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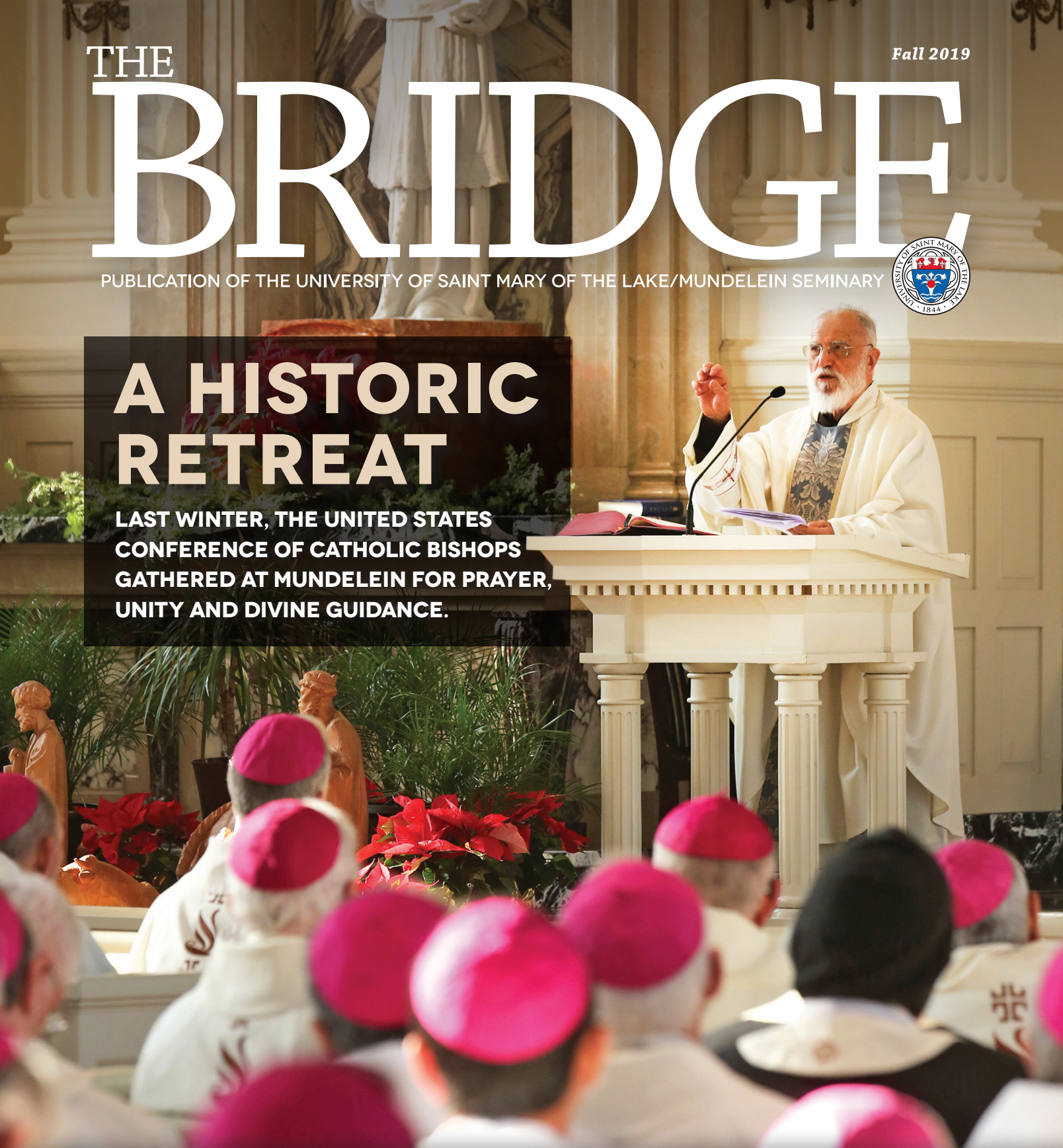
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# LEAVING HOME AND COMING BACK AGAIN

BY FATHER JOHN KARTJE

**“You can’t go home again.”** So proclaims the title of the famous Thomas Wolfe novel. As we journey through life we inevitably change in many ways, sometimes subtly, sometimes dramatically. And when we return to our roots, things are different. Nothing feels quite the same way it did before; “home” is not what it used to be. And yet, our new selves can bring back much to help improve the environment from which we set out, as long as family and old neighbors are willing to welcome us and are open to what we bring.

As the new academic year gets underway at Mundelein, I am always reminded of how prophetic Wolfe’s title has proven to be. The men return having engaged in myriad ministerial settings and programs. Over the summer many of the pre-theologians left the country for language study (which always imparts more knowledge about cultures and peoples than syntax and grammar) or attended the Institute for Priestly Formation to deepen their grasp of the spirituality of diocesan priesthood. The third-year theologians have spent several months immersed fulltime in parishes in their home dioceses. Many of them transitioned directly from these parish internships into stints as student hospital chaplains in programs of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). The fourth-year men have served their first months as newly-ordained deacons, experiencing the life toward which their vocations have been leading them.

When these men return to us, they have invariably grown in numerous ways: they are better leaders; they have a deepening sense of humility in the presence of both the gifts and the needs of others; they have grown in confidence in their capacity to help God’s people open their hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit; and they

themselves have had their horizons broadened and are able to recognize the presence of God in places and persons which they might have overlooked before.

In our programs of priestly formation at Mundelein, we constantly strive to reinforce and expand upon those experiences that the seminarians have had during their time away. In this issue of *The Bridge* you will learn about our first annual “Science at the Seminary” day. When they’re out in the world, our men are constantly challenged by the widely held misperception that the Catholic Church and modern science are locked in conflict, with the Church often assumed to be woefully behind the times. The purpose of this new program is to host highly qualified scientists to inform our community about cutting-edge research in all scientific fields, so that we can equip future priests to intelligently engage the popular culture on the true complementarity between faith and science. Shortly after this event, we were privileged to host noted Catholic legal scholar and cultural commentator Helen Alvaré as our 2019 Cardinal Meyer lecturer. Ms. Alvaré helped inform us about the pressing needs for quality education and meaningful employment to help break the cycle of poverty that is scourging so many families.



She reminded and challenged all current and future priests that the Church and her leaders have traditionally defended and advanced well-crafted public policy to address such concerns.

Finally, whether addressing the Church’s encounter with science, the law, or any of the numerous topics that seminarians will engage throughout their parish ministries, our students’ formation will always rest on the foundation of a faculty that is able to fully integrate classroom teaching with experiential learning. I’m proud to acknowledge that we are blessed with dedicated teachers who embrace that philosophy wholeheartedly. In the following pages you’ll be introduced to several faculty members who are either newly joining us or taking on new positions to better serve the vision of preparing men to meet the complex and rapidly changing needs of today’s parish communities.

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So maybe you can go home again. When our seminarians return each fall, they constantly remind me that “home” is an ever-changing community where the timeless power of Christ’s Spirit meets the faith and hope of his people. ■



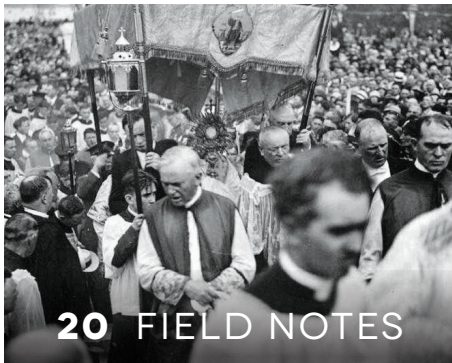
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# SCIENCE DAY

BY MATTHEW OCKINGA | 2T, DIOCESE OF YAKIMA

***What is the number one reason people leave the Catholic faith?*** One priest tells his students the answer: science.

That priest is Father John Kartje, rector of Mundelein Seminary. Kartje knows a thing or two about faith and science.

He holds two Ph.Ds, one in biblical studies and one in astrophysics. Quite equipped to engage the faith/science dialogue, Kartje wanted to extend that discussion to Mundelein's student body and beyond. With a generous grant, he initiated a Science at the Seminary event at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake on March 9.

"It's really part of a vision of mine to bring science into the seminary classroom," Kartje said. "In my mind, everything that happens at Mundelein is preparing ourselves to bring it out to the world. We're not a closed society."

Therefore, Kartje opened the seminary's doors to several guests, especially evolutionary anthropologist Dr. Rob O'Malley. Science at the Seminary came courtesy of

a grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

The day kicked off in the university's auditorium. O'Malley works for AAAS and is the project director of its Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion. He is also an adjunct faculty member for the advanced study of paleobiology at the George Washington University and the Department of Anthropology at the University of Maryland. O'Malley has extensively studied the work famed scientist Jane Goodall performed with primates.

O'Malley's lecture — "What Makes us Human?" — was livestreamed on the Mundelein Seminary website. Using primates and other animals for comparison, he discussed what makes man human and differentiates him from other creatures.

Besides seminarians, parishioners from the Archdiocese of Chicago who participate in Mundelein's Tolton Teaching Parish Program also attended. In the TTPP, each seminarian from second pre-theology on is assigned to a local parish for the duration of his formation.

Youth groups and other teaching parish parishioners were in attendance in addition to several scientists and various members of the public. Not all present were religious, which displayed the fruit of a genuine faith/science dialogue.

After O'Malley's talk, both seminarians and guests engaged in a dialogue with the anthropologist.

"I was impressed by the questions in the Q&A and even more so in the discussions afterwards," O'Malley said. "I appreciated that attendees were interested in learning more, and in relating the content to their own lives and experiences."

Following the presentation, visitors broke into small groups across Mundelein's sprawling campus. Two or three seminarians from the second pre-theology and first theology classes were assigned to each group. Their role was simple: foster genuine dialogue about Dr. O'Malley's presenta-

tion on humanity, including agreements, disagreements and any confusion or clarity.

As a representative of the AAAS, O'Malley's role dictated he not explicitly address issues of faith in his presentation. Therefore, the seminarians took responsibility for inviting group members to add theological and spiritual context to the scientific content of O'Malley's speech.

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Josh Miller is a first-year theologian studying for the Diocese of Fairbanks in Alaska and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. For TTPP, he ministers at St. Peter Damian Parish in Bartlett, Ill.

Father Chris Ciomek, the parish's pastor, attended the event along with the church's youth minister and several teens. Miller, who found O'Malley's talk enlightening, was impressed with the engagement of the youth.

“It was very encouraging to see them taking the topics of discussion seriously. I was surprised at their level of understanding of the theory of evolution,” Miller said. “Our discussion was very easy when we were talking about either matters of Scripture and faith or matters of modern science, but it was a challenge to find the language to bridge the intellectual gap between the two topics in open dialogue.”

Kartje saw this dialogue as mutually beneficial. Some of the attendees had no science background, while others held Ph.Ds. The rector wanted the seminarians to be prepared for anyone, somewhat simulating the experience of the parish where they will encounter various perspectives.

He saw the discussion as “guys just enjoying the opportunity to lead a group, to kind of represent the faith, to have to think on their feet.” He imagined seminarians may have thought, “Boy, I didn't think it would go like that’ or ‘I got this question that I never imagined.”

“It was multi-generational,” Kartje said. “I'm a big proponent of that.”

Miller recently completed Kartje's course “Fundamentals of Science at the Foundations of Faith.” Mundelein's rector weaves Catholic elements of anthropology, creation and more with big picture scientific topics such as the Big Bang Theory, quantum physics and the space-time continuum. Kartje often tells his seminarians that they need to be a priest of everything, possessing at least some basic knowledge on a wide variety of subjects.

“My biggest takeaway from his class is the necessity to use precise language when speaking to people about both matters of faith and observations in science because it is very easy to be misunderstood,” Miller said. “It is necessary for good science and for gaining a better intellectual grasp of the faith that people do not make generalizing claims based on limited observations.”

With the AAAS grant lasting until the end of 2019, Kartje will have funding for another Seminarian Science Day on Saturday, Nov. 9 this year, featuring Dr. Grace Wolf-Chase from the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. He also sees Science at the Seminary as a model for future events at Mundelein. Rather than simply bringing in a speaker for a talk followed by questions and answers, he wants to leverage it with



small group talks to engage the public.

O'Malley looks at religion and science as not a dialogue between two opposing forces, but as one among people. He considers science and faith mutually beneficial.

“A promise of science is that it can potentially benefit and serve everyone. If scientists and science advocates are serious about fulfilling that promise, they need to be prepared to engage about science with a

broad spectrum of society,” O'Malley said. “Similarly, I think that people of faith, including religious leaders and scholars, benefit from understanding the process of science and participating in robust discussion about forefront science issues that may impact all of our lives.” ■



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# DR. DEBBIE ARMENTA JOINS THE TOLTON TEACHING PARISH PROGRAM

BY JOHN WASHINGTON | PT2, DIOCESE OF YAKIMA

**The Tolton Teaching Parish Program (TTPP) has become an integral part** of formation at Mundelein Seminary since its inception two years ago. Spread across 90 parishes and four dioceses, the program continues to grow and develop to form priests for parish life.

This year the program welcomes a new associate coordinator, Dr. Debbie Armenta, who also sits on the academic faculty, teaching electives in Eastern Christian spirituality. Armenta comes to the seminary with 35 years of experience in various ministries, such as working with individuals with disabilities and those in locked institutions, advocacy for patients who are HIV/AIDS positive, immigration ministries and chaplaincy in care homes for the elderly.

Born and raised in Greenwich, Connecticut, Armenta's undergraduate studies were in New England and the Midwest, but she began in ministry in San Jose after getting married and now has four sons.

"My crazy family that I love so much, they keep soldiering on," Armenta said.

Armenta began her ministry working with developmentally disabled children and their families. After her work with children, she was also engaged in ministry with "profoundly broken people."

After working in the Bay Area for 10 years, Armenta moved back to the Midwest, where she finished some of her graduate work in Terre Haute, Indiana, at St. Mary of the Woods. Several years after landing in Indianapolis and founding the diocesan ministry for children with disabilities, she moved to the Chicago area and made "a conscious move into pastoral care." Eventually, she was invited to join the Tolton Teaching Parish Program by Father John Kartje, rector of Mundelein Seminary.

"I opened my heart and I heard it," Armenta said. "I was a little nervous, but I

had this great peace that this is where God wanted me to be."

Speaking to how her various experiences have prepared her for this new position, Armenta said, "I really see the culmination of everything I've done for 35 years ... every piece of where God has placed me I put to use and I never would have anticipated that."

She recalled a quote from a priest who said, "God dreams much bigger dreams than we ever dream for ourselves." Reflecting on that quote, Armenta said, "I am thrilled to be here. I know that I do bring experience, but I feel that I am here to collaborate, to share, to accompany and to journey with."

While working with teaching parish committees (groups of parishioners who meet regularly with the seminarians assigned to their parish) is her primary ministry in the program, she also assists with seminarian formation and supports parish pastors as well.

"It is a beautiful, synchronous relationship that we are engaged in, helping each other grow and learn and to grow closer to God," Armenta said.

Feeling privileged to join the faculty and staff, Armenta looks forward to working with Mundelein's community. "I love to keep learning, to keep growing. I don't ever want to settle, I don't ever want to stagnate — and I don't want the seminarians to settle or stagnate. So, I want to say, Let's do this together, guys. Let's go for the gold." ■



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## FATHER ANDREW LIAUGMINAS RETURNS TO MUNDELEIN TO SHARE THE TRUE CHRIST AMONG US

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**Father Andrew Liaugminas is no stranger** to Mundelein Seminary. A priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and currently the chaplain and director of the Catholic Center at the University of Chicago Calvert House, Liaugminas was ordained in 2010 and was the associate pastor of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish in Park Ridge.

In January, while a familiar figure to some faculty and staff, Liaugminas was a new face to seminarians, teaching one of the seminary's most crucial courses: Christology. Joining Mundelein as an adjunct faculty member, Liaugminas completed the spring semester with roughly half of the first theologians after taking over the course from Father Scott Hebden, who retired from teaching classes at Mundelein.

Liaugminas had a sense he would be returning to the school, as he discussed such a possibility with Cardinal Francis George, one of his personal heroes. Liaugminas remarked that as George was dying, he was preparing, spiritually and intellectually, to see the Redeemer. By

suffering with Christ and others in the Church throughout his life, George had prepared himself to recognize the glorified Suffering Servant, whose image he had already discerned in the Church.

The hope that had governed George's entire life was coming to fruition. Liaugminas' preaching style, which the Christology students have picked up on, centers around a deep love for Christ, a keen attention to His Church, and a great ability to reveal this love in his teaching.

Ben Valentine, a second-year theologian studying for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, remarked that Liaugminas is intellectually astute, but also truly loves Christ and the Church. He is not simply a talking theo-

logian giving his students information. Liaugminas sees the seminarians' mission today as one to go deeper in Christ with prayer and study and to move wider with the Church.

This concentration on prayer and study is clearly a constant call for Liaugminas. It is within this vitality, this reservoir of keen insight into the great commission of Christ, that he encourages his students to grow. He sees the questions seminarians are asking not as challenges to priestly formation but as motivators to continue to express the faith with vibrancy and clarity.

During his own vocational journey, which started in high school, clarity about the next step solidified and he simply continued to step forward in faith of Christ's guiding hand in his life. This fervor for the faith has translated to his Christology course.

"He has given us the primary sources to sit with from the councils," Valentine said. "We get into the minds of council fathers, the mind of God. It has been enriching because the content that we're diving into is the person of Jesus Christ, which is a great gift to study and also a great mystery, something that we can never exhaust in our study and our prayer."

Valentine and his classmates recognize Liaugminas is rooted in Scripture in the way he teaches and lives. Students have learned the importance of bringing these ideas and the Scriptures into their prayer lives and to interiorize who Christ is and how he saves them.

His students see Liaugminas as a man of God balanced in contemplation and action, seeing keenly the desires of the people and responding with careful diligence to give to others the true Christ already present among them.

"He has given me a greater desire to dive into the rich theological tradition we have here in the Catholic Church," Valentine said. "He has truly been an inspiration to us as future priests and even to the current priests on campus." ■



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# BACK TO GALILEE REINVIGORATES FAITH AND IS A REMINDER OF CHRIST'S LOVING CALL

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**The mystery of the Resurrection** is the central proclamation of the Christian life. Matthew 28:10 recounts the message that Jesus Christ shared with Mary Magdalene and the other Mary as he greeted them shortly after being raised from the dead.

Jesus tells the women to tell his disciples to go back to Galilee, where they first encountered Him. The followers of Jesus had experienced the depths of sorrow just a few days before when their Savior died a criminal's death.

Yet Jesus meets them in the midst of that sorrow and offers a message of hope by inviting them back to their first encounter with Him. Likewise, at Mundelein Seminary, thanks to the initiative of seminarians Noah Thelen, Diocese of Grand Rapids, and Joe Wagner, Archdiocese of Atlanta, the community is able to have its own "Back to Galilee" moments.

With exams, daily duties and discouraging news headlines, it is easy for

seminarians to fall into despair and forget about their initial encounters with Christ that brought them to discipleship. Back to Galilee is a monthly event for faculty, staff and seminarians to share the stories of their own faith journeys in a relaxed forum.

The series takes place in the reading room of the McEssy Center at Mundelein's library. Thelen, along with Wagner, initiated the program with the hopes of reinvigorating individual faith and reminding everyone why they followed Christ in the first place.

"This series would cause all of us to be more reflective on our pasts and the ways in which the Lord called us; not

simply revisiting his call to enter seminary or to become a priest, but, more fundamentally, re-prioritizing the call to follow Him," Thelen said.

"Secondly, I thought this series would help bring some life and hope to our community. As future priests, we are called to recognize the Lord's work in the lives of others," he said. "Back to Galilee is a way of attuning our ears and our hearts to the varied ways God calls us to Him."

This monthly evening of faith sharing has been a bright spot in the community this year, featuring testimonies from seminarians, faculty members and the rector of Mundelein Seminary, Father John Kartje.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, St. Paul constantly reminded the churches where he was a pastor to build up and bring out the best in one another. Back to Galilee is a small attempt to do just that.

The speakers for the evening give a testimony of the experiences they have had in their lives which brought them to where they are today in the life of faith. Thelen has also been adapting Back to Galilee in his parish as a space for evangelization, a space for people to invite others to come and encounter Christ.

He said, "This event helps make evangelization practical and gives us a vision for how it can be done."

Sometimes we need to be reminded of that first encounter we had with Christ — that first moment that led us into a life of faith, hope and love. As the Church continues to endure hardships, self-inflicted or otherwise, we will continue to go back to those moments that brought us into a trusting relationship with Christ to calm our fears, both internally and externally. ■



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## CARDINAL MEYER LECTURE:

# MODERN FAMILY VIEWED THROUGH A CATHOLIC LENS

BY JOSEPH NGUYEN  
T, DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

*Law, sociology and theology were all mixed together* in the 2019 Cardinal Meyer Lecture, March 14-15, delivered by guest speaker Professor Helen Alvaré. The talks sought to inform seminarians of pressing modern family issues and to see them through a Catholic perspective.

Students and faculty of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake gathered together in the Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium to hear the yearly address. Father Thomas Baima, university provost, served as master of ceremonies.

As Baima noted in his introduction, the Cardinal Meyer Lecture serves as an opportunity for seminarians to deepen their formation and for “reaching our minds beyond the classroom” and to see how theology intersects with the world. The lecture series seeks to discuss contemporary issues in the Church, but also to bring into dialogue with theology such disciplines as literature, law, the social sciences and the arts.

The choice of Alvaré proved well-suited to the lecture’s purpose. A professor of law at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University, Alvaré received her law degree from the School of



Law at Cornell University and a master’s degree in systematic theology from The Catholic University of America. From this background, Alvaré brought law and theology together to highlight two pressing and related issues of the modern Church: family structure and free establishment of religion.

For the first day of her lecture, Alvaré focused on family structure and its relation to gaps in poverty, wealth and race. She began with an overview of the overall situation of what is lost in not having a stable household led by biological parents as the framework of society.

Alvaré then went into the legal framework of the system, with a focus on the issue of putting adults’ interests ahead of the needs of children, and how the government has responded to the situation based on this legal framework. She concluded with some possible solutions.

The second half of the lecture focused on free exercise and non-establishment law and its impact on the Church. As Alvaré explained, the greater emphasis on adult interests in the culture leads to issues of conflict between church and state, especially in the area of morality.

As the Church seeks to keep her morals, this comes into conflict with the law in cases such as nondiscrimination laws. Alvaré discussed the strengths and weaknesses of different approaches, such as the establishment of burden

and the ministerial exception. She concluded the best solution was to live out Church teaching sincerely in practice, as it would contribute to human flourishing and advancement.

After Alvaré gave her talk, two Mundelein faculty members gave their reactions to her argument. Sister Kathleen Mitchell, FSPA, gave the first response, agreeing with Alvaré that loneliness and individualism were important challenges that must be met in the Church today. She also spoke about the need for relationship, captured in the Spanish concept *Encuentro*.

Father David Olson gave the second response, focusing on Alvaré’s solution to the free establishment problem. He noted that some points for discussion included issues of the state intruding into religious institutions to decide what counted as doctrine, which could potentially harm Church autonomy and development of doctrine. After the speakers exchanged questions and answers with each other, they took questions from the audience.

The 2019 Meyer Lecture Series proved informative for all involved and provided everyone with a greater sense of how to meet the modern challenges of the Church. ■



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# SEEKING A HEALTHY BALANCE

## MUNDELEIN INCREASES PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR SEMINARIANS

BY MATTHEW OCKINGA | 2T, DIOCESE OF YAKIMA

**At one point,** Dr. Mark Glafke seriously discerned the priesthood. If God willed it, he would enter the seminary. Many years, a family and a Ph.D. later, Glafke is indeed in the seminary, just not in the capacity he originally imagined.

As part of its efforts to ramp up psychological services for the benefit of seminarians, Mundelein Seminary has made changes to both its counseling process and its Wednesday formation sessions. Mundelein currently has a robust spiritual life program in place and the psychological services support the seminarians' growth on a human level. USML's formation program includes four dimensions: human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral. Formation is the process through which seminarians seek to deepen their relationship with Christ through these four dimensions.

Glafke, who studied psychology at Purdue University, officially joined Mundelein last fall as a consultant and guest lecturer. Along with Father Carlos Ro-

driguez, who has taken the new role of director of counseling services, Glafke hopes to aid seminarians in their lives so they can pay it forward later.

Born and raised in California, Glafke opened a private practice on the Feast of the Assumption in 2013. Shortly after, he began doing initial screening of seminarians for the Diocese of Lafayette before eventually becoming the primary screener. All seminarians in the United States must undergo psychological screening as standard procedure. After a few lengthy conversations with Father John Kartje, rector of Mundelein Seminary, Glafke agreed to take on the new role.

"As psychologists, we have to stay in our lane ... our job is to really focus on naturally based issues and how the natu-

ral issues can lead us to respond to graces or maybe impede our ability to recognize and respond," Glafke said. "If you don't have a solid Catholic anthropological understanding of the human person, it's really hard to understand and recognize what the good would be for an individual ... The only real healing comes from God. And a psychologist can't heal anybody. Priests are better equipped to lead people to that source of healing, which is God's love, which can be experienced tangibly through the sacraments."

Rodriguez, formerly the director of spiritual life at Mundelein, has ample experience as a priest and in psychology. He studied the latter during undergrad but eventually switched his degree to physical therapy. When Kartje was named rec-

tor of Mundelein in 2015, he approached Rodriguez about pursuing a psychology degree. He felt called to follow this path, so for the past few years Rodriguez has taken night classes at a local college to finish his degree and prepare himself for his new role.

With experience both as a spiritual director and in psychology, he places a person's spiritual needs first, while acknowledging the need to focus on their minds as well.

"As a physical therapist and priest, I've seen that you can work with people, but sometimes you just don't have the skills to be able to get them from point A to point B as far as where they are," he said.

Rodriguez acknowledges that his new role comes with challenges that are still being worked out. He works with psychologists Dr. Joseph Fortunato and Dr. Eileen Fera, while at the same time respecting the privacy of the seminarians. Rodriguez is humbled to play a part in the seminarians' personal and spiritual growth.

Throughout the past academic year, Glafke participated in some of the Wednesday morning formation sessions for seminarians of all classes. Having taught a bit at Purdue, he said leading these sessions was a great honor, but not one that came without intimidation and nerves.

"Are you sure you want me doing this?" Glafke remembered thinking. "I didn't want to let down the Church. There's a great responsibility. There's a gravity to it, and I wanted to have the men take stuff away that they could use for their own development."

After Glafke's first year, they certainly have. Giving detailed presentations on a wide variety of topics, including chastity, perfectionism and family of origin, Glafke has been impressed by the depth of questions posed. Throughout the classes, seminarians seemed eager to be there and asked vulnerable and pertinent questions.

Christian Melendez Cruz, a second-year seminarian studying for the Diocese of Yakima, holds a psychological doctorate in clinical psychology from Carlos Albizu University in San Juan, Puerto

Rico, and worked in the profession before coming back to seminary this academic year. With ample experience as a psychologist and a seminarian, he sees counseling from both angles.

"As a psychologist, I consider that mental health services provide clients with the opportunity for personal, emotional and psychological growth. Counseling provides clients with a journey to explore their difficulties while facilitating them with a variety of skills to strengthen their coping skills," he said. "As a seminarian, I recognize that the importance of counseling lies in the integration of spirituality and formation with the different mental health realities. Counseling can provide seminarians with the opportunity to understand their calling to priesthood, while considering their lives and their history."

Rodriguez stressed that counseling is not a catch-all for seminarians' fears and struggles. Prayer takes top priority. But if a seminarian takes his formation seriously, making use of all the resources available, the Church wins — whatever the man's vocation is.

Glafke concurred, and said psychology is "believing in the value of honest investigation that leads to growth toward being happy, healthy and holy. Psychology should complement spiritual direction, not take its place. It all has to be guided toward what's best for each soul on campus and what's best for the Church. The good news is that's what best for you is what's best for the Church." ■



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## TWO LANGUAGES, ONE CHURCH REFLECTIONS ON MINISTRY IN A BILINGUAL PARISH

BY DEACON HAYDEN CHARLES | 4T, DIOCESE OF WICHITA

### ***“You are not called to be a seminarian.”***

A former vocation director often repeated this to the seminarians in his charge. It was surprising and a little jarring at first, but upon further reflection, it started to make sense. In one sense, of course, seminarians are called to be seminarians, because God draws men into seminary formation to form them, through the work of faculty and staff, to be good and holy priests.

However, in another sense, men are not called to be seminarians, because they do not enter seminary to stay in seminary; they enter seminary because they are called to be priests. Seminary formation, then, must be multidimensional, forming men in the chapel, the classroom and the parish. Thus, during formation at Mundelein Seminary through the seminary’s Tolton Teaching Parish Program students are sent to various parishes throughout the Archdi-

ocese of Chicago and beyond to experience and be molded in parish life.

For the past couple of years, I worked at St. Bartholomew Parish in northwest Chicago as part of this program. My welcome into the life of the parish and bonding with faithful parishioners has been a great blessing. I learned a great deal through many experiences, and I will carry my formation from St. Bartholomew with me as I return to serve as a priest in my home Diocese of Wichita.

One of the highlights from St. Bartholomew was the diversity and the unity of the Church. The parish offers three Masses in English and two in Spanish each weekend.

This was a new experience for me and a different parish reality than where I grew up. Many parishioners commented on the benefit of this opportunity for me and for all the seminarians who come to St. Bartholomew.

The unique challenges and joys of a bilingual community with many different ministries fosters an ideal environment for learning and formation. My time at St. Bartholomew has been eye-opening, taught me many great lessons and formed me as I prepare to serve the Church as a parish priest.

The temptation at first was seeing English and Spanish Mass communities as two different groups, but the priests and parishioners at St. Bartholomew work to make sure the two are one. In-

stead of English-speaking and Spanish-speaking parishioners becoming two different communities, members of both groups stay united by supporting and integrating one another into their unique celebration of the faith.

A perfect example happened last fall, when I worked with the Guadalupano Committee, a group of parishioners who organized the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on Dec. 12. This celebration is a very special one for Spanish-speaking Catholics, especially those from Mexico.

At St. Bartholomew, the entire parish worked together to raise money for the celebration, through food and rummage sales. Further, the Guadalupano Committee raised money not only for the one-day celebration, but also for the entire parish. The committee was not made up of only Spanish-speaking parishioners but people from many different backgrounds. It was beautiful and very formative to see this diverse community in action at St. Bartholomew.

The parish religious education program prepares parish students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

The students come to classes each Saturday afternoon and attend 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday. What a joy it was to watch so many students going through St. Bartholomew's catechetical program.

Seminarians have the opportunity to help teach classes, which is a benefit to our formation. Many parishioners expressed their gratitude for the example seminarians provide to the students, in the classroom and through their presence at Mass. Seeing the students at Mass is a joy for seminarians, priests and parishioners alike, as so many young people come to St. Bartholomew for nourishment of faith and strengthening of prayer.

The greatest joy during my time at St. Bartholomew has been getting to know parishioners who enrich and nurture my own faith. It is a gift to step out of the academic world and enter into the

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real lives of real people, who we, as seminarians, are learning to serve. Throughout my time at Mundelein, the constant encouragement, support and friendship of so many faithful people has provided invaluable motivation as I continue formation. St. Bartholomew has given a taste of relationships to be found in

my future priestly ministry.

Pope St. John Paul II, in his document on priestly formation, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, said, “The nature and mission of the ministerial priesthood cannot be defined except through ... [a] rich interconnection of relationships.” This rich interconnection begins with the priest’s relationship with God, but it extends to include “a positive and helping relationship to the laity.”

During my time at St. Bartholomew, I experienced, in many small ways,

what these relationships mean for me and for the parishioners I will one day serve as a priest. This has been the greatest gift to me, and, I hope and pray, to the St. Bartholomew parishioners, too.

Longtime parishioner Nina Grenke-Kosinski said that the seminarians who have served at St. Bartholomew have “become part of our parish family.”

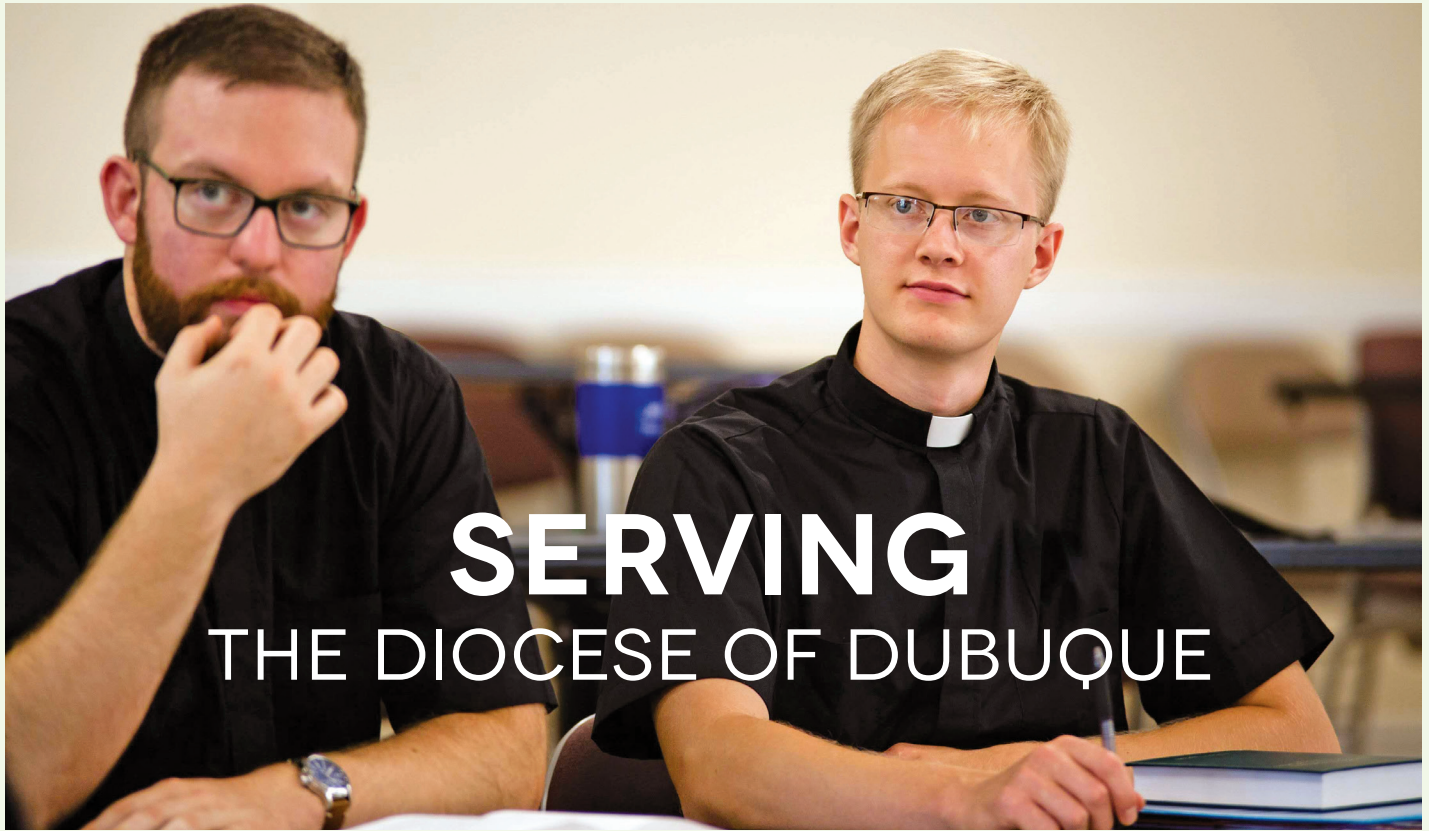
I have certainly found her statement to be true, and I’m sure the same could be said of the other seminarians who have served at St. Bartholomew.

Nina continued, “It means a lot to the people of St. Bartholomew to have the honor of watching seminarians grow spiritually and emotionally in the footsteps of Jesus.”

Not only have the parishioners watched seminarians grow, but they have helped them along the way as well, forming them to be shepherds after the Heart of Jesus. ■



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# SERVING THE DIOCESE OF DUBUQUE

BY JAKE DUNNE | 3T, ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBUQUE

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

In the northeast corner of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and covering parts of Iowa, southwest Minnesota and southeast Wisconsin, is a region known as the Driftless area. This region's landscape was untouched by the movements of glaciers. Throughout the rest of the Midwest, glaciers scraped and flattened the earth, but the Driftless region is marked by tall, steep hills separated by picturesque valleys. The Mississippi River runs through the heart of this area and on any given day one can see bald eagles soaring.

In this land where ancient forces of nature refused to visit, I arrived on a chilly February day. My internship, which lasted from February to the middle of May, would be in the heart of this Driftless region in a town called Waukon at St. Patrick's Parish. In ad-

dition to this church, my pastor and I served two smaller parishes, both called St. Mary's, in the towns of Hanover and Dorchester.

After encountering the landscape of Allamakee County for the first time, my first few weeks at the parish were dominated by preparation, discussions and the execution of a men's and women's CEW retreat, a weekend retreat similar to

CHRP or TEC for high schoolers. The CEW weekend, similar to the landscape, wasn't flattened by outside forces and remained a raw, kerygmatic experience focused on encounter and renewal in the Spirit.

The retreat allowed me to meet many people and learn about the men and women of northeast Iowa in an atmosphere of faith. Weeks and months after the retreat, I continued to experience the CEW community as spiritually aware people concerned about the good of others. They have varied talents and gifts, transitioning from serving those down on their luck to performing a Passion play on Palm Sunday.

## RECTOR CHALLENGE

Before our respective internships, Father John Kartje, rector/president of Mundelein Seminary, issued our second theology class a challenge: explain the differ-



ence that Christianity makes. He said to answer the question: What are the benefits to prayer or baptism or any of it?

During my internship in Allamakee County, I encountered people whose faith made a positive difference for them. Older people, faithful their whole lives, could articulate how their faith had sustained them through their most difficult moments.

In my own ministry alongside my pastor, Father Mark Osterhaus, we entered into the lives of those who were dealing with loss, extended suffering, suicide, mental illness and addiction. In those who had faith, those who put their trust in Jesus, I sensed a possibility for true human development and growth. For those who carry a heavy cross, faith in Jesus and His presence is practical in an ultimate and existential sense.

Personally, this question drove deeper and asked: *What difference does priestly ministry make?* As a Catholic, I knew the answer. As a future priest in ministry with real people, I was less sure.

Soon after arriving, I witnessed my pastor make cold calls to people who hadn't been to Mass in a while and draw them back into parish life. Many parishioners articulated the importance of priests who had *been there* in times of trouble.

I wrestled with the persistent comment parishioners made about priests who had "been there." What does that mean? Isn't there something more than just showing up?

My internship revealed "being there" means a priest is showing up and allowing

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Jesus to dictate his ministry. A priest's presence is sacramental and it looks like prayer and blessing.

### A CHANCE TO TEACH!

During Lent, our parish offered small groups with different themes — some studied Scripture while others provided a space to share their faith, like the young mothers' group *Momnipotent*. I chose to lead a group that focused on the Mass because I remembered how much I learned in Father Ron Kunkel's *Principles of Sacred Liturgy* course.

How cool would it be if more people were able to get more out of the Mass! Inspired by the Liturgy Guys podcast produced by the Liturgical Institute at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, I used Dr. Chris Carsten's recent book *A Devotional Journey Into the Mass*, which served as a great tool to start conversations and learn the principle of sacramentality and its relationship to prayer.

I wanted the group to focus on the what and how of the Mass, but even more I wanted people to understand how to pray the Mass. How can we engage the Mass interiorly and in an authentically spiritual way? I found that those who participated in the group were interested and engaged with the material, which was edifying for me.

### PRAYER ON INTERNSHIP:

Another faculty member's challenge served as my mantra



St. Mary – Hanover

throughout the internship. Father Dennis Spies said, "We are sending you to do God's work, please do not do it without Him."

Days at St. Patrick's often went in unexpected directions with unexpected tasks, and I often finished late in the evening and a little bit tired. Throughout my last four years of seminary, I developed a habit of Evening Prayer, so each night of internship, even in my tiredness, I felt an itch which said, "Go pray!"

So, I would cross 25 yards of frozen tundra, flip a few lights on and relax into the first pew of the beautiful St. Patrick's church with its colorful windows and classic marble altars. Ahh ... this is the beating heart of ministry: my relationship with Jesus and His Spirit's work in me.



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Some of the habits of prayer and spiritual direction were kneaded gently over the years of seminary and some were forged with a heavy hammer, but they made my internship holy and fruitful for my journey towards priesthood. I hope it was also fruitful for the people of Allamakee County. ■





# A HISTORIC RETREAT

LAST WINTER, THE USCCB  
BISHOPS GATHERED AT  
MUNDELEIN FOR PRAYER, UNITY  
AND DIVINE GUIDANCE.

BY FATHER TYLER RAYMOND | ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBUQUE  
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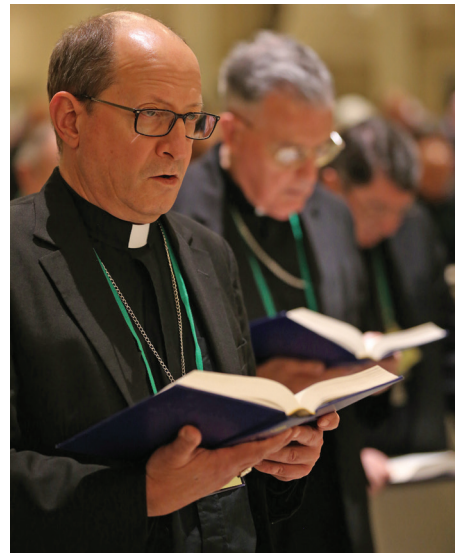


***This January***, a group of seminarians, along with the staff of Mundelein Seminary and many volunteers in the area, hosted a retreat at St Mary's of the Lake. This was not a typical retreat. This retreat was unique in the life of the American Church. It was also an experience of the power of Mundelein.

"I have not come here to advise or chastise; I have come to encourage and to suffer with you." These were the opening words of Father Raniero Cantalamessa OFM Cap, the retreat master for the gathering of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at Mundelein. This message of solidarity is unusual for the start of a retreat, but it was necessary for those gathered at the seminary in early January. The Church again was going through a time of renewed crisis of accountability and credibility; for the Church in the United States had struggled with how to face this issue.

While many in the U.S., including bishops, were calling for comprehensive action to deal with renewed crisis, the bishops were gathered at Mundelein at the request of Pope Francis. Why? Would he fraternally correct them through the papal preacher, offer a step-by-step plan for reform or perhaps even ask for their resignations?

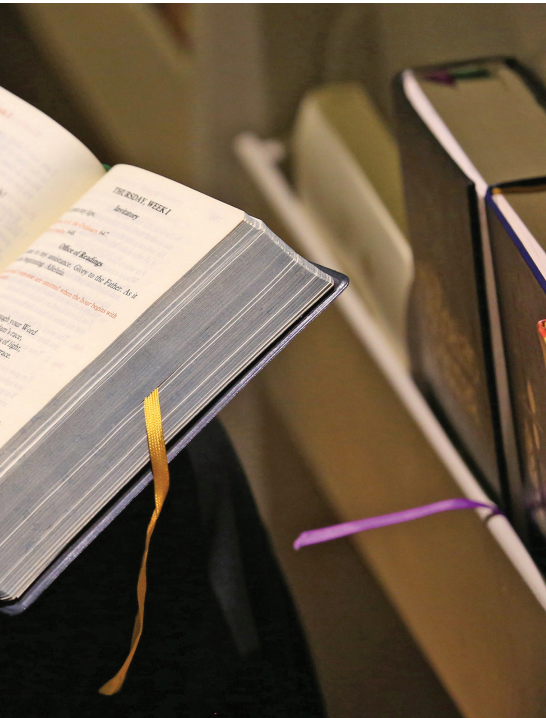
The pope revealed his intentions in a letter he wrote to the bishops on retreat: "At times of great confusion and uncertainty, we need to be attentive and discerning, to free our hearts of compromises and false certainties, in order to hear what the Lord asks of us in the mission he has given us. Many actions can



be helpful, good and necessary, and may even seem correct, but not all of them have the ‘flavor’ of the Gospel ... we have to be careful that ‘the cure does not become worse than the disease.’ And this requires of us wisdom, prayer, much listening and fraternal communion.”

The gathering at Mundelein was to re-center and focus the American bishops at this time of crisis, so that they could discern where Jesus Christ was leading through prayer and fraternal communion. One of the bishops on retreat, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago Ronald Hicks, commented, “While we need to concern ourselves with many important things, we need to make time to pray, reflect and center our lives on Christ, the source of all life and hope.”

This made Mundelein not only a good venue for a gathering of this size, with its secluded beautiful grounds and enough lodging for hundreds of bishops, but a spiritually appropriate location. What the pope was asking the bishops to do — listen to Jesus to free their hearts so that they can discern the mission God is calling them to as a community — is the purpose of Mundelein Seminary. Usually, Mundelein serves seminarians preparing to minister as



priests and co-workers with these bishops. Discernment by coming closer to Jesus and renewing their relationships with Him is an ongoing process, for seminarians — and for bishops.

This retreat, though not meant for seminarians, still made me reflect again on my time here, and the way in which Mundelein, the place and the community, gave me the opportunity to come to know Jesus so that I could, with my brothers, discern what mission he had called me to. That is the power of Mundelein that can be felt by anyone who steps on campus. Bishop Hicks, a former faculty member and alumnus, said that he “was very proud to share [Mundelein] with my brother bishops from across the country. For many of them, it was their first time visiting. It provided a perfect setting for prayer, reflection and fraternity.” Even amid chaos and confusion, Mundelein is a special place where listening, praying and communion can happen. Mundelein is a place of discernment, for any and all who come to campus. ■



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## TREASURES FROM THE CARDINAL MUNDELEIN COLLECTION

BY FATHER MICHAEL L. LEWIS | DIOCESE OF EL PASO

**Editor's Note:** During this January's retreat of the U.S. Bishops, a special exhibit was displayed in the gallery of the McEssy Theological Resource Center to showcase some of the priceless artifacts that Cardinal George Mundelein collected and which are now housed in the Feehan Memorial Library's museum. Here are some of the more unique treasures.

### SACRED HEART MONSTRANCE

This spectacular monstrance, used to display the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic exposition, was made in the late 19th century by Joseph Armand-Calliat in Lyon, France, and was originally intended for a Belgian cathedral dedicated to the Sacred Heart that was never built. It sat in the vaults of a Parisian jeweler for 50 years until it was purchased by Cardinal Mundelein in 1937

for \$25,000 (nearly \$500,000 today).

The 1937-38 Philosophy House *Chronicle*, a handmade yearbook produced by the seminary's college seminarians, describes the seminarians' excitement and appreciation when Cardinal Mundelein presented this masterpiece to the community on its patronal feast, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. "The monstrance itself, for beauty and artistry, is a marvel of workmanship," the *Chronicle* says. "But



*Sacred Heart monstrance*



*International Eucharistic Congress monstrance, chalice and ciborium*

what makes it most outstanding, even more than [its] delicate filigree work, is its rich and expressive symbolism.”

Made of gilded sterling silver, it stands 40 inches high and 21½ inches wide. The base is a globe with *cloisonné* enameled oceans, surrounded with various saints in *bas-relief* and with the symbols of the four evangelists in full relief. The boat in the capital of the *cloisonné* shaft symbolizes the Barque of St. Peter.

At the center of the circular *nimbus* and surrounding the *lunula*, the window where the host is placed, is a heart filled with adoring angels. Surrounding it are eight roundels depicting scenes relating to the Sacred Heart. The decoration on the four rays that form a cross through the *nimbus* symbolize the blood and water flowing from Christ’s side to redeem the world. The ivory masks at the ends of the rays and at the base of the *nimbus* represent the five continents.

### INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS MONSTRANCE, CHALICE AND CIBORIUM

This monstrance (featuring Cardinal Mundelein’s coat of arms), chalice and ciborium were created for and used during the final event of the 28th International Eucharistic Congress held on Mundelein’s campus June 24, 1926. Described as one of Cardinal Mundelein’s most

significant achievements, the three-day festival was the first of its kind to be held in the “New World.” Indeed, the construction of the seminary was rushed to completion before the culminating event — a massive outdoor Mass and Eucharistic procession around St. Mary’s Lake, which drew an estimated 800,000 people to Mundelein that day.

Following the Mass, the papal legate, Cardinal Giovanni Bonzano, carried the Eucharist in this monstrance underneath a golden canopy throughout the three-mile procession around the lake, as seen in the inset photo. The procession itself stretched for more than two miles and featured 12 cardinals, 275 bishops and archbishops, hundreds of priests, bands from area schools and floats representing countries and organizations. The monstrance, which is too heavy to carry for such a long distance, actually comes apart, with the top *nimbus* section designed to be separated for processions and Benediction.

### BAPTISMAL CHEST & RELIQUARY

Over the years, Cardinal Mundelein received many beautiful gifts, includ-



*Baptismal chest*



*Reliquary*

ing this gold chest presented to him by Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, the dean of the College of Cardinals. This 19th-century chest is said to have been used during the baptisms of children of the Belgian royal family and contains vessels for the holy oils and holy water. The sides depict enameled scenes of baptismal ceremonies as well as Vannutelli’s coat of arms.

This reliquary was presented to then-Archbishop Mundelein in 1922 by Cardinal Karl Schulte, the archbishop of Cologne. The enameled central panel features a scene of the Magi presenting gifts to the infant Jesus and is flanked by depictions and relics of two early bishops of Cologne, St. Maternus (who died in 315) and St. Engelbert (who died in 1225). ■



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**1. All is Grace**

Finding Christ Through  
Nature at Yellowstone  
National Park

**2. Super Moon Over  
Mundelein Seminary**

**3. Found**

**4. Geese Over Statue  
of St. Paul**





**Calvary Fire**

Faith tried as gold.  
 Casting ring For you, my Lord.  
 It stings.  
 She calls to me again; “Can you, my son, remain?  
 Gift, my child: Drink the Blood.  
 Accuser’s guile is to run from Love.  
 Behold! And stay. He pours it out not to judge away.  
 Here begins the fount.  
 Drink for thirst but not for self;  
 For those you serve – You have no wealth.”  
 Vulnerability on Calvary - Powerless to world’s cruelty —  
 Pierces heart and shows beauty.  
 Loneliness for none but she  
 Who gave Him His Sacred Masculinity.  
 So stay, behold thy gift. Attune to attentive relationship.  
 Behold the Man; the Way, the Life. Be not afraid! Sacrifice.  
 Faith tried as gold. Casting my ring For you, my Lord.  
 It profoundly stings: The Truth of blessed suffering.

BY DAVID SACHA,  
 2T, DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

**The Art of Formation**

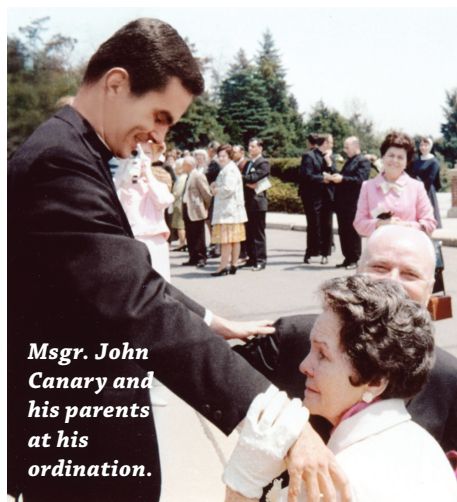
Losing grip on gasping breath  
 Do I fall to my own death?  
 Beckons, thrills, frights, chills,  
 Who am I with such weak will  
 To take on in flesh what flesh longs for?  
 He who is greatest and this flesh adores?  
 Yet mind elsewhere, unfocused.  
 Alone yet not, together in locus  
 But apart in manner most mattering  
 Souls silently slide up ladder’s link  
 As descending and ascending  
 He knows Soul’s deepest turmoil this toil shows  
 Up and down the rungs, life and death.  
 Grasping grip and losing breath.  
 Living life in dying death.

## FORMER RECTOR REFLECTS ON 50 YEARS OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY

**Msgr. John Canary**, a 1969 alumnus of Mundelein Seminary, recently celebrated the 50th jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. He has worn many hats in the Archdiocese of Chicago and spent 28 years at Mundelein. He was the seventh rector (1995 to 2006) and now directs the Joseph and Mary Retreat House. He recently reflected on his years of priestly ministry, the evolution of seminarian formation and his hopes for the future of the Church.

**As you celebrate your 50th jubilee, what are your strongest memories from your seminary days?**

When we were in First Theology, a new rector came in named Bishop John Gorman. We were with him as high school students. Then he was with us in the college seminary and came with us to Mundelein. Our class was excited at his appointment, because we knew him and knew he could change priestly formation — and he did. He moved to a model of responsibility, collaboration and accountability in seminary formation. The previous model had been based on a “rule of life” — almost a military model. When priests were ordained out of that model, there was no “rule” at a parish level, so they had to learn how to take more responsibility, collaborate and be accountable.



**Msgr. John Canary and his parents at his ordination.**

**What changes are you seeing in priestly formation at Mundelein today?**

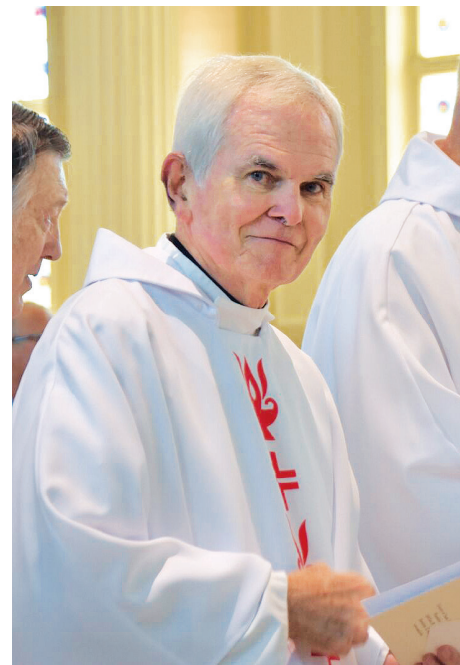
It's wonderful Cardinal Cupich and Father Kartje have established the Tolton Teaching Parish Program because it puts seminarians in immediate contact with parishioners and the parish staff, and literally does the preparation. The parish supports the seminarians during discernment.

**What gives you hope for the future of the Church?**

I think among younger people it's more challenging for the Church to make a connection, but they have a deep spiritual hunger. They say it in different ways — that they are spiritual and not religious — but the hunger is there. St. John Paul II recognized that when he began World Youth Day. He tapped a spiritual hunger and a desire to live in ways that contributed to the betterment of our world. That hunger is real for young people, though we connect with them very differently from when I was ordained.

**We were grateful to learn that you recently included Mundelein Seminary in your estate plan. Why is this a worthwhile investment?**

The mission of Mundelein has always inspired me. Mundelein exists to provide the preparation, formation, education and pastoral training that makes people well-versed to be leaders. This gift is a way for me to make sure my family will be well cared for.



**Mundelein's current rector, Father John Kartje, frequently quotes you as advising seminarians and priests to “stay close to the fire.” What do you mean by that?**

Biblically, fire was the symbol of God's presence and love — from Moses and the burning bush, to the pillar of fire leading the Israelites, to the fire of the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles. Fire is a living sense of God's presence.

I've worked for many years with priests in Chicago. I know most of them to be men of faith. Some of them at times are not close to the fire. They get disheartened, discouraged, hurt or frustrated. We need to let God's spirit renew us.

**Do you have any other advice for those engaged in priestly ministry?**



**MATT PAOLELLI** is the director of marketing and communications for Mundelein Seminary.

Just say yes. Don't hold back. Be bold. What I can see looking back is God's love and grace continues to transform people's lives. I want to continue to support people and encourage them to know God's love. That still excites me and sustains me as a priest. ■



# CATHOLIC EXTENSION HELPS MISSION DIOCESES BY PROVIDING NECESSARY RESOURCES

BY JESSE HIETT | 2T, SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

**When Hurricane Harvey** slammed onto the shores of Texas in 2017, it left a path of devastation in its wake. In the Diocese of Beaumont, Texas, churches and schools were left in ruins. Fortunately, the Catholic Extension Society (CE) was able to help with a \$670,000 grant for rebuilding efforts.

“Catholic Extension is helping our long-term recovery and people lean on their faith in times like these,” said Bishop Curtis Guillory of the Diocese of Beaumont.

Since 1905, CE has served and met the needs of dioceses that lack resources in the building of churches and supporting priests. Founded under the leadership of Father Francis Clement Kelley, the organization moved to Chicago in 1907, where it has been located ever since. Now, in Chicagoland, several Mundelein seminarians from mission dioceses are able to pursue vocations to the priesthood thanks to the generosity of Catholic Extension.

The organization serves 87 mission dioceses in 35 states. In 2018, CE gave over 1,750 grant payments nationwide amounting to more than \$23 million.

These mission dioceses, like those Father Kelley set out to serve, have a strong Catholic presence but find themselves limited in finances, infrastructure or in pastoral outreach. Their current strategic initiatives include providing grants that help to advance Church leaders, support youth and Catholic education, education and provide long-term sustainability and continuing education for clergy.

Father David Baunach, Mundelein Class of 2016, expressed his appreciation for the foundation’s help to seminarians. “Catholic Extension assisted in the building of a new parish in Shell Knob, Missouri, and helped offset the cost of instituting their Hispanic Ministry Program,” he said.

One of the most significant contributions that CE makes is to the future of the Catholic Church. Right now, more than 550 seminarians from an average of

47 mission dioceses receive some form of education assistance.

“We are so grateful to Catholic Extension for helping us for many years, including support for seminarian education,” said Bishop Herbert Bevard of the Diocese of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. “Since becoming bishop here, I’ve had the honor of ordaining six new priests, now totaling 14 priests for the diocese. Without financial assistance for these men, the Church here would be crippled.”

In addition to these tuition assistance programs, CE partnered with Mundelein Seminary in 2011 to offer the Francis Cardinal George OMI Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL) Scholarship. Under the scholarship, seminarians planning to pursue a STL degree at the conclusion of their studies receive 100 percent of their tuition, room and board for all five years.

To date, CE has sponsored 44 Mundelein

seminarians covering 18 dioceses under this scholarship. Rev. Andrew Williams, Mundelein Class of 2018 and the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, was one of those seminarians. Williams stayed at Mundelein an extra year to earn his STL.

“Having this fifth year at Mundelein to complete my licentiate has been an incredible opportunity,” he said. “I honestly feel that I have had the opportunity to learn much more, but also to integrate what I have also learned throughout my seminary experience.”

CE Mission Coordinator Grace Leon says that donors come from all over the world, ranging in all ages, who have a desire to support their fellow Catholics in these mission dioceses.

“Many are second- or third-generation donors who remember seeing *Extension* magazine on their grandmother’s table,” she said.

Donations also come from parishes who have received assistance in the past and now wish to return the favor.

“We recently received a call from Father Tom Barret from St. Paul Catholic Church in Vienna, Illinois, whose parish received a construction grant from Catholic Extension in 1987,” said Leon. “The parishioners decided that they would like to give back and help another church in need with a building project, so they extended a donation of \$10,000 to Catholic Extension.”

Thanks to the generosity and support of Catholic extension, many Mundelein seminarians will continue to be able to pursue their studies and one day, God willing, serve their dioceses as priests of Jesus Christ. ■



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### ■ FOUR DIMENSIONS OF PRIESTLY FORMATION

Mundelein Seminary recently realigned its academic and formation faculty administrators to better reflect the four dimensions of priestly formation—human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral—outlined by St. John Paul II in his 1992 exhortation *Pastores Dabo Vobis*. A man who can integrate these dimensions will exhibit the qualities necessary to be a happy, holy, and competent parish priest. To aid that integration, Mundelein Seminary has appointed a director for each dimension: Deacon Pat Quagliana is the Director for Human Formation, Fr. Edward Pelrine is the Director for Spiritual Formation, Mrs. Marie Pitt-Payne is the Director for Intellectual Formation and Dr. Linda Couri is the Interim Director for Pastoral Formation. This replaces the former structure that included Formation and Academic Deans.



### ■ DR. MATTHEW LEVERING

Dr. Matthew Levering, who holds James N. and Mary D. Perry, Jr. Chair of Theology at USML, has authored four books that have or will appear in 2019. The books include: *The Indissolubility of Marriage: Amoris Laetitia in Context* from Ignatius Press; *The Achievement of Hans Urs von Balthasar: An Introduction to His Trilogy* from Catholic University of America Press; *Did Jesus Rise from the Dead? Historical and Theological Reflections* from Oxford University Press. His book called *Aquinas's Eschatological Ethics and the Virtue of Temperance* from Notre Dame Press will be published in November. Levering also co-edited *Joseph Ratzinger and the Healing of the Reformation-Era Divisions* from Emmaus Academic Press with Father Emery de Gaal which we also be published in November.

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## MEET THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

*In recent months, Mundelein Seminary's development team has brought in some new faces to solidify fundraising and relationship-building efforts to support the mission of forming parish priests. The development staff also introduces seminarians to fundraising basics that they will eventually use in their parish ministry. Through their interaction with donors, visitors and staff, seminarians learn how to share the message of their mission and invite others to support it. Meet the team members:*

### HOLLY GIBOUT

#### *Vice President of Development*



A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Holly leads our development efforts with thoughtful, passionate dedication. Her desire to build relationships — with seminarians, supporters, alumni, board members, and staff — allows her to connect everyone in meaningful ways. After nearly two decades with Northwestern Medicine in philanthropic leadership roles, Holly is eager to develop, cultivate, steward, and implement all fundraising and marketing efforts to ensure lasting relationships in support of the seminary. To learn more about supporting Mundelein Seminary, please contact Holly at 847.970.4929 or [hgibout@usml.edu](mailto:hgibout@usml.edu)

### JUDI GOLEMBA

#### *Associate Vice President*



Judi's background in marketing, database management and operations gives her a strong perspective to directly supervise those components of our efforts. With an experienced, creative mentality, Judi has served as an integral part of rebuilding our development department. Her ability to understand data, trends, and feedback enables us to cater to the needs and desires of our supporters and audiences.

### DEACON BOB THOMAS

#### *Senior Philanthropy Advisor*



A graduate of our university's Institute for Diaconal Studies, Deacon Bob brings a lifetime of business and service experience to our team. A leader in Fortune 10 companies, startups, and nonprofits, he also ministers as a deacon for St. Mary Church in Lake Forest. Deacon Bob's love for the Church inspires his efforts to connect our mission with others who want to support the future priests and leaders who study here. To learn more about supporting Mundelein Seminary, please contact Deacon Bob at 847.970.4887 or [rthomas@usml.edu](mailto:rthomas@usml.edu)

### SYDNEY PROCHAZKA

#### *Philanthropy Advisor*



Sydney has supported a variety of Catholic organizations throughout her Development career. She collaborates within our team to enhance donor engagement and philanthropic giving while developing robust relationships within the local and regional Catholic community.

### ANGELA PASYK

#### *Alumni Outreach and Annual Fund Manager*



After serving the seminary as marketing manager since 2015, Angela moves from being the online voice of Mundelein to building relationships with alumni and reconnecting them to the seminary. Her sincere enthusiasm for our mission sustains her work with alumni and with direct mail and mid-level giving programs. Alumni are encouraged to contact [apasyk@usml.edu](mailto:apasyk@usml.edu) with feedback, ideas, updates, and reunion plans.

### GABRIELA ARIAS

#### *Strategic Philanthropy Coordinator*



With experience in grant-writing and database management, Gabi fulfills our team's need for strategic administrative support. She actively promotes cross-collaboration with internal and external audiences, providing vital support to our rector and vice president.

### KIM OBAID

#### *Advancement Operations Coordinator*



Kim is regularly the first line of contact when donors call, email or write to us. She assists with everything from prayer intentions to requests for sympathy cards to managing the generous gifts we receive from donors. Her role is to respond to donor questions and inquiries and support development leadership.

## Upcoming Events

NOV. 9 — Science Day

NOV. 18 — Newly Ordained Mass and Dinner

DEC. 8 — Sounds of the Season Christmas Concert  
and Brunch

DEC. 14 — Advent Retreat for friends of Mundelein

JAN. 17-19, 2020 — Father Pat O'Malley  
Invitational Basketball Tournament

APR. 17, 2020 — 25th/50th Anniversary Mass

APR. 23, 2020 — 27th Celebration of Mundelein at  
The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago

## Academic Calendar

NOV. 25-29 — Thanksgiving Break

DEC. 16-20 — Final Exams

DEC. 20 — Fall Semester ends

JAN. 13, 2020 — Spring Semester begins

JAN. 17-MARCH 19, 2020 — Holy Land Pilgrimage

FEB. 1, 2020 — Pastoral Internship begins

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upcoming events, visit [usml.edu/events](http://usml.edu/events).*

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### JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION

Dozens of Mundelein alumni from the Classes of 1969 and 1994 joined Cardinal Blase Cupich and other bishops for a Mass of Thanksgiving on April 26. Those celebrating their 50th anniversary of their priestly ordination (top photo) included a former Mundelein Seminary rector, Msgr. John Canary, and the Most Rev. Francis Kane, auxiliary bishop emeritus of Chicago. Those celebrating their 25th anniversary (bottom photo) included the three recently ordained auxiliary bishops of Chicago, the Most Rev. Mark Bartosic, the Most Rev. Robert Casey and the Most Rev. Ronald Hicks. Next year's celebration for the alumni of the Classes of 1970 and 1995 is scheduled for April 17, 2020.





## ■ CELEBRATION OF MUNDELEIN

Hundreds gathered at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in downtown Chicago on Feb. 28 for the 26th Celebration of Mundelein, a night of seminarians in song and deserved recognition for supporters of Mundelein. There, the Most Rev. Daniel Conlon, bishop of Joliet (second from left), was honored with the *As Those Who Serve* Award. In addition, Ron and Diane Ziemba (center, with red ribbons) were honored with the *Christo Gloria* Award in recognition for their years of work as vocations committee co-chairs for the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

## ■ MAY CROWNING

Father Ton Nguyen, a Class of 2019 priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago, crowns the statue of Mary in the Dowdle Memorial Garden in front of Mundelein Hall on May 5. Hundreds of friends of Mundelein Seminary inaugurated the month dedicated to Mary with a Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception and luncheon in Mundelein Hall.



■ LUNAR NEW YEAR

The Mundelein community celebrated the Lunar New Year, a festival especially important in many Asian countries, on Feb. 6. A special Mass that featured songs, readings and prayers in Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean and Tagalog was led by Father Christian Shiu, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and member of Mundelein's Class of 2018. Later that evening, dancing lions and delicious foods delighted the community in the Deacon Rec Hall.



# SURROUNDED BY THE LEGACY OF CARDINAL MUNDELEIN'S FEARLESSNESS

BY FATHER MICHAEL L. LEWIS | DIOCESE OF EL PASO

## *One of the most interesting juxtapositions*

I observed during the bishops' retreat in January was their utter humility during a week spent on a campus built by Cardinal George Mundelein to be anything but humble. With the legacy of Cardinal Mundelein surrounding them, many sought that week to pay their respects at his tomb beneath the altar of repose in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, the place where they spent much of their time listening to Father Cantalamessa preach about their role and character as shepherds.



Cardinal George Mundelein waves to the crowd upon returning to Chicago after becoming a cardinal in Rome in 1924.

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Indeed, it was Cardinal Mundelein's intrepid character as Chicago's first cardinal-shepherd that built the seminary that would eventually bear his name. And his fearlessness in the face of uncertain and difficult times, I think, can be instructive for clerics and would-be clerics today, times which are similarly uncertain and difficult. "*Nolite timere*," or "Do not be afraid" — Jesus' words to the Apostles so many times in the Gospels — was not the episcopal motto of Cardinal Mundelein, though perhaps it should have been. But there's a reason those words were chosen to adorn the house chapel in the Theology Residence at Mundelein Seminary.

A young 22 when he was ordained a priest, George Mundelein was only 36 when he was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn (the youngest bishop in the country), and just 43 when appointed archbishop of Chicago (again, the youngest archbishop). Bold, and not a little headstrong, he arrived in his new see, survived an assassination attempt before even being installed and promptly promised to put the city "on the map."

Within months, he came up with the

idea that would surround seminarians and bishops nearly 100 years later: a lake-side campus that he wanted to become the Catholic University of America of the West. The nation's bishops declined, however — the Church already had a national university — so Mundelein decided to go at it alone, making the University of Saint Mary of the Lake a place of his own to train, form and prepare a homegrown generation of priests to serve his burgeoning archdiocese and beyond.

Mundelein's fearlessness and audacity were certainly apt for the era, for anti-Catholic sentiment was on the rise in the United States, especially the notion that it was not possible to swear allegiance to the American flag *and* to the pope. Mundelein built his retort to that ignorant perspective right into the bricks of this campus, choosing an architectural style that looks distinctly American, but which is also proudly Catholic. And he fearlessly sparred with an upstart politician in his ancestral home of Germany, calling Adolf Hitler in 1937 nothing more than "an Austrian paper hanger, and a poor one at that," drawing the Führer's ire as a result.

By the time he welcomed hundreds of thousands of people to the seminary campus for the culminating event of the 28th International Eucharistic Exposition in 1926, he had already accomplished his goal of raising Chicago's stature and renown. But he did the same for the Catholic faith, refusing to mix apologies with apologetics, and unabashedly proclaiming the Church to be a source of Truth.

As his successor, Cardinal Francis George, would write decades later, "He worked to strengthen the Catholic faith by founding and strengthening the institutions of the faith at a moment when that was what was most needed for the mission of the Church." Today, as the Church is challenged with a similar moment of necessity, I think Cardinal Mundelein's example reminds us all — bishops, priests, seminarians and lay people — of Jesus' call, "Do not be afraid!" May we, like him, never shy from being bold in preaching the Gospel, audacious in witnessing God's truth and fearless in evangelizing Christ wherever he calls us to serve. ■



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