundelein with a badge and a fire helmet, proclaiming him the “honorary fire chief.” The badge is on display in the Seminary Museum. The location of the helmet is not presently known.

The Stoughton engine was used for 20 years in the village, fighting every fire that occurred. Then the history becomes a little cloudy. Some say it was sold to a local farmer for irrigation purposes, replaced by an engine built on a Chevrolet truck chassis. The details of all this are uncertain.

Now jump ahead to 1965. The Mundelein Seminary procurator, Monsignor Raymond Vonesh, purchased an old 1949 International/Darley Fire Engine from the Countryside Fire Department for a small sum of money. He felt that this engine would help the seminary deal with the numerous grass and leaf fires that occurred on the grounds, especially during the fall. As people drove around Saint Mary’s Lake taking in the beauty of the landscape, they often discarded cigarettes. Some of these smoldered enough to start small fires. Monsignor Vonesh felt that calling the Mundelein Fire Department for these small fires was an imposition on their resources. He asked several of the seminarians, including me, to organize a small “fire brigade.” We did so, with the clear understanding that Mundelein was to be called immediately for any incident involving a structure on the property. This arrangement worked well. And knowing of our “brigade,” the members of the Mundelein Fire Department offered to let us train with them one evening each week so we could expand our skills. Through this interaction, we met many wonderful members of the M. F. D., their families and other village residents. I count many of them as friends to this day.



One of these friends, Jim Carew, joined the M.F.D. in 1966. In the late 1970s, Jim, who was also a fine mechanic, bought a fire engine to work on as a personal hobby. As he grew into the hobby, he started developing a keen interest in the history of firefighting, and the history

of the M.F.D., in particular. He began a search for the old Stoughton engine, hoping to find it and bring it back to the village. He looked for many years without success. In 1994, he received a call from a friend who knew he was looking for the engine. It had been located in Fredericksburg, Va., about four days before it was going to the scrap heap. Jim called me, updated me on the find and asked to borrow a vehicle of mine to pick up the pieces of the disassembled

truck to bring them back home. The old Stoughton was literally a “basket case,” but Jim managed to get it home and was determined to bring it back to life.

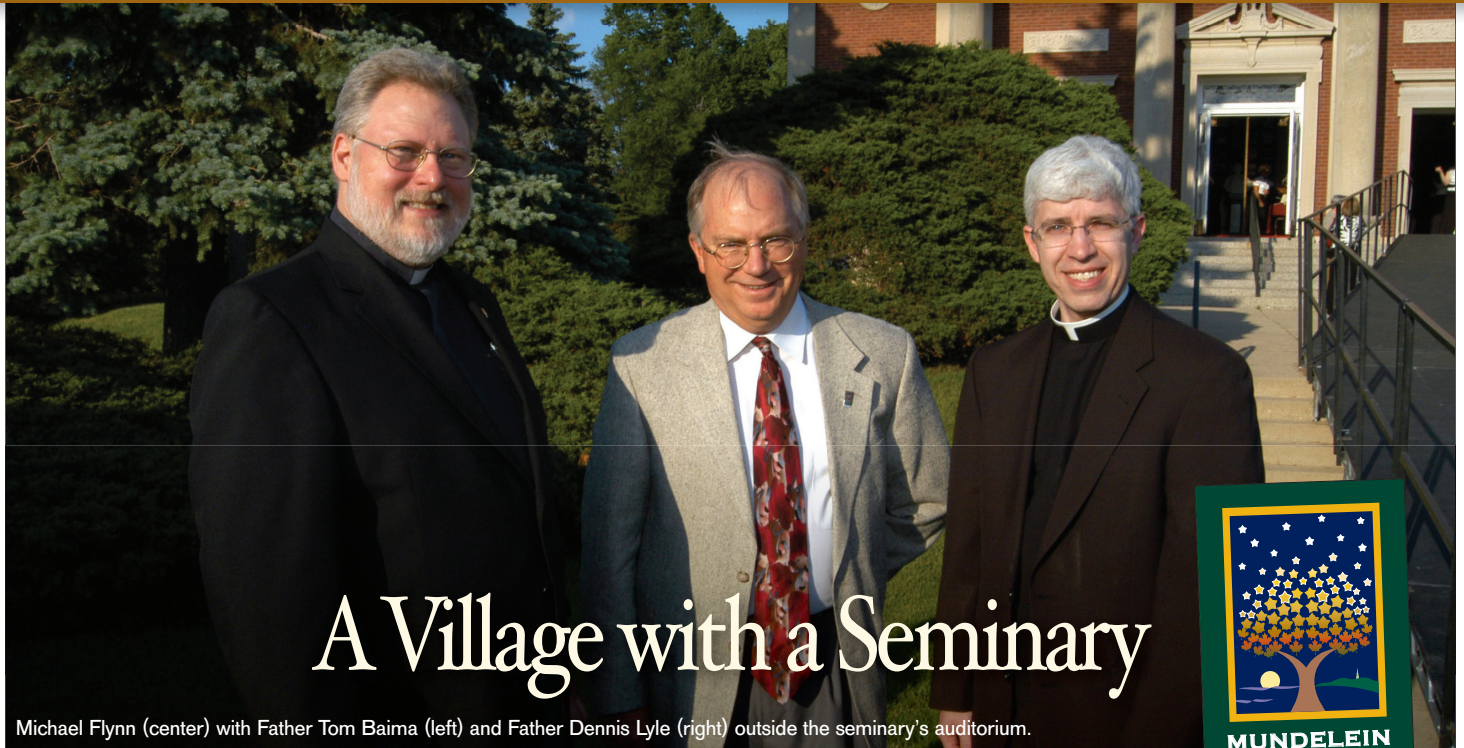
Over the intervening years, Jim found a suitable motor to replace the original, which was not serviceable. He did what work he could, as time and money would allow. But still running his own business of servicing and restoring emergency vehicles for various municipalities and individual owners, Jim only could do so much. About one year ago, as the 100th Anniversary of the village approached, the village board asked Jim if they could purchase the Stoughton engine from him, and have him complete the restoration at village expense. Jim agreed to the plan. From that time on, he worked meticulously to complete the restoration. Commenting on the project, Michael Flynn, the assistant village administrator of Mundelein remarked, “The 1925 Stoughton is a symbol of the cooperation between the village and the seminary. Its restoration and rededication on the seminary grounds, during the village’s centennial year, is a fitting tribute to this long and mutually beneficial relationship.”

On October 17, 2009, at Mundelein Seminary, where it all began, the restored Stoughton engine was presented back to the village. And in the joyful fashion of the first presentation day, the unveiling included a concert in the Mundelein Seminary Auditorium on the Wurlitzer Theater Organ, a treasure of the seminary acquired by Cardinal Mundelein. A special dinner and program for the village also took place in the Seminary Dining Hall that evening. Commenting on all that was taking place, Chief Tim Shasko of the Mundelein Fire Department said, “How often we fail to realize the importance of what we have in our hands today, and what it might mean in the future. In many ways, the Stoughton engine represents the faith and trust people had in each other at that time, and the blessing that those early beginnings of cooperation and friendship have been to the village and to the seminary community. We only get to celebrate our centennial once, and it is a treasure for us to have this very important part of our village life back in our hands again.”

Having had a small part in getting the Stoughton back home, I am delighted that it now has been restored and returned to its “first assignment.” The village plans to use it for fire education and safety programs in their schools and elsewhere, and probably in every parade that hereafter goes down a village street. A piece of their history has returned – refurbished and renewed. For many people who are later arrivals in this wonderful community, it presents a chance to learn a little more about the positive connections between this once very rural village, the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and the cardinal/archbishop of Chicago whose name the village now bears.

– Father Tom Franzman is the chief campaign and stewardship officer of the University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary.

“ The Village and Seminary have always worked well together. ”



Michael Flynn (center) with Father Tom Bairma (left) and Father Dennis Lyle (right) outside the seminary's auditorium.

### *Reflections of the Village of Mundelein's Assistant Administrator*

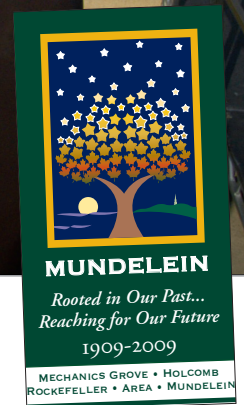
By Michael Flynn

The Village of Mundelein is a suburban community with a population of 33,000. It was incorporated in February 1909 as the Village of Rockefeller, IL, but quickly changed its name to “Area” in July of that year. In 1924 it renamed itself Mundelein, in honor of George Cardinal Mundelein. A variety of large, international manufacturing companies are headquartered here: Medline Industries, Sysmex America, MacClean Fogg Company and Northfield Block Company, to name a few. We have sent a baseball team to the Little League World Series; and won high school state championships in gymnastics, baseball, water polo and even football (a long time ago). In the early years of the 20th century, Diamond Lake, at the south end of town, was a preferred vacation spot for Chicagoans. Sam Insul, protégé of Thomas Edison and powerful 1920s industrialist, spoke at the dedication of our Village Hall in 1929. Marlon Brando lived here as a youth. But the institution that put our town on the map and keeps our name familiar to a large constituency far beyond our borders is the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

Twenty years ago, when I told my father, a South Carolina resident, that I was leaving Wisconsin after 11 years and moving my family to Mundelein, IL, he replied, matter-of-factly, “Sure, just north of Chicago, where the seminary is.” I was surprised to say the least. It turned out he was well acquainted with the seminary from the fiction novels of Father Andrew Greeley and from the book *Corporation Sole: Cardinal Mundelein and Chicago Catholicism*, which he recommended I read. I quickly checked a few books out of the library and was able to learn about my new community from a unique vantage point. I have been here ever since and continue to learn more each year about this beautiful, spiritual and mysterious place. This year, 2009, the village's centennial year, I have come to a new appreciation for and heightened awareness of the seminary and its history, faculty and connection to our community.

When I moved to Mundelein in 1988, it was much harder than it is today for a layperson to experience the beauty and serenity of the seminary. The university's renowned Georgian architecture was hidden behind a thick veil of hardwood forest. It was a small campus, surrounded by the 1,000-acre woods. Visitors were tolerated, but, as often as not, were politely asked to leave by the security guards. An “open” campus was seemingly at odds with the purpose and function of the seminary as a theological institution and a contemplative training ground for priests.

Ironically, the open, arched gateway at the south entrance and the less formal west entrance, with their narrow roads leading into the dark trees, silently beckoned passers-by to enter, which many people often did. Frequently, we would take a family drive at dusk into the park-like grounds to look for deer and other wildlife; or make







a quick trip through the campus with out-of-town guests to view the architecture; or take a bike ride around the lake. The tranquility and quietness were alluring. I learned recently that the sprawling seminary woods have been a favorite place for local kids to explore for decades.

About the time I arrived in Mundelein, things were changing. The seminary was beginning to open its gates wider to the general public. The Archdiocese of Chicago began to realize that there was great potential for this historic and peaceful place, and that it should not remain veiled to the public. They realized that there were other ways it could be used to fulfill the mission of the university and of the Church. In 1986, the Center for Development in Ministry was formed (now the USML Conference Center), and people from all faiths began to use the facility for ministerial formation.

Also in 1986 the seminary golf course, designed by Cardinal Mundelein, was reconstructed and opened to the public under the name Pine Meadows. At once, *Golf Digest* magazine rated it the best new public course in America. To this day many people do not realize that this remarkable course, which consistently ranks among the top 100 courses in the United States, is on the seminary grounds.

Soon thereafter, the Archdiocese began reinvesting in the campus infrastructure – streets, bridges, walkways, landscaping, roofs, building repairs – which continues to this day. In 2004, Cardinal George dedicated the McEssy Theological Resource Center, the first new building constructed on the campus in 70 years! The veil had been lifted.

When the village began planning for its centennial in 2008, we knew the seminary had to be part of the ceremonies. After all, we take our name from George Cardinal Mundelein; Cardinal Mundelein gave the village its first fire truck in 1925 (which was restored this year as one of our centennial “legacy” projects, [see feature story pages 16-17]); and the seminary has a tremendous collection of public



Aerial shot of the Village of Mundelein, 2008: Seminary campus is at center.

documents, historical artifacts and figures prominent in local history. We had some general ideas of what we wanted to do, but were uncertain if we were asking for too much, or if the seminary would be able to accommodate our ideas. So, we set up a meeting with Father Tom Baima, the provost, to see what we could work out.

We came away from that meeting not only with dates for an organ

concert, featuring the fabulous Mundelein theater organ, and the closing ceremony, at which we would unveil the renovated 1925 Stoughton fire truck that Mundelein gave to the village, but also with a strong commitment of support from the seminary. Father Baima delighted us with a private tour of the Administration Building, the McEssy Resource Center, the Feehan Memorial Library and the Main Chapel. He regaled us with detailed histories of the buildings, the architecture and Cardinal Mundelein. We learned about the symbolism that is built into every structure and the rituals for conferring canonical doctorates in theology. I wish I could remember one-tenth of what Father Baima told us that day. It was fascinating. And, it was the beginning of a year of planning and cooperation between the village and the seminary that has exceeded all expectations.

The village and seminary always have worked well together. Cardinal Mundelein established the good relationship when he donated the village its first fire truck. In the early years, the seminary was quite self-sufficient, producing food, pumping water and even generating electricity. Over the years, interaction with the village increased as we have been brought together out of necessity on matters of public safety (fire protection, security planning, EMT calls, etc.), public works (water and wastewater services) and building (plan review, permitting and inspection). On occasion, the village would sponsor an event at the Seminary Conference Center or work on administrative details like approving an antenna installation. Our dealings have always been cordial and professional. This year, for the centennial, we moved the level of cooperation up a notch and cemented a new cornerstone into the structure of our relationship.

At our opening ceremonies on Feb. 7, 2009, at the historic Lincoln School in downtown Mundelein, Father Baima and Father Lyle participated, adding meaningful symbolism to the kickoff event. They were the ties to our namesake. On May 30, 2009, the seminary opened the doors of its classic auditorium theater to our community for “An Evening of Music.” More than 500 visitors watched the glowing, ebony Wurlitzer Organ rise from the orchestra pit and felt the power of the pipes resonate through the building. In planning for this event, we toured the inner workings of the organ with members of Chicago Area Theater Organ Enthusiasts, as they tuned and repaired one of the few remaining theater organs in America. Members of faculty and staff performed on stage, assisted backstage, and helped plan the event. Then, on October 17, 2009 the seminary opened for us once again. This time, we were everywhere – the auditorium for a reprise concert, the mall to unveil the fire truck, chapel, library and resource center for tours and the refectory for a silent auction and dinner. Once again, the seminary faculty, staff and administration were invaluable to our success.

This has been a year I will treasure personally, and one that has renewed our community’s spirit. Fifty years from now, when a future mayor opens the centennial time capsule, new generations of residents will be reminded of how the village and the seminary celebrated, for their mutual benefit, their rich history together.

– Michael Flynn is the assistant village administrator for the Village of Mundelein, IL.

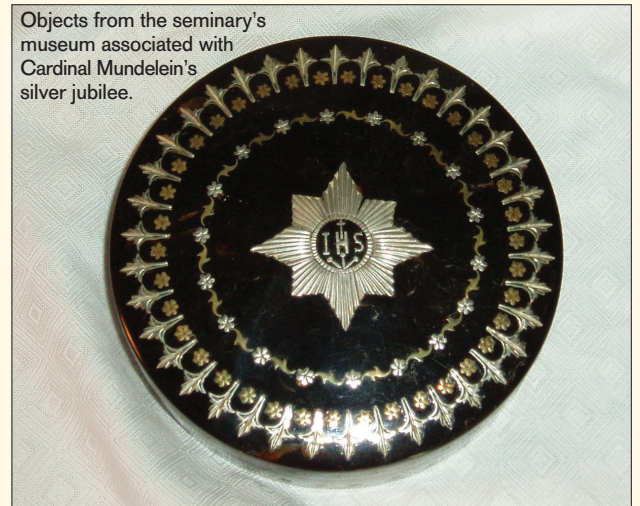




Archbishop of Chicago, Prince of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and Eminent son of the Church of St. Nicholas in New York City.



Objects from the seminary's museum associated with Cardinal Mundelein's silver jubilee.

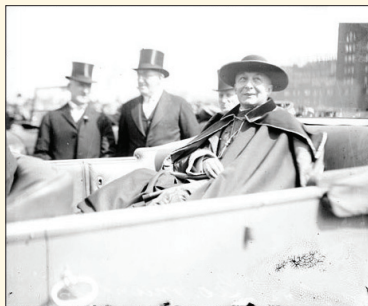


# Centennial of Mundelein's Elevation to Bishop

By Lorraine Olley



Chicago Daily News Collection, (Chicago History Museum)



Although George Cardinal Mundelein was known during his time as the “First Cardinal of the West,” it was the 25th anniversary of his elevation to the episcopacy that captured the imagination of the Archdiocese of Chicago. 2009 marked the centennial of this event and presents the opportunity to examine traces of the silver jubilee commemoration.





Shots of Mundelein and the seminary campus from "The Daily News." (Chicago History Museum)

Mundelein was born in 1872 and was raised in New York City's lower East Side. Early in his seminary years, his talents were recognized and fostered by Charles E. McDonnell, bishop of Brooklyn, who sponsored Mundelein to study in Rome. After ordination in 1895, he served McDonnell in Brooklyn. He rose quickly and was named monsignor in 1906. Consequently, it was no surprise when Mundelein was elevated to bishop on September 21, 1909, at the age of 37.

By 1934, Mundelein had been a cardinal for 10 years, but it was the silver jubilee that captured the attention of the archdiocese and the Church. According to the *Cardinal Mundelein Souvenir* edition of *The New World*, among the prelates who participated in the jubilee was Eugene Cardinal Pacelli, Vatican secretary of state, and later Pope Pius XII.

Echoes of the honor and affection accorded to Mundelein on his silver jubilee are found in the collections of the Feehan Memorial Library and Museum. *The Cardinal Mundelein Souvenir*, published on November 16, contains a list of the 87 new parishes erected by the cardinal during the first 18 years of his administration. Accompanying the list are photographs of many of the 250 new parish buildings, along with colleges, hospitals and orphanages, established by the cardinal. There also is a touching "Ode to our Jubilarian":

"Great Cardinal of the West! Your Jubilee  
As pastor of Christ's flock with joy we hail...  
Ruler wise and builder skilled,  
What flaming zeal your priests received from you.  
On every side new structures fair arose,  
Fit dwellings for the Eucharistic Christ.  
And homes were built the orphaned to receive –  
The sick, the erring, and the aged poor..."

The Archdiocese of Chicago's newspaper, *The New World*, also published a hagiography of sorts, a book titled *The First Cardinal of the West*. It detailed Mundelein's early years and career through his work during the Depression and his friendship with President Franklin Roosevelt.

Many of the more exotic and beautiful objects in the Seminary Museum were gifts to the cardinal on the occasion of his silver jubilee. The Society of the Divine Word presented several objects from China. Their gift included a pair of large cloisonné vases with pink chrysanthemums against a sapphire-blue background. A circular bronze mirror dating from the 11th century is decorated with concentric rings of Chinese figures. Perhaps the most curious object is the "Ju-I," or good-luck, scepter. This intricately carved wooden rod was purportedly fashioned from wood taken from a tree in the cemetery in which Confucius is buried. Another exotic gift is a small, ham-



mered silver loving cup crafted by Colombian Indians, presented by Archbishop Paolo Giobbe, apostolic nuncio to Colombia.

Among the more touching expressions of honor and affection is the large pewter plaque presented by Mundelein's boyhood parish honoring the "Archbishop of Chicago, Prince of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and Eminent son of the Church of St. Nicholas in New York City." The seminarians of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake gave a 13th century reliquary representing a bishop. The bearded figure is thought to be modeled on a statue of Saint Peter in Chartres Cathedral. The reliquary is wood overlaid with copper and silver, and ornamented with gemstone cartouches.

Pope Pius XI provided two beautiful gifts. The first is a host box (pyx) made of tortoise shell inlaid with gold and silver. The second, valued as an artifact and as a relic, is a silver-encased pocket watch owned by Pope Saint Pius X.

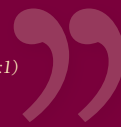
Cardinal Mundelein was featured in media of his time – print, radio, and a motion picture. Now he can be found on Facebook! Anyone who wants to share their thoughts and appreciation of the "First Cardinal of the West" may do so by logging into Facebook, searching for the "George William Cardinal Mundelein" page and becoming a fan.

– Lorraine Olley is the head of the Feehan Memorial Library and McEssay Theological Center at University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.





For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)



# Growing Up on Campus

*A Former Resident Returns to Mundelein*

By Deacon Andrew Liaugminas and Jay Atherton



# MUNDELEIN PROFILE



An article regarding campus developments in a recent issue of *The Bridge* elicited a lovely letter from Katherine “Kit” O’Carroll Kern. In the letter, Kit fondly remembered her days growing up here as the daughter of the seminary’s groundskeeper, Bill O’Carroll. We were eager to invite her here to get to know her a little more and to hear the stories of those early days of Mundelein.

“Never with the seminarians,” was Kit’s reply to so many of our questions about her experiences of growing up on the seminary grounds. “Did you have lunch here in the cafeteria?” “Never with the seminarians.” “Did you enjoy playing on the seminary grounds?” “I wasn’t allowed past the ‘Y’ [the fork in the road just past the main gate].” “You never got to go into the main part of the campus?” “No, except on Sundays when my parents and I would drive around the lake.” “So is that when you would get to meet some of the seminarians?” “Nope, I wasn’t allowed to look at them, and if they were caught looking at me, they’d get in trouble.” It was then that we began to realize just how extraordinary our lunch conversation in the Refectory really was.

Until she was 21 years old, Kit lived here on the grounds with nary an interaction with the community the grounds housed. One wonders why a family would choose to raise a daughter in such a peculiar environment. The answer goes back to Cardinal Mundelein. He had always admired the landscaping of Chicago’s Lincoln Park. So when he wanted the best landscaper for his prized seminary, he knew exactly where to look. It

was with this hire that Bill O’Carroll moved from the Chicago’s Parks Department to Mundelein with his wife and 3-year-old daughter, Kit.

The house constructed for them initially lacked central heating, so winters were tough on the young Kit. “Because I got sick so often, my mother made me wear a woolen pneumonia jacket all the time. My father was so concerned that he seriously considered leaving and was offered a position as head

of Milwaukee’s parks office. My parents had already started looking for a place to live there when Cardinal Mundelein found out. He promised my father that the next construction project on campus would be a winterized house for us and he gave him a raise to outdo Milwaukee’s offer.” And so Kit would remain at Mundelein until she moved away to marry the Chicago nephew of then Sister Cleta, mother superior of the Benedictine nuns on campus. He was,

ironically, a more familiar man to her than the hundreds of bachelors less than a mile away. Her father would end up staying on campus as groundskeeper until the last year of his life.

Although never meeting Kit, many seminarians would come to know her father as they worked the seminary’s fields (now Carmel High School), helped him shovel snow around the campus, planted



trees and performed a host of other

odd jobs on the seminary grounds. Not least of all, they came to know him in his role of procurator, when he helped the seminarians smuggle in such notorious contraband as vanilla ice cream and apple pies baked by Kit’s mother. The favored drop-off point was one of the large rocks lining the road past their home.

Kit’s visit was one of only a handful to the campus since her father’s passing in 1968. After our lunch, Father Lyle offered to open up her old house, now used by Catholic Charities, for a brief homecoming. As she explored the house, she recognized some furniture, a door here and there, the fireplace, tile work, the place where the telephones used to be, her old room and even the family’s high-chair. As we left the house to head back to the campus, of course we had no apple pie, no ice cream, nothing at all to hide behind the rock. Showing just how much the times had changed, in full view of our rector, a seminarian took Kit’s arm to help her down the stairs.

– Deacon Andrew Liaugminas is a fourth-year theologian for the Archdiocese of Chicago and Jay Atherton is a third-year theologian for the Diocese of Albany, NY.



*It was then that we began to realize just how extraordinary our lunch conversation really was.*



“{The} love of God both excites and energizes the love of one’s neighbor which contributes to the salvation of the world...”

(*Perfectae Caritatis*, 6)

# Celebrating 25 Years with the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest

By Andrés Gutiérrez

**A** “*Amar el sacerdocio de Cristo y hacerlo amar.*” (“To love the priesthood of Christ and to make it loved.”) That is the motto of the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest who recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of their service here at Mundelein Seminary.

Founded in 1924 by the Servant of God Félix de Jesús Rougier in Tlalpan, Mexico, the community began on the verge of the tumultuous time of the *Cristero* war, in which the anti-clerical Mexican government persecuted the Church and even martyred dozens of Catholics. In a letter to a member of the community in 1926, Father Rougier wrote that an Oblate Sister is “...another Jesus. She is a victim who has submitted herself unconditionally to her God and Lord since the day she pronounced, at the foot of the altar, her sacred promises.” This is the basis upon which the spirituality of the Oblate Sisters stands – living out their baptismal call to serve Christ and His Church as victims, giving themselves for the sake of others on a daily basis. They themselves are made a sacrifice for others, especially for those called to the ordained priesthood. As they give themselves for priests and seminarians and for their sanctification, the ministry of the priest becomes a projection of their ministry for the sake of the world. In this way, the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest contemplate the face of Christ, priest and victim.

More than 50 years ago, Albert Cardinal Meyer of Chicago asked Archbishop Miranda of Mexico City if he would be willing to send a group of Sisters to found a house in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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Archbishop Miranda agreed, and the Oblate Sisters founded a community at Niles College. Today, the Sisters carry out their ministry in the archdiocese in three different places: Holy Name Cathedral, Our Lady of Loretto in Hometown and Mundelein Seminary. Since Cardinal Bernardine requested that the Sisters begin a community at Mundelein in 1984, they have faithfully carried out their mission of working and praying for priests and seminarians. The model life they strive to emulate

is that of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the home of the Holy Family at Nazareth. For, it was in this home of prayer, love, and humility that she strove to raise and form Jesus, her Son.

Their founder, Father Rougier, believed that each of their religious communities should be another house at Nazareth, and the Oblate Sisters have certainly made his desire a reality. The Sisters who have carried out their apostolate here at Mundelein Seminary have done so faithfully and joyfully for 25 years, working in the kitchen while continuing to pray for us and our sanctification. They even open their doors to seminarians who would like to visit and pray with them at the convent as the seminary schedule allows. It’s also a great place for those of us who are learning Spanish to get some good practice.

To commemorate the Oblate Sisters’ silver jubilee at Mundelein Seminary, Cardinal George celebrated Mass, and a banquet was held in their honor. Oblate Sisters from all of their Chicago communities were in attendance, along with Sisters from San Francisco and New York. The superior general of the community, Mother Elisa Elizarrarás, even traveled from Mexico City to share in the celebration. The joy with which these beautiful brides of Christ live their vocation was palpable that day. Seeing all of them gathered together in one place was a rare treat.

The seminarians who receive their formation at Mundelein Seminary are blessed to have such wonderful examples of joyful fidelity to their vocations as the Oblate Sisters. Their prayers,



their service and their love are an integral part of our formation. Speaking from my personal experience with their community over the last three years, they are truly an inspiration for us to strive to conform our hearts to the heart of Jesus the eternal high priest and to pour ourselves out completely for the sake of His Church. May the Lord continue to bless the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest for their loving service to all of those called to give their lives as priests of Jesus Christ.

– Andrés Gutiérrez is a second-year theologian for the Diocese of Brownsville, TX.





## A Masterpiece of God's Love

*The Oblates' Speech at the 25th Anniversary Celebration*

By Sister Doris Monter, O.J.S.

“Your Eminence, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We want to express with a few words our journey in the life of the Church during these 25 years in which we have been so blessed to live in the community here at Mundelein Seminary.

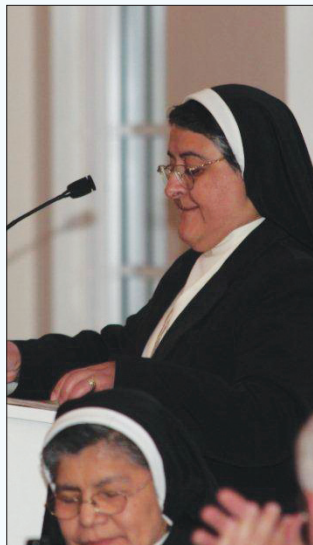
First of all, we live our religious vocation for the priesthood of Jesus Christ. We unite every aspect of our lives and offer it as an oblation to Christ. Over the last 25 years we have lived in solidarity with our brother priests, deacons, and seminarians. We have offered up our happiness and sadness, our successes and limitations, even our pain and suffering, for those called to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Looking back at our time here is like observing a beautiful painting with bright and soft colors. The focal point of this masterpiece has always been the eucharistic presence and the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has combined all the elements in the picture: the call of men to embrace their priestly vocation, their faith-filled response to be cultivated into the person of Christ, and the joy and struggle of experiencing the death and resurrection of Christ as members of His priesthood. In this painting, we see Mary, mother and teacher, working in solidarity with the priesthood of Christ. We collaborate with her in the plan of salvation of the people of God.

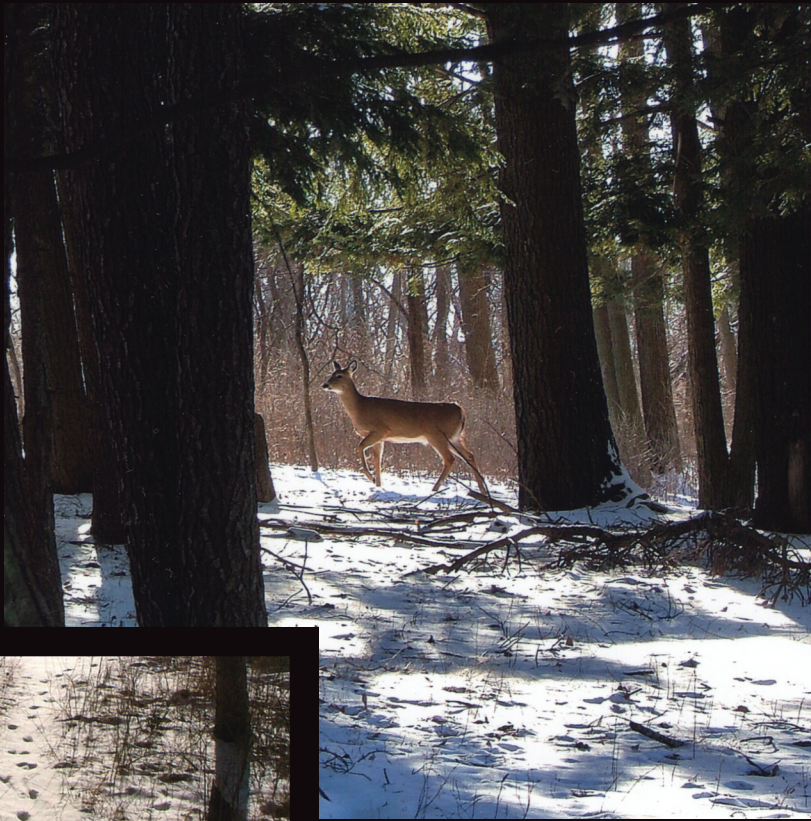
Today, through the hands of Mary, we want to thank God our Father for these 25 years of priestly love, and we ask for His blessings for all those being prepared for the priesthood here at Mundelein Seminary. Brother priests and seminarians, thank you for celebrating with us the gift of the priesthood and consecrated life.

Your Sisters, the Oblates of Jesus the Priest.”

— Sister Doris Monter, O.J.S. is mother superior of the community of Oblates of Jesus the Priest at Mundelein Seminary (Community of the Most Holy Virgin of Guadalupe).







# Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening

By Robert Frost

*Published in his book "New Hampshire" (1923)*

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.



# PHOTO ESSAY



Photos by Deacon David Hammond, Tracy Shrader, and Deacon Stephen Eickhoff.



Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God. (Mt. 5:8)

# DONOR PROFILE

## In Memory of Margaret (Mickey) McBride Paluch

*Beloved daughter of God, wife and mother, businesswoman and philanthropist to Mundelein Seminary.*

By Mark Teresi

Margaret (Mickey) Paluch died this past October. We mourn the loss of a Board member, benefactor, and most importantly, a faithful friend. For many years, Mickey relished telling a story about an invitation she once received from her friend, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin.

“One Sunday over coffee I told my pastor, Father Joe Kinane, that Cardinal Bernardin called me and invited me to join him for lunch at the 1555 residence. I told him I felt like Cinderella being invited to the ball. It was the most exciting thing that’s ever happened to me.”

I asked: “what do you think this is about, Joe?”

Father Joe responded, “I’m not sure – but I’d say, bring your checkbook!”

Then, with a raucous laugh, Mickey continued to tell the story of how, responding to her dear friend Cardinal Bernardin’s invitation, and at that very lunch, she agreed to establish the Chester and Margaret Paluch Chair of Theology at Mundelein Seminary with a one million dollar gift.

As a young girl she went to St. Edward’s Parish, and then she went to Alvernia High School and helped pay her own tuition by washing gym floors. Then, while a St. Edward choir member, she fell in love with her husband, Chester, during a walk after singing at the early morning Christmas Mass. A mother of nine children, her home in Park Ridge was always a haven for her children’s friends. Finally, as a widow, she became a very successful CEO of the J.S. Paluch firm and lived a life of faithful exuberance as she walked with God on her journey.

This lady of grace has now gone to her eternal reward. Well done good and faithful servant: not



because of the countless local and national awards received honoring your work to further vocations to the priesthood and religious life, not because of your many philanthropic gestures of support to so many worthy missions and ministries, and not even because of the love you so freely bestowed on your children, grandchildren, and friends.

Well done lady of grace. You possessed and used the gift that made each person you met understand a little better the unconditional love of God. You touched people’s lives with your love and great zeal for life. God blessed you with this gift, and you shared it freely with all in your path.

On a personal note, it was my great privilege to sing with Mickey Paluch at many events, and particularly at the Masses celebrated for the Catholic Women of Park Ridge over the past 25 years. An insight into this great friend came every time I heard her sing “Hail Mary / Gentle Woman,” adding a bit of harmony to her beautifully sung prayer. Mickey sang with a deep belief and reverence for Mary. She sang in prayer to her spiritual mother and earthy companion, a mother who suffered as she journeyed with her son in faith. Our Lady walked with Mickey each day.

Eternal rest grant unto Margaret (Mickey) McBride Paluch, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

– Mark Teresi is vice president in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Mundelein Seminary.

*Mundelein Seminary is planning a special event in the Spring of 2010 which will annually honor the memory of this great friend of Mundelein Seminary. Mickey’s dedication and vision inspired the many ways the J.S. Paluch Company serves the church. Her leadership and example have earned the respect, admiration and love of Paluch employees, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, religious, lay ministers and parishioners across the country.*

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# Far Greater Than Anything

By Archbishop Jerome ListECKI

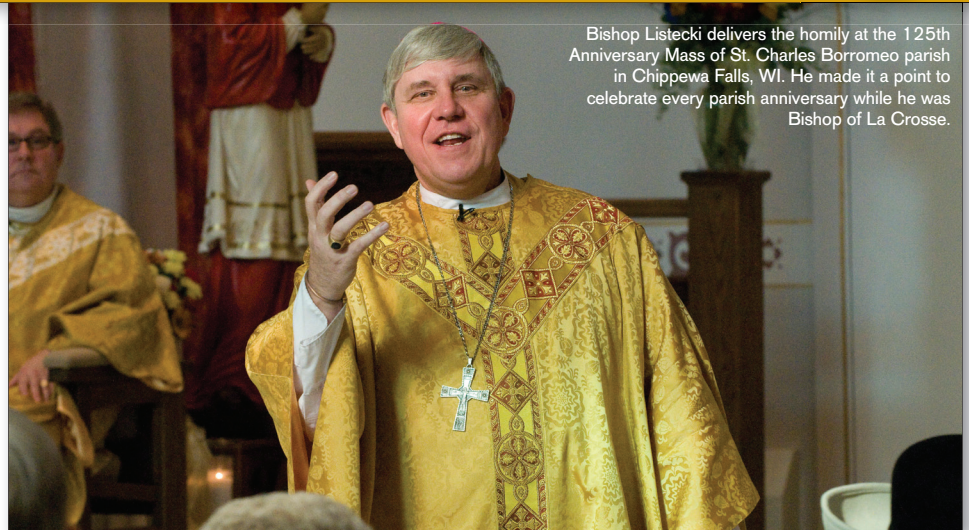
**I**n November 2009, past Mundelein professor and alumnus, Bishop Jerome ListECKI – formerly Bishop of La Crosse – was named Archbishop of Milwaukee by the Holy Father. On behalf of the seminary community, we wish to extend our heart-felt congratulations! In honor of the occasion, we are reprinting Archbishop ListECKI's article from the recent seminary publication: *Priesthood: So that Others May Serve*, Vol. II (2009).

## Called by God

Regarding my first call to the priesthood, it depends on which family member you ask – but it was sometime around age three. We were standing in a church parking lot and a relative said, “Now Jerome, what do you want to be when you grow up?” A priest in a cassock passed and I pointed to him and said, “That’s what I want to be.” And I’ve never wanted to be anything else.

I’m what they refer to as a “lifer” in the seminary. I started in the minor seminary at fourteen and continued in seminaries until I was ordained in 1975. I went to Quigley South in 1963 and graduated in 1967. I entered Niles in 1967, which was the college seminary, and graduated in 1970. I graduated a year earlier than my class and then went to DePaul Law School, while still being in the college seminary.

It was a time of tremendous personal and spiritual self discovery. We’re talking the late ’60s, so you have the Vietnam War, the peace movement, the social unrest in the country. Many priests or religious were leaving the Church. At certain times, when



Bishop ListECKI delivers the homily at the 125th Anniversary Mass of St. Charles Borromeo parish in Chippewa Falls, WI. He made it a point to celebrate every parish anniversary while he was Bishop of La Crosse.

I looked at some of my classmates who I respected and admired, deciding not to go on, I certainly looked at myself and said, “I’m not as worthy or as deserving as they are.” But there was a consistency about personal development that I believe gave me a certain strength during that time.

## Priestly Wisdom

If you are a priest, you have to find time for prayer. It’s a must. A priest who doesn’t pray is in danger of losing his priesthood and losing the greatest source of strength, which is his spiritual life.

You better get nervous about preaching. If you’re not nervous, then I think you don’t have respect for the congregation. You overcome the nervousness by realizing that you’re an instrument of something that’s far greater. You are proclaiming the Word, helping people to open up the sacred Scripture.

If you don’t embrace celibacy, then you don’t understand the virtue it brings. The celibate priest has an immediate acceptance by so many people. For twenty-three years, I was a reserve chaplain in the U.S. Army and, no matter what group I was encountering, I was immediately a part of their family. It was like you were always someone’s father or uncle or brother, no matter where you went. And this is an aspect that celibacy allows you to do.

If I weren’t a priest, I’d be married and have a family. I know that about myself. One of the things that I would hope is that almost all priests would envision themselves

as a good husband and a good father.

Regarding obedience, I’ve found time and time again that when I am most reluctant, I must have an open sense that the Lord will use me as an instrument because I have surrendered to Christ and His Church, some of the more difficult situations have been some of the most blessed and grace-filled.

I love the Church. I say that without hesitancy. As a bishop and a priest I’m able to dispense sacraments. We’re empowered in such a way where the life of grace comes through us at the eucharistic sacrifice, in reconciliation and the absolution of sins, in anointing people and preparing them for either healing or to be received by God into his kingdom, to baptize a child and to witness the marriage of faithful men and women. These are all tremendous privileges. I think a priest who doesn’t see that lacks joy in his priesthood, because it is a joyful thing to be able to share that with people.

I have been, and I continue to be, a happy priest and a happy bishop. I look at the gifts afforded to me as a priest and a bishop as far greater than anything I could have received in life, apart from my life in Christ.

– Archbishop Jerome ListECKI is a graduate of Mundelein Seminary (’75). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1975, and was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago in 2001. He was installed as Bishop of La Crosse, WI, in 2003, and served as Bishop there until being named Archbishop of Milwaukee by Pope Benedict XVI in November, 2009.



“ You shall have a song as in the night...and joy of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe, to come into the mountain of the Lord. (Isaiah 30:29) ”

# ON CAMPUS

## An Evening of Music

*The Village of Mundelein: Rooted in Our Past...Reaching for our Future (1909-2009)*

By Linda M. Cerabona

On a starry night on May 30, 2009, the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary hosted a music concert in the George Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium. The concert commemorated the Village of Mundelein's 100th anniversary and honored its connection with the late cardinal and the university. The proceeds of that concert went toward the restoration of the historic truck Mundelein gave to the village. The restoration required hundreds of hours of work, and "Old Number One" was unveiled on campus at the village's Centennial Gala on October 17, 2009.

As the emcee of the gala, I began with a brief introduction and introduced the rector of Mundelein Seminary, Father Dennis Lyle, who welcomed everyone to a very special evening. I then introduced Father John Canary (former rector and now vicar general for the Archdiocese of Chicago), Father Thomas Baima (provost), Kenneth Kessler (mayor), Michael Flynn (assistant village administrator) and the Mundelein Village Board.

The show began with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem. I accompanied the crowd on our historic Wurlitzer 24 rank theater pipe organ. Next, our own Father Thomas Franzman (chief campaign and stewardship officer) gave a presentation on



Linda Cerabona and seminarian Daniel Stover at the Mundelein music concert.

the history of the auditorium and of the historic Monsignor Meter theater pipe organ. After this, David Rhodes (theater organist) gave an introduction to the features of the pipe organ. Mark Teresi (vice president of institutional advancement) then sang the very popular Schubert's "Ave Maria" and "I Believe" accompanied by Fred Vipond (director of music and liturgy-Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish) on piano. Next, Josef Haas (actor) presented two acts from "Voices of Mundelein," a compilation of stories from a wide range of people who have lived in the village for many years. The first was "The Wrong Lunch Bag," and the second was "Lakewood Heights." Josef is a member of the Kirk Players Community Theater.

Next, Mary Ann Beatty (a Grammy-nominated professional singer) sang a lovely rendition of "Summertime" from "Porgy and Bess" and "You've Got a Friend in Me," accompanied by Fred Vipond. All were spellbound by the spirited performance of the young Irish Fiddlers from The Academy of Irish Music of Chicago. This group was established in 1994 to ensure that Irish music be taught to a new generation of Americans and to preserve the long tradition of Irish music in Chicago. After two hours of music, we took a 15 minute intermission. Guests then mingled on the front lawn of the auditorium and enjoyed refreshments

and Mundelein-centennial souvenirs. We were very grateful that His Eminence Cardinal Francis George, chancellor of the university and the archbishop of Chicago, could join us for the second half of the program.

I then continued with the introduction of 24-year-old David Rhodes. David began playing piano at the age of seven and classical organ at the age of 12. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of CATOE, the Chicago Area Theater Organist Enthusiasts. David played an electrifying performance, which included "Brazilian Sleigh Ride," "Phantom of the Opera" and a demonstration of

the sounds of the theater organ.

Mark Teresi and Mary Ann Beatty then sang "All I Ask of You" from "Phantom of the Opera." The next featured organist was Glen Tallar. Glen began playing the organ at the age of five and is presently majoring in theater arts. He frequently performs at events sponsored by CATOE. He accompanied the hilarious silent movie "Liberty," featuring Laurel and Hardy. What a treat! Josef Haas then returned with a commentary on "The Village Doctor." The exciting sounds of the Antioch Brass Quintet then filled the reverberant auditorium with its performance of fun, toe tapping music!

Much gratitude goes to the producers of the evening: Vern Lappe and the Mundelein Centennial Committee. Vern is dedicated to the restoration and rededication of the 1925 Stoughton fire truck and worked tirelessly in securing and coordinating the performers and guests for "An Evening of Music."

The Centennial Gala concluded with a sing-a-long led by Cardinal George, the Brass Quintet and all performers of the beloved "God Bless America."

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## From the Editors' Desk

By Jay Atherton and Deacon Andrew Liaugminas

Every campus can be a world unto itself. Each has its own unique customs, rules, traditions, calendar (Labor Day for us means the start of work), and identity.

Our campus, as much as any, can be its own universe – a true *universitas*. Yet, at heart we know that we came here not for the grounds (beautiful as they are) but for what lays beyond. It is to go out and serve the world as Christ's priests that we came here, as the gilded words in our Main Chapel daily remind us, the words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel: *Go out therefore and teach!*

The world as we first encounter it beyond our gates is the Village of Mundelein. This is often the "field" of our Field Education, where we test our nascent pastoral skills. But Mundelein is also our university town – where we shop for necessities, fill-up on gas, and occasionally grab a bite to eat. We can be seen jogging on town trails and stopping for some ice cream (hopefully not right after each other!). Our Christmas cards are stamped Mundelein, IL as they travel to our friends and families near and far. And like all village residents, we know the challenge of explaining the intricate interplay of Routes 60, 83, and 45 to an outsider. In short, for our years in seminary, we call Mundelein home.



When we learned that the village was celebrating its centennial anniversary, we wanted to commemorate the occasion. In this spirit, we decided to dedicate this issue to the relationship between the seminary and village across the years. To paint a complete picture we would seek the perspective of alumni from different eras, residents of the village, seminary faculty, archival experts, and even one woman who grew up here in Cardinal Mundelein's era.

What we found in the process delighted, surprised, and intrigued us. For example, we learned that for years any connection between seminary and village was solely administrative or limited to major events such as the Eucharistic Congress. Were a seminarian to desire contact with the village, like ordering a pizza, he would have to forge it at his own risk. Discovering this made us appreciate anew our freedom to jog and go out for ice cream in this, our college town.

We want to say a very special word of thanks to Michael Flynn, Assistant Village Administrator of the Village of Mundelein, who helped us enormously in putting together this issue – writing

a fascinating article, finding great shots of Centennial events, helping us in our pursuit of the perfect aerial shot of the village, and more. We are immensely grateful to Lorraine Olley who, in addition to writing an article, spent hours helping us find photos of seminary life in days of yore. For the beautiful photos of campus that grace our Photo Essay we are

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Archdiocese of Chicago and the Chicago History Museum for allowing us to use some great archival photos.

We hope the fruitful connection between seminary and village we have enjoyed over our years here and in putting together this issue continues over the next hundred years, and beyond. *Ad multos annos, Civitas Mundeleinensis!*

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