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FORMING STRONG SPIRITUAL CORES WILL 'GIVE LIFE' TO FUTURE PARISH PRIESTS

BY FATHER JOHN KARTJE

Great crowds assembled to listen to Jesus and to be cured of their ailments, but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray. — Luke 5:15-16

If you ask a parish priest, “What is most important: study, pastoral work, or prayer?”, the best answer would be, “Yes.” It simply is not acceptable for the parish priest of today (or tomorrow) to see himself as a man who is done reading theological or spiritual books once he graduated from seminary; or a priest who “prays through his work” but rarely takes quiet time for focused, contemplative prayer; or a priest who refuses to interrupt his Holy Hour to take a call from a parishioner in serious need because “Jesus must come first.” And yet, while not denying the critical importance of any of these responsibilities, the Church has always insisted that a parish priest’s identity must be grounded in his relationship with Jesus Christ. Saint Augustine declared that the human heart is destined to be eternally restless unless it can rest in Christ’s own heart. Resting in the heart of Christ is the desired goal of each person’s spiritual journey.

In his document on priestly formation, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, St. John Paul II echoed that same sentiment. “For every priest, his spiritual formation is the core which unifies and gives life to his being a priest and his acting as a priest” (PDV 41). As these words imply, the “spiritual core” is neither the culmination nor the overseer of the various facets of forma-

tion, but rather the foundation from which life is drawn and upon which confidence is built. Just as Jesus himself — no matter how busy he was with the crowds — insisted upon finding time to be alone with his Father, so too must every seminarian find ways to nurture his spiritual growth. One of our primary tasks at Mundelein Seminary is to help each man deepen his relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Mary; the saints; and the sacraments.

In this issue of *The Bridge*, you’ll encounter a few of the myriad ways that our community fosters prayer and spirituality both on and off campus. For example, one of the most sublime sources of divine inspiration at the seminary is Cardinal Mundelein’s substantial collection of religious artwork, gathered from around the world and spanning several millennia. Notable paintings, etchings, and sculptures can be found throughout the buildings and grounds. Our new curator, Chris Benoodt, brings a professional eye and a personal passion to the cataloging, maintenance and restoration of these sacred pieces of art (pages 6–7). Sacred music is yet another avenue by which the soul can be lifted to God, and Mundelein’s various choirs, scholas and ensembles help accomplish this daily at our liturgies. Over the past year, thousands of choral



scores that had been obscurely packed away in storage have been catalogued and made available once again to our liturgical community (page 8). Back in their home dioceses, our men frequently discover that spirituality can flourish in some of the most traditional and non-traditional spaces, often within the same parish (pages 10-11). Dubuque seminarian Kyle Tietz provides an overview of how the spiritual life of the seminary creates a context within which all of these experiences can be contemplatively savored and enjoyed in God’s presence (page 14).

Spiritual theologian Fr. George Aschenbrenner describes the spirituality of the parish priest as a “monasticism of the heart.” His life is not lived within a quiet cloister, but within a busy world. And yet, he needs a contemplative core every bit as much as a vowed monk. That interior spiritual core is what we strive to form within every seminarian’s heart at Mundelein Seminary. ■

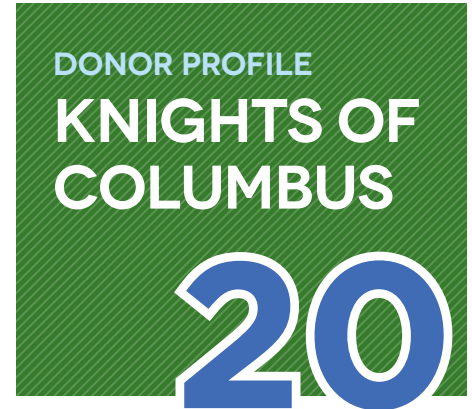
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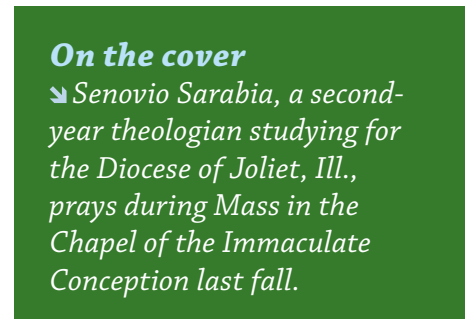
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When the Registrar's Office was reorganized into the new Office of Registration and Records last year, it took someone from the Sunshine State to light the way in leading an entity with which every student interacts. Florida native Devona Sewell brings 20 years of experience, a fresh perspective and big ideas on how to bring Mundelein's transcripts, grade reports, degree plans and student records into the 21st century.

In the years before coming to Mundelein, Sewell was the registrar at the College of Central Florida in Ocala, where she was also an adjunct professor in the Business Department, teaching accountancy and business administration (she has master's degrees in both).

"I actually started working in a registrar's office my first year of college at North Florida Community College. I was a work study student," Sewell said.

At the school studying elementary education, Sewell found her calling wasn't to the classroom, but the registrar's office. "Eventually, I worked my way up through

academic advisor and assistant registrar to registrar," she said.

According to Sewell, a good registrar is vital to a thriving academic institution. "The job of a registrar is multifaceted. He or she is the gatekeeper of all student records," she said.

Making sure all student records are secure, correct, accessible and in compliance with all institutional, state and national regulations is no easy task. In addition to nearly 200 seminarians, the University of Saint Mary of the Lake — to include the seminary, the pontifical faculty and five institutes — actually has around 1,000 students.

Devona Sewell, the university's new director of registration and records, prepares to affix the university seal to a transcript.

"There are a lot of people that move through here as students. This office does a lot of service," said Sewell.

Now a resident of Palatine, this is Sewell's first time living outside the state of Florida. "The transition to the cold winters of Chicago was not actually that difficult," she said. "One of the reasons why I wanted to leave Florida was that I couldn't take the hot Florida summers anymore."

Liberating her car from a formidable snow fort a few times a year instead of boiling in the Florida heat was a good trade for Sewell, even though her four sisters and her brother all still live in Florida.

Sewell believes one of her main objectives is bringing the registrar's office into the 21st century by updating the technology the office depends upon, a job she's done twice before at other institutions.

"We are working on replacing our old student information system," Sewell said of the software that stores information like grades, course schedules and grade point averages. "The goal is for students to be able to see their grades online, and for prospective students to be able to fill out their application online."

She joked that she has already introduced one technological advancement to the office: two computer monitors. "We're working on two monitors instead of one, so we can be more efficient," said Sewell. "We can also stop killing trees by printing out documents since we can have them side by side without printing."

Although Sewell was happy in her previous jobs, she was also ready for a change.



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"I think this place chose me," she said. "I remember applying for this job, and I remember interviewing. But I don't remember how I first encountered the job listing. Everything just worked out and fell into place. I just think God chose this place for me." ■

CHRISTOPHER ROGERS: GUIDING LIBRARY USERS' SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

BY RYAN BRADY | 1T, ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dr. Christopher Rogers is the new director of the Feehan Memorial Library and McEssy Theological Resource Center.

the USML library as an ideal fit. “I have always desired to be part of a higher-education or seminary environment committed to Christian theological education, service, and ministry — a place where Catholic faith and learning are an essential aspect of the academic community,” Rogers said. “It’s an exciting opportunity to bring together my varied experiences and interests as an educator in historical and religious thought.”

He looks forward to introducing new and cutting-edge technologies designed to augment the way seminarians study and gain new knowledge and understanding. “That, for me, is a reciprocal process of being able to implement as well as receive knowledge and understanding through my interactions and relations with other,” said Rogers.

His new position at Mundelein was not the only eventful happening this academic year. Just prior to starting at USML’s library in October, he and his wife welcomed twin boys, Jonathan and Aras. Born in July 2017, they were premature and in need of round-the-clock care.

“It’s nothing short of miraculous to observe their growth and development — from their earliest fragile days in the NICU to now, where they are often smiling and laughing baby boys,” Rogers said.



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As a new father, he has gained new understanding and appreciation for the preciousness and interconnectedness of life. “Though they are my sons, they will no doubt follow their own very distinctive, unique and God-given paths in life,” he said. ■

From the more than 250,000 volumes on its shelves to the countless virtual pages of its electronic resources, the Feehan Memorial Library and McEssy Theological Resource Center is home to many useful treasures. Its new director, Dr. Christopher Rogers, hopes to be just as helpful to seminarians and faculty alike.

“I truly admire and appreciate those who have committed themselves to theological studies in the yearning to be a fuller disciple of Christ,” he said. “I wish to be as helpful to those students as I can in the model of those who went before, who helped and guided me.”

Rogers comes to Mundelein from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he was electronic services librarian and acting director of the Paul Bechtold Library. Concurrently, he taught religious history at DePaul University.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Rogers stud-

ied history and religion. He later earned an M.Div. and a Ph.D. in American religious history. “My studies gave me the opportunity to be engaged simultaneously in biblical, historical, ethical, theological and pastoral studies, and I often found that each informed my understanding of the other,” said Rogers.

Through theological study, “I’ve been better able to understand who God is, who I am as created in the image of God, and how God relates to humanity and humanly constructed societies,” he said.

Rogers sees his new role as director of



Chris Benoodt examines a chalice identified as a gift from the family of Lt. Edward Hines Jr., a soldier who died in World War I, whom the family memorialized by donating towards the construction of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

CATALOGUING CARDINAL MUNDELEIN'S VAST ART COLLECTION UNCOVERS HIDDEN GEMS ON CAMPUS' WALLS

BY MICHAEL L. LEWIS | 3T, DIOCESE OF EL PASO

Any visitor to Mundelein's campus will at once notice its world-class architecture, a choice suggested by Cardinal George Mundelein himself. But what visitors may not realize is that on the campus' walls hangs a world-class collection of art for which Cardinal Mundelein is also responsible. With pieces from the 17th through the 20th centuries in media as varied as paintings, prints and sculpture, the vast and varied collection can be found in nearly every campus building.

Though efforts have been made throughout the university's history to catalogue the diverse assemblage, none was as comprehensive and complete as the collection required. With the recent hiring of Chris Benoodt, Mundelein's new art curator/historian, the hope is that a

thorough inventory of the collection can at last be completed and that students, faculty, staff and visitors will gain a new appreciation for the remarkable artwork we see every day.

"There was a desire and a need to wrap our arms around what's out here," Be-

noodt said. "There have been a few attempts over the years to make lists of objects — whether that was fine art paintings, furniture or decorative objects — but they were never completed. What I'm doing is being thorough about it. The goal is to get it all sortable, so that we can answer questions like: How many paintings do we have? What are the pieces that are most in need of being conserved?"

Benoodt's extensive experience with art history, handling, object analysis, appraisal and cataloguing — including a stint with Christie's in London — has already come in handy on campus. She's found gems hiding in plain sight, art that hundreds may have passed by without realizing what is there.

"We have a set of Rafael prints here, engravings that an artist made after a painting that Rafael did," said Benoodt. "They are works that were in the Vatican collection, so they all have papal crests on them. That's a special collection, and people don't know that it's here."

She's also had to play detective in investigating curious details in some of the pieces on campus.

"For example, every day, when we go to breakfast, lunch or dinner in the dining hall, there is an enormous painting hanging over the hot food line," Benoodt said. "If you look at the signature, you'll see 'Mario Barberis, 1922' and a circle with the swastika inside. Immediately, I wondered what was up with that."

Worried that the piece may somehow be tied to the Nazis or even have been plundered by them, she contacted an international art restitution organization to inquire about the artist and the particular painting.

"In fact, it was the second painting here that I found with that mark — two different artists, two different time periods," said Benoodt. "But, we found that both paintings are 'safe;' they had nothing to



This painting of St. Francis, which hangs in the Administration Building, was painted by Giovanni Battista Viola, who lived from 1576 to 1622.

do with Nazism or stolen art. Rather, in the first quarter of the 20th century, there were a number of groups that called themselves Theosophists, and they would sometimes use marks like that. It’s an ancient mark, used long before the Nazis. It used to have more benevolent as-

sociations, and was a symbol of kindness, goodwill and good luck.”

In her research, Benoodt has also had the privilege to get to know Cardinal Mundelein better, especially the preferences that guided his selection of art for his new seminary campus.

“I think Cardinal Mundelein brought a lot of these pieces here because he thought, ‘If these artists are good enough for the Vatican, they’re good enough for my new seminary!’” she said. “He had a vision for all the art here, and I’m trying to get to know him and what that vision was. I’ve gone down to the archdiocesan archives and read correspondence of his to try to learn more about how he acquired certain pieces, what his thought process was and what his interests were.”

Indeed, Mundelein’s collecting interests were quite eclectic. In the Administration Building alone, one will find a Dutch painting of a fish market alongside paintings of saints. In the campus museum in the lower level of the Feehan Memorial Library, you’ll find coins, papal medals, manuscripts by saints and presidential autographs that Mundelein sought out throughout his lifetime.

“His taste was broad, but he had specific interests,” Benoodt said. “That’s the



“Cristo è Passato” by Mario Barberis looms over the hot food line in Mundelein’s dining hall. Curiously, Barberis’ signature in the painting’s lower right corner is accompanied by a swastika. But, as Mundelein’s new art curator/historian, Chris Benoodt, explains, it wasn’t intended to be a Nazi symbol, but rather that of the Theosophist movement of the early 20th century.

fun part for me — having a personality be revealed through what he collected.”

Ultimately, Benoodt hopes to raise awareness in Mundelein’s students and faculty about the collection of art that surrounds them.

“Down the road, I’d like to do art tours, maybe lead some lectures or discussion



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about what is here to bring stronger context to it,” she said. “I get really passionate when I talk about art, because it means so much to me personally, and I find its history so fascinating. I love it so much, I’d like to share my passion with everybody else and help ignite some interest in it.” ■

TROVE OF HISTORICAL MUSIC IS DUSTED OFF AND PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

BY MATTHEW OCKINGA | PT2, DIOCESE OF YAKIMA

Often treasures lie hidden. Under proverbial, or sometimes literal, layers of dust and cobwebs, they sleep patiently, silently waiting to be discovered and shared.



NATE RESILA, IT/ALBANY

Mundelein Seminary's historic music archive — reams of out-of-print sheet music and more than 600 vinyl records — is now sorted and catalogued in a new, climate-controlled home.

door of the music archive room, her heart was instantly broken.

“When I got here, that room was a junk room. And all this beautiful, wonderful men’s choral music was languishing in this room in these giant file cabinets,” Cerabona said. “I went into the room and just started to cry. It was just neglected.”

But treasure deserves to be treasured, and Mundelein’s late director of the Feehan Memorial Library,

Lorraine Olley Eustice, told Cerabona how valuable the music stored in that room was to the Church’s history, since much of it was composed before the Second Vatican Council.

Upon further inquiry, Cerabona learned more about the unique music. It included approximately 2,500 choral compositions, some dating back to 1853. And the scores came from all around the globe, including Sweden, Rome, Paris, Belgium, Russia and The Netherlands.

Cerabona also discovered several American negro spirituals, both secular and sacred, from the Fred Waring Music Collections. After some investigation, she

found that finding copies of this music is difficult today, giving Mundelein’s collection that much more historical value.

Cerabona knew action was necessary to preserve this rare collection of music, most of it sacred, composed for an all-male choir. The room also contained about 600 vinyl records that needed to be converted to electronic format. Cerabona said Eustice told her that the music had to be organized and digitized, since the precious notes rest on brittle material from a different era that will not last.

In 2010, Jason Stone, then a seminarian and now a priest serving in the Diocese of Springfield, Ill., spent countless nights with a team of six, organizing and cataloguing the collection to prepare it for the next stanza of its life.

“We really cleaned it up,” Cerabona said. “We re-did the file cabinets, because each one of them is valued at \$60,000.”

Around 2013, Cerabona, with the help of Dr. Chris McAtee, Mundelein’s former associate academic dean, applied for the Westerman grant, a two-year process, in hopes of scanning and digitizing the 10 boxes of music. Cerabona and McAtee expected that the project would require \$47,000, but USML was only awarded \$25,000. Yet, that sum was enough to digitize four boxes of the collection, a task performed by Mystery Street Recording in downtown Chicago.

Cerabona is astounded that so much music is now stored on a flash drive less than two inches long.

“That’s the part that’s amazing to me, that, if you look at the screen, these are all the boxes that we prepared,” she said.

Now all the sheet music is catalogued, and the archive room is climate-controlled. The four boxes of sheet music that were scanned are now back in the archive room. While

Cerabona hopes to digitize the remaining six boxes eventually, for now, she and Mundelein’s music community are thrilled the treasure is back in the chest.

“The best part of our collection is that it’s all scored for the male choir, and that’s so unusual nowadays,” she said. “The historical value within the Catholic Church, I think, makes it priceless.” ■



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MUNDELEIN HALL GARNERS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE, MASONRY

BY MICHAEL L. LEWIS | 3T, DIOCESE OF EL PASO



Mundelein Hall — the visitor center, bookstore and addition to the dining hall at the center of campus — was completed just one year ago. But its architecture and details blend so well with the rest of nearly century-old campus that you'd never know it was just built. The excellence in construction and design was recently noted by two trade organizations, which bestowed the project with two prestigious awards.

The Chicago-Midwest Chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art (ICAA) gave Mundelein Hall an Acanthus Award for Excellence in Architecture, while also honoring the project's architects, Thomas Norman Rajkovich and Bureau A/D.

"I think ICAA honored Mundelein Hall because the design embraced the classical tradition as a gesture of studied and respectful solidarity with the existing, masterful ensemble of buildings by architect Joseph McCarthy," Rajkovich said. "The selection committee noted the design created a durable and beautiful building that beneficially serves the modern needs of the seminary, skillfully and creatively employing the classical language to specifically integrate with the historic campus architecture. In this sense, the architecture of Mundelein Hall

proudly embraces continuity over time."

The award recognized how the project both honors the campus' past while looking forward to its future, according to Dr. Denis McNamara, associate director of USML's Liturgical Institute and an expert in classical architecture.

"The ICAA was started to promote classical design in general, but also to educate and recognize truly fine examples," said McNamara. "It is a great honor for Mundelein to win the Acanthus Award because it indicates careful stewardship of the exceptional campus we have inherited. Designing Mundelein Hall wasn't simply about looking back to the original campus. It's also role-modeling for the future, teaching people that fine architectural work can still be done today."

The masonry work of Mundelein Hall

— its ornamental stonework and impeccable brickwork — also earned a 2018 Excellence in Masonry Award in the Religious Structures category from the Masonry Advisory Council.

"I am especially pleased with this award because it recognizes the results made possible by the labor of human hands honoring God with their work," Rajkovich said. "In particular, the building is enriched by the brilliant stone-carving work of Mark Hupperich of Galassi Stone, and the attention to detail of Illinois Masonry Corporation and Valenti Builders."

The award acknowledges the deliberately considered details included in the project's design, according to McNamara.

"Mundelein Hall has a lot of carefully designed stone and brick which requires careful assembly, and it's quite rare to see such careful design and assembly these days," said McNamara. "Our architect [Rajkovich] made many subtle and careful design decisions which might not be obvious at first, like setting the windows back in the brick wall to give the appearance of thickness to make the traditional design credible. Also, the keystones over the windows are carefully angled to stand out from the face of the brick wall, giving a sculptural quality to the building. And, the mortar is a different color in between the bricks than it is on the stone quoins on the corners, just like the original Mundelein buildings."

Rajkovich said though he was honored to receive the awards as the project's architect, the accolades equally honor the entire university.

"These awards really recognize the university for its role as patron," Rajkovich said. "As Catholics, we understand well the idea of 'tradition,' and the Church has a long tradition of being the great patron of classical architecture. In this vein, Mundelein is at the forefront of a renaissance of Classical architecture in the contemporary world." ■



St. Mary's children participate in the parish's Vacation Bible School program.

FULL-OF-LIFE ST. MARY'S TEACHES LESSONS FOR A LIFETIME OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY

BY DEACON JEFFREY BURTON | 4T, DIOCESE OF GARY

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There's a certain ritual among seminarians from the Diocese of Gary, Ind., when you are assigned to a new parish. You call up the guys who were there before you, and you get the scoop: What are the people like? Do you think I'll fit in? How is it living with the pastor? Is it a community where I can jump right in?

I was in Jerusalem on pilgrimage with my Mundelein classmates when I got the call that I'd be heading to St. Mary's in Crown Point, Ind., for ministry during my diaconal year. I began wracking my brain trying to remember which guys had previously been assigned there and who I might get the scoop from. Turns out, no seminarians in recent memory had been assigned there. The last transitional deacon assigned to the large suburban parish was there in 1974, and, more recently, he had just announced his retirement.

It looked like I was going to be flying blind on this one. But, going in without any preconceived notions would turn out to be a phenomenal blessing.

I arrived at St. Mary's with a clean slate, and what I found was a vibrant, multi-generational community that took to heart

their mission as disciples on the journey to God. They welcomed me immediately to jump right in and start baptizing, marrying and being part of their family.

Family is important in Crown Point, a city of about 30,000 in the heart of Lake County, which straddles the Illinois border and rests along the southern tip of Lake Michigan. While Gary, Hammond and East Chicago stand to the north as urban centers of the steel and oil industries, Crown Point is a community where people sit on their front porches and wave as you walk by. Every weekend, there's some sort of festival or community gathering on the square where the old Lake County Courthouse towers above the community. And, since 1890, the iconic steeple of St. Mary's has stood as the second tallest building, just two blocks away.

THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR STABILITY

St. Mary's has had just five pastors since Father Philip Guethoff arrived in 1889. Stability has been a hallmark for the parish.

Having stability helps provide a strong sense of spiritual fatherhood. My pastor, Father Patrick Kalich, a 1994 Mundelein graduate, first came to St. Mary's as an associate pastor right after ordination, staying for three years. He came back in 2000 as a weekend associate and assumed the pastorate in 2003. It's not uncommon for him to look out during Mass, see someone in their 30s visiting their parents and welcome them home — by name — during the announcements, reminiscing about a funny moment when they were in elementary school.

That sense of stability brings a very unique sense of community to St. Mary's, and I've learned to remember the ordinary, everyday slice-of-life moments. Those are some of the most profound connections a spiritual father can have with his parish family.

PASTORAL PRESENCE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT

While in the produce section of the grocery store one Saturday, Colleen stopped me and told me how much it meant to her daughter and sixth-grade teammates that I came to their basketball games. But, why wouldn't I be there? It was fun, it was entertaining, it was a chance to connect with parents and cheer on my kids.

St. Mary's helped me realize how much it means to have Father — or, in my case, as a transitional deacon, almost-Father — show up at something important in the lives of our parish family members.

Whenever possible, I popped in and greeted the ladies at the monthly Altar and Rosary meeting. I did the same with the weekly high school youth group, the Sunday religious education classes and Friday dismissal at our massive parochial school. St. Mary's is a large, active parish and there's so much going on, one priest can't possibly be at every meeting and event. I've learned how just popping in and being present to the various populations of the parish makes a huge impact.

STEP OUT OF THE COMFORT ZONE

St. Mary's is a missional church, a parish that is always evolving to serve the needs of its people. And, serving the diverse needs of a large family often means stepping out of one's comfort zone.

Case in point, the day after my ordination, the first Mass I celebrated as a deacon at St. Mary's was the monthly Mass



Christ hangs on a cross on the wood reredos in the historic St. Mary's Church building.



St. Mary's parishioners band together to help construct every wall used in Tabor House, a transitional home built in partnership with the Diocese of Gary and Habitat for Humanity. The home, located near the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary, will provide a place for single-parent households to get back on their feet.

for families with special needs. It's a low-key celebration with quiet piano music, an altar brought down to the people and everyone seated. The Mass was prompted by the parish's visioning process during its 150th anniversary. Recognizing there were families with other-abled members who didn't feel comfortable in the traditional setting, the Mass was intentionally crafted to meet their needs in a judgment-free zone.

Another unique ministry that came out of the same visioning initiative is the God's Groceries food pantry. Knowing that community outreach has a way of transforming hearts and minds, one Saturday a month, parish family members gather together and serve those in most need. Those seeking assistance only have to provide their first name and how many people are in their household. No other questions are asked.

One month, I met Stacy, a woman in her mid-40s who was experiencing a number of health issues. She was getting ready for a procedure and asked if I would pray over her. That drew upon skills from Clinical Pastoral Education, a vital part of our formation at Mundelein.

Outreach to the greater diocese is also important at St. Mary's, so when Bishop Donald Hying announced plans for Tabor House, a transitional living home near the

Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary, St. Mary's filled a bus with parishioners and built every wall used in construction. Being in downtown Gary was in stark contrast to suburban Crown Point, but parishioners never questioned it. They saw a need and responded, another hallmark of St. Mary's, whether the need is down the street or around the world.

So it is with the parish's partnership with *Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos*, an orphanage in Guatemala. During a visit last summer, parishioners experienced life from another perspective. While we all went there with the expectation of doing a project on the campus, we quickly discovered that the true work was happening within ourselves, as the stories and lives of joyful children transformed our hearts.

Christ is the cornerstone for St. Mary's, and through intentional discipleship, the people of Crown Point make it their mission to open their arms to serve others and be Christ for one another. St. Mary's knows that a church isn't just a series of buildings, it's a people of mission, bringing God's hope at every step along the journey. ■



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MISSION TRIPS REVEAL MUCH ABOUT BOTH



Mundelein seminarians pose with parishioners of the San Pablo community near Piura, Peru, during a mission trip in February.

Piura, Peru: 'This is the priesthood'

BY MATTHEW OCKINGA | PT2, DIOCESE OF YAKIMA

Before our Mundelein group — Father Ed Pelrine, associate dean of formation and dean of admissions at Mundelein, six classmates and I — even set foot in Piura, Peru, for a week-long mission trip in February, the Lord reminded us of the priesthood's impact.

The night before our departure, more than a foot of snow blanketed Chicagoland. Consequently, hundreds of flights were canceled or delayed, including ours. We were transferred to a different, overbooked flight and fellow seminarians Tom Leah, Cody Armock and I were put on the standby list — but more than 60 spots down. While we discussed our inevitable separation from the group and how it would delay our trip, a man approached Father Ed.

"Are you a priest?" he asked, noticing Father Ed's Roman collar. Father confirmed, and the man introduced himself as Captain Tom Gallagher, the pilot of our plane. After Father explained the situation, Captain Tom said he was a devout Catholic and daily communicant. He

promised to rectify the situation, though we remained skeptical. After the rest of our group boarded the plane, the three of us waited. With 10 minutes until the doors would close, a gate agent finally called our names, and we walked onto the plane — a minor miracle. About 20 minutes into the flight, the pilot announced Father Ed's name over the intercom and gave us seminarians a shout-out.

After the strings Captain Tom pulled for us, we landed in Lima, where the blessings kept coming. Father Ed celebrated Mass for us at the shrine of St. Rose before we briefly toured the city. We hopped another flight (without any drama this time) to Piura, where we then drove to *Santisimo Sacramento* Parish, an expansive complex run by American Father Joe Uhen and his large and exuberant parish staff.

On Sunday, we celebrated Mass in a modest chapel, essentially a tent with a sand floor. The humility and joy of the people were evident. The next day, we slipped on our work gloves and drove out into the desert, embracing the scorching

heat. While Scripture cautions against building houses on sand, in the Peruvian desert there isn't much choice, so that's exactly what we did. Through trial, error and many helping hands, we built a simple house from bamboo poles, reeds, plywood and a metal roof that was large enough for a big family who lost their home last year. The unbridled joy and tears from the family buoyed us and made the sunburn sting a little less.

Throughout the week, we participated in various ministries, including communion visits, hospital ministry, delivering food and hospice visits. Through each ministry, we felt closer to the people we felt called to serve as we simply focused on others. "This is the priesthood," Father Ed told us. Indeed, a pervasive happiness joyfully infused our entire group.

Our Ash Wednesday had a beautiful dualism to it. In the morning, we visited a men's prison and seminarian Manuel Barrios sang and played guitar with inmates, a moving experience for him. To see these prisoners at Mass singing and receiving the Eucharist touched us all. We didn't view them as castaways or social misfits, but as fellow brothers in Christ.

Later that evening, we returned to the *Hogar Madre del Redentor*, an orphanage where dozens of grade-school girls giddily greeted us. We went for round two of Mass and ashes. At the end of Mass, the girls sang a beautiful a cappella rendition of Jeff Buckley's song "Hallelujah."

Our serving alongside Peruvian seminarians, the parish staff and a few missionaries helped us cultivate an appreciation for the universal Church. Despite the flight issues on the way down to Peru, our flight back to Mundelein was full of warm memories, our wish for more time with our new friends, and a renewed zeal to serve God's people, wherever they may be. ■



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THE MINISTERS AND THOSE THEY MINISTER TO



Mundelein seminarians and priests hike in the mountains of the Sonoran Desert during a mission trip to the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ariz., in February.

Tohono O'odham Nation, Ariz.: Doing the Lord's work in the desert

BY MATTHEW HOWARD | PT2, ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA

This February, six classmates and I were privileged to go on a mission trip to the Tohono O'odham Nation in Tucson, Ariz., on the border between the United States and Mexico. Admittedly, I wasn't expecting to get any special epiphanies out of the trip. In fact, before I left, I told one of the priests at Mundelein that I was going just "to do the work," which for me means to do the task the Lord is calling me to do.



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Mundelein's Father Brad Zamora celebrates Mass at a mission in the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ariz., in February.

What ended up happening on this trip — led by Father David Olson, an assistant professor in the departments of dogmatic theology and pre-theology, and Father Brad Zamora, director of liturgy at Mundelein — is that the Lord "showed up and showed out" in the simplicity of the nation's residents and their Franciscan missionaries. After passing through a Border Patrol checkpoint, we arrived in a beautiful land with majestic mountains adorning the horizons, and every thorny plant and cactus reminding us of the dangers of the desert. Before we knew it, one of our hosts, Father Ponchie of the San Solano Mission, had us going out into the nation to break bread in the Mass among the communities of the Tohono O'odham people.

Following this, we found ourselves hiking (in reality, more rock climbing than hiking) up the Sacred Mountain Waw Ki-wulik, where, in the native religion, the creator I'toi dwells in a cave. During the early missionary days of this area, the stories of I'toi had prepared fertile ground for the O'odham to embrace the Catholic missionaries' message of salvation in Christ.



PHOTO BY FATHER BRAD ZAMORA

Logan Weber, a second-year pre-theologian studying for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Mich., paints a roof during a mission trip to the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ariz., in February.

In the next few days, I had two profound experiences that I am still praying over. The first happened the following day as we were cleaning up articles that had been left behind by migrants after they traversed the unforgiving desert, which has become a main corridor for migrants and has claimed hundreds of lives. Among the articles was a Minnie Mouse bookbag that I had seen many elementary schoolgirls wearing. But this one was tattered and weathered from the desert's thorns and heat. This knocked the emotional wind out of me, and I had to throw the bag back in the wheelbarrow to avoid breaking down in tears.

Ash Wednesday also proved memorable as we visited the nation's prison to offer Communion and ashes to the prisoners. In the prison block, I had the honor to worship with seminarian Brother Joseph Brom and I encountered three men who, at the end of the service we offered for them, kept coming up with songs/hymns for us to sing in praise to God. The thought that struck me was, "Even here, men sing the praises of God."



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With these and so many other experiences — too numerous and personal to recount — we found the Lord waiting for us in the Tohono O'odham Nation, and most especially in the work he tasked us to do. ■



BY KYLE TIETZ | 1T, ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBUQUE

PRAYER *and* SPIRITUALITY ON CAMPUS

*‘The goal for seminarians is to find God where they are, and to **experience His presence.**’*

The pews in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception were slowly filling as I took a seat. Around me were many unfamiliar faces. I had only arrived at Mundelein a week before and was itching to get to know my fellow seminarians. Why, then, were we beginning the year with a *silent* retreat?

Over the next week, it became clear to me that the retreat would set the tone for the rest of the year. Prayer life is at the heart of what goes on here at Mundelein, and spiritual formation is integral to the seminary community and our preparation for the priesthood.

Spirituality is the meeting ground of communal liturgy and personal prayer and devotion. In Mundelein’s seminary program, there is no special emphasis on a particular spirituality, such as Ignatian or Carmelite. It offers a rounded formation for future parish priests.

“We’re not training guys to become monks, but we do want to cultivate contemplation in a practical way,” said Father Carlos Rodriguez, Mundelein’s director of spiritual life. “The goal for seminarians is to find God where they are, and to experience His presence.”

And, finding that sacred presence happens in many ways.

LITURGY

“Do this in memory of me.” (Lk 22:19)

“It’s the most intimate place where we encounter Christ, the most tangible place,” says Father Brad Zamora, Mundelein’s director of liturgy, explaining the centrality of liturgy in the life of Mundelein Seminary. “Christ is the one who calls us and put on our hearts the priesthood.”

Certainly, the Mass is the central moment in daily seminary life where we encounter Christ in the word, community and Eucharist. Resident priests concelebrate,



Seminarians gather at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes to pray the rosary.

and many of the lay faculty join the seminarians in this sacred liturgy.

Mass is planned with seminarian formation in mind, Zamora said. “We are equipped to live out liturgy ‘more fully’ at Mundelein, with our music ministry, instituted lectors and acolytes and deacons,” he said. “The goal, particularly with music, is to connect with the students’ parish experiences.”

The relationship between liturgy and personal prayer is also important. Zamora referenced the Vatican’s 1979 document, *Instruction on Liturgical Formation in Seminaries*, which sheds light on this relationship: “Liturgical and personal piety mutually support and complement each other. Familiar communion in prayer with Christ leads to fuller, knowledgeable and pious participation in the sacred liturgy. On the other hand, private devotion receives example and nourishment from liturgical life.”

Mass is celebrated in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in the fall semester. Because many seminarians are on internship or in the Holy Land, the more intimate Chapel of St. John Paul II in the Theology Residence is used in the spring. But, regardless of where it is celebrated, Mass grounds the day in worship and sacrament.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

“Seven times a day I praise you ...”
(Ps 119:164)

For seminarians and priest, it works out to five times a day, actually.

The Liturgy of the Hours, or Divine Of-

fice, developed in the monastic tradition as a method of praying the Psalms. The practice found its way into the life of diocesan priests in a simplified form. At ordination, deacons promise “to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours with and for the people of God and indeed for the whole world.”

Most mornings before Mass, Morning Prayer is recited or, on Sundays and solemnities, chanted. This is an opportunity to pray the Psalms with the wider Church around the world. A different seminarian is scheduled each morning to lead the prayer as a way to cultivate liturgical leadership.

Evening Prayer is treated a bit differently. Depending on the day of the week, it is prayed with one’s cam brothers on each residence hallway, in a language group or with one’s diocesan brothers.

The remaining three hours — the Office of Readings, Daytime Prayer, and Night Prayer — are generally prayed individually. We are encouraged to incorporate all the hours gradually into our prayer lives during our years of formation.

HOLY HOUR

“Could you not keep watch for one hour?” (Mk 14:37)

“I’m going to go pray a Holy Hour” is a common enough phrase in seminarian parlance. This hour of personal prayer, an expectation of the seminary program, is a time of retreat from the day for a seminarian to connect personally with Christ.

Armed with Bibles, breviaries, rosaries,

journals, spiritual reading and even reading assignments from class, the men of Mundelein seminary go to spend time with the Lord. Some pass the entire hour in silent meditation, but most combine silence, recitation, Scripture and spiritual reading.

Praying for an hour in eucharistic adoration is particularly encouraged. Each weekday before the communal liturgy, the body of Christ is taken from the tabernacle in one of the chapels and exposed for the watchful vigil of the early risers. Those who are less early to rise can find exposition throughout the week on campus or at nearby Marytown, which has perpetual adoration. Of course, Christ is always present in chapel tabernacles across campus for adoration 24 hours a day.

A relatively new opportunity is praise and worship each Thursday night. This combines eucharistic adoration with music led by members of the seminary community. Zamora cites this time of prayer of an example of personal spiritual needs entering the community life. Because many men desired it, praise and worship became a regular occurrence in the calendar, he said.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

“Jesus himself drew near and walked with them.” (Lk 24:15)

Central to our formation is the practice of spiritual direction. Each seminarian selects a priest to guide him through the joys and challenges of a life of ministry. Meeting every two weeks, we bring our blessings, struggles and insights from prayer to our directors in strict confidentiality.

Rodriguez coordinates the program of spiritual direction and directs 20 men himself. He is quick to share the blessing of this part of formation.

“It’s a privilege and honor to enter into guys’ lives in a deep way when they reveal so much of who they are,” he said. “I see the real person in spiritual direction and why God loves them. Everyone is unique.”

Rodriguez explains that spiritual direction revolves around the Road to Emmaus passage from Scripture. In it, two men are walking together when they encounter Christ. He is revealed to them in his Word and in the breaking of the bread, and

their hearts are set on fire. Thus, it is not so much that the spiritual director guides the seminarian, but that the seminarian allows Christ to be the guide.

Nonetheless, the wisdom and experience of the spiritual director invites Christ into each session. In spiritual direction, the most intimate encounters in prayer, as well as difficulties in formation, are vocalized and shared. This is when true vulnerability and honesty can pay spiritual dividends.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

“Every tribe and tongue, people and nation.” (Rv 5:9)

Looking down one Tuesday evening at the Spanish Evening Prayer handout and song sheet, I wondered how much my high school Spanish would help me out. About half the crowd in the Deacon Chapel was native speakers. After a quick *“Dios mío, ven en mi auxilio,”* the strum of guitars for the hymn told me that we were under way.

A diversity of language and culture allows the wider seminary to experience the breadth of spiritual experiences that each man here brings. This range of worship exemplifies the universality of the Church and shows her as authentically Catholic.

Mass at seminary is the principal avenue for cultural celebration. Thursdays

see Mass in Spanish, which is immersive yet forgiving to those still learning the language. Masses with African and Asian hymnody also make their rotation, bringing in cultural music and readings in Swahili, Tagalog and Vietnamese, to name a few. Special days such as the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Lunar New Year are celebrated with appropriate festivity. Last semester, we also celebrated the holy Qurbana, the liturgy of the Syro-Malabar Church.

Tuesday is “Language Night” for seminarians’ Evening Prayer. We gather in various groups to pray in English, Spanish, Latin, Polish, Italian, Portuguese, as well as varying African and Asian languages. German Evening Prayer accompanied Oktoberfest this past year, and I continue to hear whispered rumors that Evening Prayer may be prayed in French.

Hispanic Ministry at Mundelein in particular presents a strong cultural spirituality, according to Deacon Miguel Corral, a fourth-year theologian studying for the Diocese of Las Vegas, who led the ministry this year. Hispanic Ministry coordinates Spanish Evening Prayer and music and celebrations for *Día de los Muertos*, *Las Posadas* before Christmas, and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

“The purpose of Hispanic Ministry is to share Hispanic culture with the greater community, things we will see in parishes,” Corral said. “Hispanic spirituality is very devotional, especially with Mary and the saints. Experiencing this is important with the number of Hispanic Catholics across the United States on the rise.”

MARIAN DEVOTION

“Behold, your mother.” (Jn 19:27)

The words of the Litany of Loreto ring the inside of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception just below its ceiling, proclaiming various titles of Mary. The grotto commemorating Our Lady of Lourdes lies just outside the chapel’s doors. Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Czestochowa and the Theotokos grace the various walls of the residence buildings.

Marian devotion is apparent in seminary life not only in imagery but in practice, too. The clicking of rosary beads interrupts

otherwise silent chapels. I occasionally run into a fellow seminarian walking around the lake, rosary in hand.

The Confraternity of Mary is a student group that leads and promotes Marian devotion on campus. They are seen most prominently leading the Angelus prayer before Morning Prayer and the rosary after lunch. Other activities involve promoting Marian consecration and praying for the benefactors of the seminary.

Liam Thompson, a first-year pre-theologian studying for the Diocese of Lafayette, is a member of the confraternity. He explains the importance of Marian devotion for seminarians: “If it is Mary who formed Jesus Christ in her womb, it is likewise her who will form us into Christ. This was her mission, given by God,” he said. “Furthermore, true devotion to Mary protects and sustains priestly celibacy.”

It is fitting to foster such devotion here on the campus dedicated to Saint Mary of the Lake.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

“Do everything for the glory of God.” (1 Cor 10:31)

Certainly, these channels are not the extent of spirituality on campus. There are also informal email invitations about novenas to saints for various causes, spiritual reading swapped and shared in the mailroom, guys meeting to read through the Scriptures, discussions on the writings of various saintly figures, personal days of retreat or recollection and communal penance services.

Here in seminary, one’s spiritual life lies at the crossroads of required communal liturgy and personal prayer at one’s own initiative.

The formation faculty, visiting priests and speakers, those who support through prayer and fellow seminarians guide the spiritual formation that takes place.

But it is the One who “explores the mind and tests the heart” (Jer 17:10) who truly knows our souls and leads us to growth.

And may He lead us indeed ■



Father Larry Hennessey celebrates Mass as resident priests serve as concelebrants at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.



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POETIC PARABLE

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Dusk was near; prayer was parched for a while,
until heaven, through Hosea, said

*"I drew them to me with affection and love.
I picked them up and held them to my cheek;
I bent down to them and fed them."*

The chapel, the sacrament, the atmosphere was serene;
the sentiment of a hug, not to his cheek but to his neck, was felt.

No more words necessary, no more dryness,
and no more questions after that.

Only a certitude of never being alone, of total care;
no more hugs were needed because ...

... the kingdom of God is like an authentic embrace,
a hint, a spark that lasts forever

once it is tasted. No perfection is required,
only a heart open to love.



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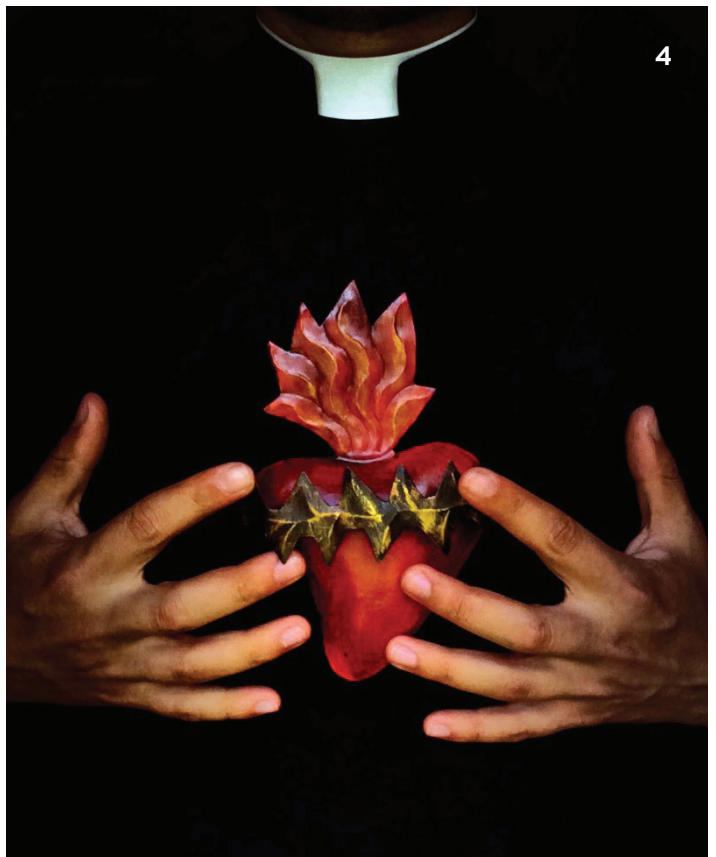
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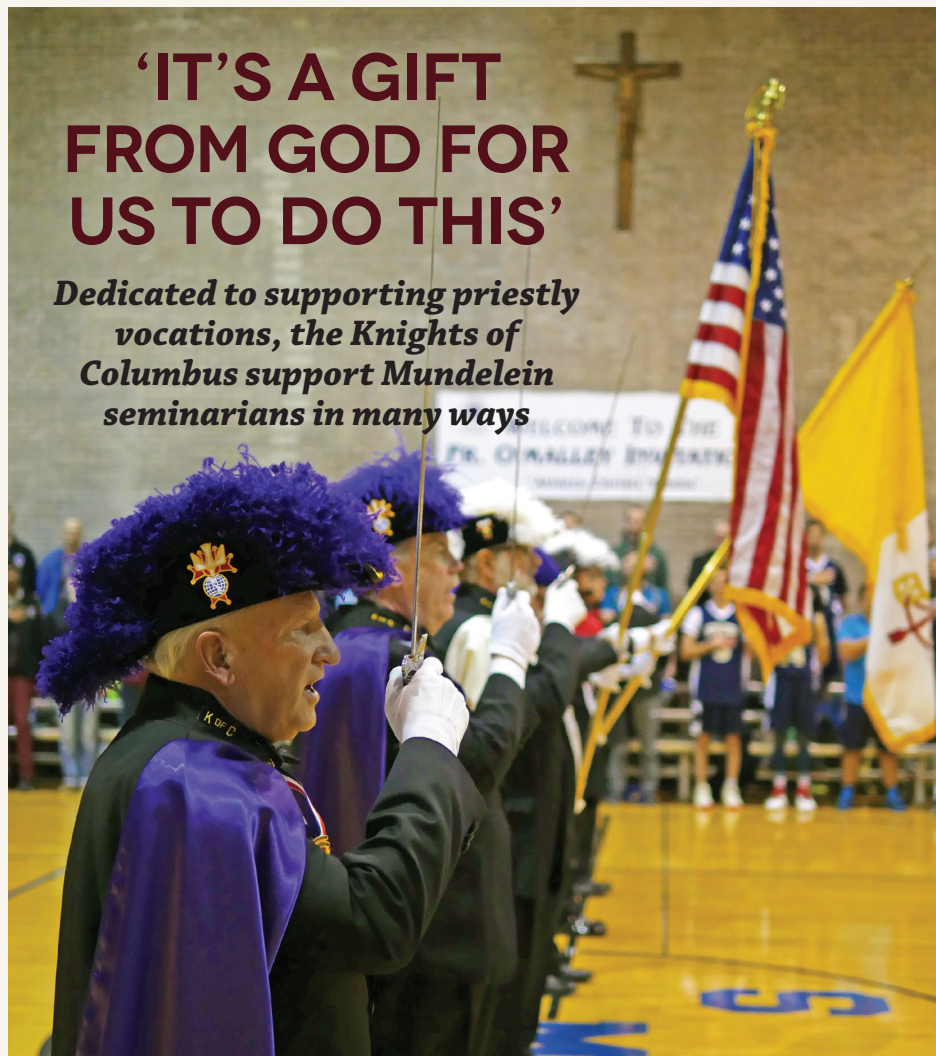
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4. Imitator (photography)

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‘IT’S A GIFT FROM GOD FOR US TO DO THIS’

Dedicated to supporting priestly vocations, the Knights of Columbus support Mundelein seminarians in many ways

BY DANIEL KORENCHAN | PT1, ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

When you walk into Mundelein’s gymnasium during the Father Pat O’Malley Invitational Seminary Shootout, you can’t miss seeing Ron Ziemba, co-chairman of vocation support for the Knights of Columbus Illinois State Council, eagerly watching every play.

“I’ve been coming to the tournament every year since it started,” Ziemba said with a smile. “I’ve watched almost every game.”

If you turn to look at the large white event banner in the gymnasium advertising the event, you’ll also see a large Knights of Columbus logo on it. Ziemba is a big reason why it’s there. For more than 15 years, the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus has provided the bulk of the funding needed to host the 16

seminary basketball teams from around the country. Thanks to their support, the tournament is one of the most exciting and highly anticipated events of the year at Mundelein.

“We are incredibly grateful to the council for sponsoring the basketball tournament each year,” said Nicholas Le, a second-year pre-theologian studying for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, who coordinated the 2018 tournament. “It allows us to get

An honor guard of Knights of Columbus stands at attention during the opening ceremony of this year’s Father Pat O’Malley Invitational Seminary Shootout at Mundelein in January. The Knights have been the title sponsor of what is essentially the national Catholic seminary basketball tournament since its inception.

together for one of the best seminary fraternity events of the year.”

The basketball tournament is just one example of the Knights’ generosity shown over the years towards the men at Mundelein Seminary. And it reflects a long history of charity the Knights have exhibited in their 136-year history.

A force for good

The Knights of Columbus were chartered in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney as a Catholic fraternal benefits organization, supplying local families the money they needed when sudden injury or death prevented a working father from providing income. Today, the Knights number more than 2 million men strong and are a growing force for good in the Church. According to their website, in 2016, the Knights donated more than \$177 million to charitable causes and volunteered more than 75 million hours of service in the United States and around the world. Both these statistics are new records in the history of the organization.

Many Mundelein seminarians are personally familiar with the good works of the Knights because many were active



The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, a parish priest serving in Connecticut. He was declared “Venerable” by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008.

Knights in a local or college council before entering seminary. One example is the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's (UIUC) Illini Council, of which several current seminarians were members while studying at UIUC.

"I saw in many brother Knights good men striving for holiness in their own lives and vocations," said Deacon Robert Johnson, a fourth-year theologian studying for the Diocese of Springfield, Ill. "It has always spurred me on to strive for holiness in my own life."

The Knights of Columbus aim to be Catholic men of strong faith and deed by committing to the organization's four founding principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Its unwavering Catholic identity and strong devotion to charitable works have helped nurture many holy vocations from its ranks over the years — lay men, priests, bishops and religious alike. So, it comes as little surprise that many of the seminarians at Mundelein are Knights.

Vision for vocations

More than \$22 million in vocation scholarships have been donated by the Knights of Columbus over the years, making vocational support another noble cause the organization pledges its aid to. But in the state of Illinois, that was not always the case.

In fact, the State Council's vocation support did not start until 1985, Ziemba explained.

"When I was the program director for the State Council back then, one day I was asked by one of the newly ordained Chicago priests what the local Knights were doing to support vocations," he said. "At that point, we weren't doing anything. But we told him we'd see what we could do."

That simple question sparked the beginning of what has become a strong relationship. Today, the Illinois State Council provides support to the men studying for dioceses in the state of Illinois through a variety of programs. The largest of these programs is called the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Through RSVP, the 400 Knights councils in Illinois can "adopt" a seminarian, providing individual financial aid, sponsoring fundraisers and praying for him. Illinois councils currently support 187 seminarians in the



Joseph and Rosemary Yaeger (left) and Diane and Ron Ziemba represented the Knights of Columbus at the 2017 Celebration of Mundelein.

state, many of whom study at Mundelein.

"Seminarians don't have a salary, and they need help," said Ziemba. "We want to be supportive of each and every one. And if we can help them financially and pray for them, then we are proud to do so. We need priests, and we want priests who are holy. It's a gift from God for us to do this for these men."

RSVP is a national program, and Knights of Columbus councils from other states also coordinate support for their seminarians through RSVP. Candidates for support are matched with local councils in their diocese with the help of the diocesan vocation director.

"It has been humbling to be supported by Knights of Columbus councils in my home state of Washington," said William Lane, a first-year pre-theologian and Knight from the Diocese of Yakima, Wash. "I know these are men who are working to support their own parishes and families, so their contribution is a true witness of Christian sacrifice."

Fraternity for the future

Each October, the Illinois State Council sponsors a "Welcome Back to Mundelein" dinner for all the seminarians from the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Dioceses of Rockford, Joliet and Springfield. It allows the Knights of the State Council and other councils to meet the men they

support, celebrate their vocations and encourage them in their formation. For the seminarians, it's a time to express their immense gratitude and to build lasting relationships for the future.

"Their support is a gift during our formation," said Daniel Villalobos, a first-year theologian studying for the Archdiocese of Chicago. "They teach us to value what people do for us. And, they are always ready to help where there is a need."

Johnson, who was preparing to be ordained a priest in May, said he was incredibly thankful for all the assistance the Knights have given to him during his formation.

"Their generosity and support have been a constant and real blessing," he said. "As a seminarian, the financial support that they offered was welcome and important. But even more important was their unwavering prayers and encouragement in pursuing a vocation to the priesthood."

Of all the many people excited to see Johnson and his classmates be ordained this summer, Ziemba and the Knights of Columbus couldn't be happier.

"They're like my sons," said Ziemba. "I am so proud of them when they are finally ordained." ■



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Father John Kartje, Mundelein's rector/president, speaks at the 2018 Celebration of Mundelein event on April 12.



25TH CELEBRATION OF MUNDELEIN HONORS PAST AWARDEES, LOOKS TO FUTURE OF FORMATION

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For 25 years, there has been one signature event that gathers Mundelein's seminarians and their most ardent supporters. At each "Celebration of Mundelein: Evening of Tribute," the goal has always been the same: to raise financial support for the seminary's mission and programs, while honoring those who dedicatedly champion the seminary.

"Twenty-five years ago, the inaugural Evening of Tribute recognized leaders within our Catholic community both for their impact and their commitment to our faith," said Judi Golemba, Mundelein's associate vice president of relationships and advancement. "To commemorate this silver anniversary, we wanted to explore the past, present and future of Mundelein Seminary while honoring the previous recipients of the *Christo Gloria* award and As Those Who Serve award."

Sixteen previous recipients of the two awards, which have been presented since 2003 and 1994 respectively, were in attendance at this year's event, held April 12 at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Chicago.

"It's our largest fundraiser of the year,"

Golemba said. "The net proceeds of the evening support the Holy Land pilgrimage that our third-year men participate in and also several other seminary programs."

What makes the evening special, according to Golemba, is the opportunity for guests to interact with seminarians throughout the evening — during the pre-dinner cocktail hour and each table during the meal.

"Donors say it's a great night to connect with the men directly," said Golemba. "Even though seminarians are active in parishes now more than ever, often our donors don't get the chance to have a real conversation with the beneficiaries of their generosity."

In place of the usual addresses by the award recipients, this year, the Cel-

ebration welcomed three speakers who explored the theme of Mundelein's past, present and future. Father Tom Franzman, Mundelein's former provost, presented "A Look Back," centered on his experience being a priest ordained in the 1970s. Father Tim Anastos, ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago last year, took "A Look at the Present," focusing on growing up next door to the seminary as a resident of the village of Mundelein, as well as his excitement at being a newly ordained priest serving his parish community. And, Father John Kartje, rector/president of the

University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, spoke of "Our Way into the Future" and how the seminary adapts to meet the Church's needs.

The evening also saw a novel fundraising approach with a first-ever live appeal. Guests were asked to text to a certain number to donate in support of the seminary's Teaching Parish Program, which affords seminarians the opportunity to work within a parish during their years at Mundelein.

"It was a wild success," Golemba said. "Our goal was to raise \$25,000. But within minutes, we reached that. By the end of the evening, we'd raised \$37,000. And, because people continued to donate through their phones even after the event, we were able to raise a total of \$51,000."

"I'm deeply grateful to the parishioners, staff and clergy of the Archdiocese of Chicago and all the dioceses represented that evening for helping to celebrate not only the last 25 years of the Celebration, but also the accomplishments of all who represent Mundelein," said Kartje. "Mundelein's mission and vision remain true as we continue to form parish priests who are true shepherds and committed leaders of our Catholic community." ■



Members of the Mundelein Seminary Choir sing during this year's Celebration of Mundelein event.



From left, Colleen Coleman, Father John Siemianowski, Patrick Coleman, and Deacon Michael Metz, a fourth-year seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, gather before this year's Celebration of Mundelein.

Christo Gloria Award

The *Christo Gloria* Award is given annually to an outstanding lay Catholic whose life exemplifies the teachings of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Cardinal Francis George established the award in 2003 to recognize the importance of the work of the laity in the Church. In his/her personal and professional life, the honoree lives out, in the name of Christ, the tenets of the Catholic faith so that family, friends, colleagues and the wider community benefit from his/her Christian spirit of justice, wisdom and charity. The honoree provides a distinguished example of the mission of the laity in the Church.

- 2017 Richard W. and Maryjeanne R. Burke
- 2016 Charles and Ellen Mulaney
- 2015 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Klock
- 2014 Mr. and Mrs. William H. McEssy
- 2013 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lombardo
- 2012 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Winn
- 2011 Mr. and Mrs. John W. Croghan
- 2010 Dennis and Ronnie Mudd
- 2009 John and Herta Cuneo
- 2008 Richard and Christine Guzior
- 2007 Mr. Raymond F. Simon
- 2006 Shirley and Patrick Ryan
- 2005 Mr. James C. Dowdle
- 2004 Mr. Andrew J. McKenna
- 2003 Mr. Frank W. Considine

As Those Who Serve Award

The individuals honored with the As Those Who Serve Award are selected in recognition of service to the Church and their tireless promotion of the Catholic faith. With the support and encouragement of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Mundelein Seminary began honoring local Catholics at the Celebration of Mundelein in 1994.

- 2017 Rev. Ronald J. Lewinski
- 2016 Rev. Ken Simpson
- 2015 Most Rev. Alberto Rojas
- 2014 Msgr. Daniel Mayall
- 2013 Denis and Sondra Healy
- 2012 Most Rev. Robert Barron
- 2011 Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSps
- 2010 Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin
- 2009 Most Rev. Francis J. Kane
- 2008 Rev. Thomas R. Franzman
- 2007 Most Rev. John R. Manz
- 2006 Most Rev. Jerome E. Listecki
- 2005 Sister Catherine M. Norris, DC
- 2004 Rev. James J. Close
- 2003 Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory
- 2002 Most Rev. John R. Gorman
- 2002 Rev. Andrew J. McDonagh
- 2001 The Sisters of the Resurrection
- 2001 Sister Rosemary Connelly, RSM
- 2001 Rev. John J. McMahon
- 2001 Most Rev. Aloysius Wycislo
- 2000 Most Rev. Joseph L. Imesch
- 2000 Most Rev. Thad J. Jakubowski
- 2000 Rev. Robert E. McLaughlin
- 1999 Rev. Leo T. Mahon
- 1999 Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow
- 1999 Rev. Casimir M. Szatkowski
- 1998 Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert
- 1998 Rep. Henry J. Hyde
- 1998 Rev. Wayne F. Prist
- 1997 Sister Mary Brian Costello, RSM
- 1997 Rev. Matthew D. McDonald
- 1997 Sister Stella Louise Slomka, CSFN
- 1996 Rev. Msgr. Kenneth J. Velo
- 1996 Rev. Howard A. Tuite
- 1995 Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas
- 1995 Rose and Matt Lamb
- 1994 Most Rev. Alfred L. Abramowicz
- 1994 Most Rev. Timothy J. Lyne



The Most Rev. Alfred Abramowicz and the Most Rev. Timothy J. Lyne, both auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Chicago, were the first recipients of the As Those Who Serve Award in 1994.

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BY JUDI GOLEMBBA

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RELATIONSHIPS AND ADVANCEMENT

Over the next couple of months, 41 men of Mundelein Seminary will be ordained priests. That's 41 men from across the country and around the world who will begin new chapters in their lives teaching God's word and sharing God's love with all of us. As the people of God, we welcome them into our parishes and our families. As they share the word of God with us and administer the sacraments, we, too, will seek their perspective and knowledge as we look for guidance and direction in building our own relationship with Christ.

I'll admit it: I am someone who has found her way back to the Church, and am grateful to now share in the mission of Mundelein Seminary. While being at Mundelein, I have begun to own my faith once more. Those facets of our faith that we learn as children or teens or young adults, that once seemed odd or foreign to me, are now a part of my life. All of this is a reality because of being able to interact and journey with our seminarians. They are what bring life and depth and vision to my work.

A seminarian's journey begins by Christ placing a call within. That call is discerned often with their family, their vocation director, their parish priest or

their bishop. Then, they come to us to journey deeper into their call through the formation and education we provide at Mundelein. They are guided by an incredible faculty, many of whom are returning alumni; an administration who is concerned with their health, well-being and happiness; and staff who take pride in supporting the next generation of priests.

At the recent Archdiocese of Chicago priestly ordination, Cardinal Blase Cupich addressed the eight men being ordained during his homily. Though his message was directed to them, I still found direction and value in his words.

During his homily, Cardinal Cupich

said, "I encourage you always to try to make a connection between the Word of the day and your service of God's people. For instance, as you recall the story of the poor widow Jesus observes giving all she has, be inspired by the many parents who sacrifice so much for their children, and the generosity of ordinary people, which, though often unheralded, does so much good."

It can be easy for us "ordinary people" — God's people — to not feel inspired or to lose sight of the good we do for our faith communities. However, our sacrifices, our commitment and our generosity, whether big or small, impact the journey of each seminarian.

So, if you are receiving this publication as a parent of a seminarian, know that you have raised a good man, and that your generosity of giving your son to God and his Church is appreciated by all in our community. If you are a vocation director or bishop who has sent or is considering sending your men to Mundelein, believe that your decision is right and your men are being educated and formed by those who are committed to providing quality education and formation, which will ready your men to meet the challenges of today's parishes. If you are a donor to Mundelein, or someone who volunteers their time to support the mission, we thank you for all you do to ensure the quality education and formation here that will impact your parishes' future.

If you haven't been to our beautiful campus, on behalf of the leadership team, the faculty, staff and seminarians of Mundelein, I invite you to visit soon. Whether it's a walk around campus, quiet reflection and prayer beside the lake, enjoying the art and architecture of our nearly 100-year-old campus, worshipping alongside the seminarians at a

public Mass or engaging one of the men in conversation, I'm sure you'll find how your generosity is preparing these men to serve God and those who find a home in the Church. ■

JUDI GOLEMBBA is the associate vice president for relationships and advancement.



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BISHOP MCELROY SPEAKS ON HEALING THE NATION, JUST WAR THEORY DURING MEYER LECTURE

BY PATRICK WILLE | PT1, ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

For nearly 2,000 years — ever since Jesus Christ commanded his Church to follow the two greatest commandments: love God and love your neighbor as yourself — the Catholic Church has been discerning the practical application of these commandments through its teachings on faith and morals. For this year’s Meyer Lecture, the Most Rev. Robert McElroy, bishop of San Diego, joined the Mundelein Seminary community for two lectures on the daily call of Catholics in the practice of virtue.

McElroy, who has a doctorate in moral theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and a doctorate in political science from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., spoke on two main topics, “An Errand into the Wilderness: The Healing of Our Nation” and “Would the Good Samaritan Have Gone to War?” The lectures were part of the annual Meyer Lecture, named after Albert Cardinal Meyer, the fifth archbishop of Chicago, and endowed by the late Father Andrew Greeley of Chicago.

During the first evening of the Meyer Lecture, McElroy detailed the nuanced approach that Catholics must take in discerning their role in the current political climate in the United States. He began by describing John Winthrop’s “City on a Hill” speech of 1630, quoting, “We shall be as a city upon a hill, the eyes of all people are upon us.” This mission unified the ancestors of our country, McElroy said. But time and time again in our nation’s history, we have fallen back into conflict and disarray. McElroy encouraged us, particularly as Catholics, to strive in the work of healing our nation’s soul.

McElroy noted that though we are not a nation founded on a common ethnic or

cultural heritage, we are a people of many lands and untold stories. He pointed to the fact that Catholics can serve as a bridge in the effort of restoring unity. Catholics have a unique heritage of faith, optimism and a vibrant community through which we can serve the common good and emphasize the dignity of all human life, he believes. We were exhorted to enshrine authentic greatness and patriotism in our national culture, citing the message of Pope Francis given to Congress in 2015.

This discussion led into the following morning’s lecture that asked, “Would the Good Samaritan Have Gone to War?” During this presentation, McElroy outlined the history of the Church’s teaching on war and peace. He emphasized the perspective of the good Samaritan, who helped his neighbor along the way, but asked what the good Samaritan would have been called to do if he had arrived in the midst of the attack. He highlighted the responsibility of the state to protect and outlined the limited circumstances when it is morally legitimate and, at times, morally obligatory to defend the nation.

Two members of the Mundelein Seminary faculty, Father Martin Zielinski and Father Marek Duran, gave responses to

The Most Rev. Robert McElroy, bishop of San Diego, delivers his first address during this year’s Meyer Lecture.

ROB RYAN, IT/CHICAGO



McElroy’s lectures. Zielinski responded to the lecture on our divided nation by emphasizing the examples of bishops in the past and offering suggestions to make McElroy’s vision a reality. Duran spoke in response to the lecture on just war theory. He emphasized the need to tackle the passivity of nations in mass atrocities and stressed the importance of empathy by becoming more aware of the other.



PATRICK WILLE

is a first-year pre-theologian studying for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The 2019 Meyer Lecture will feature Helen Alvaré, a professor of law at the Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University in Arlington, Va., as the featured speaker. She publishes on matters concerning marriage, parenting, non-marital households and the First Amendment religion clauses. ■



From left, Father Emery deGaál; Dr. Matthew Levering; Father Thomas Baima, vice rector for academics; and Dr. Melanie Barrett hold recent faculty publications at an author's reception April 19.

RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Several Mundelein faculty members were recognized this spring for their recent published works.

- **Dr. Melanie Barrett**, chairperson of the Department of Moral Theology, published “Doctrine and Praxis in Pope Francis’s Approach to Evangelization” in the book *Pope Francis and the Event of Encounter*, edited by John C. Cavadini and Donald Wallenfang, and published by Cascade Books.
- **Father Emery deGaál**, chairperson of the Department of Dogmatic Theology, published, in German, “Mary and Islam — Searching for Traces in the Light of the Name ‘Fatima’: An Investigation into the Relationship Between Mary in the Koran and in the Post-Koran Tradition” in the book *Fatima — 100 Years Later: History, Message, Relevance*, edited by Manfred Hauke, and published by Verlag Friedrich Pustet.
- DeGaál also published “In Dialogue with Enlightenment and Romanticism: Leo Scheffczyk’s Dissertation on Friedrich Leopold Graf zu Stolberg,” which appeared in the book *Cardinal Leo Scheffczyk (1920-2005): The Legacy of His Thinking for the Present*, edited by Johannes Nebel, and published in German by Verlag Friedrich Pustet and in Spanish by Eunsa.
- **Father Dennis Kasule**, assistant professor in the Department of Dogmatic Theology and associate dean of formation, authored *Tillard and von Balthasar: A Quest for Rapprochement*, published by STS Publications, the press of the Pontifical Salesian University in Jerusalem. In it, Kasule studies two of the 20th-century Catholicism’s most prominent theologians: Hans Urs von Balthasar and Jean-Marie Tillard.
- **Dr. Matthew Levering**, who holds the James N. and Mary D. Perry Jr. Chair of Theology, authored *Dying and the Virtues*, published by Eerdmans. In it, Levering explores nine key virtues that we need to die (and live) well: love, hope, faith, penitence, gratitude, solidarity, humility, surrender and courage.
- **Dr. Patricia Pintado-Murphy**, assistant professor in the Department of Pre-Theology, published “God in Exile: An Introduction to Cornelio Fabro’s Appraisal of Modern Thought” in the book *Studia Fabriana*, published by IVE Press.
- The late **Father Edward T. Oakes, S.J.**, a professor of dogmatic theology at Mundelein from 2002 to 2013, had “Predestination, Sola Gratia, and Mary’s Immaculate Conception” published in the book *Advancing Mariology: The Theotokos Lectures 2008-2017*, edited by James Schaefer, and published by Marquette Press.

SEMINARIAN PUBLISHED IN JOURNAL

An article by **Deacon Michael Brungardt**, a fourth-year theologian studying for the Diocese of Wichita, Kan., was published in the Winter 2017 issue of the *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, a publication of the National Catholic Bioethics Center. According to their website, the journal “addresses the ethical, philosophical and theological questions raised by the rapid pace of modern medical and technological progress.”

Brungardt’s article, “A Study of Accompaniment at the End of Life,” stems from his study of the ethics of the “Right to Death” and “Death with Dignity” movements, which advocate for the right of terminally-ill adults to request and receive a prescription medication which hastens their death.

In addition to his Mundelein professors, Brungardt credited his father for encouraging him to submit the article for publication. Dr. Gerard Brungardt is a physician in Wichita and holds a licentiate degree in bioethics (Be.L.) from the Pontifical Athanaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome.



Upcoming Events

- AUG. 29:** Mass of the Holy Spirit and Candidacy
- SEPT. 15–16:** Family Weekend
- SEPT. 20:** Rector’s Classic Golf Outing and Dinner
- OCT. 21:** Rector’s Mass and Donor Reception
- OCT. 26–28:** Exploring Priesthood Weekend
- OCT. 29:** Institution of Acolyte Mass
- OCT. 31:** Paluch Lecture: Dr. Elizabeth Sung
- NOV. 5:** Newly Ordained Mass
- DEC. 8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- JAN. 25–27, 2019:** Father Pat O’Malley Invitational Seminary Shootout

Academic Calendar

- JUNE 11–JULY 20:** Summer Session for Liturgical Institute and Licentiate of Sacred Theology programs
- AUG. 9–11:** Chicago Seminarian Days
- AUG. 12–17:** Orientation Week
- AUG. 19–24:** Beginning of the Year Retreat
- AUG. 27:** Fall Semester begins
- OCT. 12–15:** Long Weekend
- NOV. 17–25:** Thanksgiving Break
- DEC. 10–14:** Final Exams
- DEC. 14:** Fall Semester ends
- JAN. 9, 2019:** Spring Semester begins

For more information about these events or to register to attend, visit www.usml.edu/events

FACULTY UPDATE

After more than 10 years as a member of Mundelein’s faculty, **Dr. Chris McAtee** will be leaving Mundelein to take a position at nearby Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wis. Once a seminarian at Mundelein himself, McAtee has served Mundelein since 2005, most recently as associate academic dean, director of the doctor of ministry program, and as an assistant professor in the Department of Pastoral Theology and Canon Law.



IN MEMORIAM

Sister Dorothy Folliard, OP, a native of Chicago who taught in Mundelein’s pre-theology program from 1991 to 1999, died April 1, Easter Sunday and the day before her 94th birthday. After professing her first vows with the Adrian Dominicans in 1945, she earned a doctorate in Greek and Latin from the University of Michigan in 1965, a master’s in religious studies from the University of Chicago in 1975 and a master’s in theology from Loyola University Chicago in 1977. She then taught for years in San Antonio, Texas, at what are now the Mexican American Catholic College, Our Lady of the Lake University and Oblate School of Theology, before coming to USML. Of her time teaching at Mundelein, Folliard said she found herself “in a community of incredible beauty and real holiness, of rich friendships and intense sense of purpose — to give good priests to the people of God.” She remained at Mundelein until her retirement at age 75.



COURTESY ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS



Members of Mundelein's class of 1968 (top) and class of 1993 (below) pose with Cardinal Blase Cupich following their Anniversary Mass on April 25.

25TH/50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Dozens of jubilarians returned to campus April 25 for a Mass presided by Cardinal Blase Cupich honoring the members of Mundelein's class of 1993 and class of 1968 on the occasion of their 25th and 50th ordination anniversaries.

Father Gus Belauskas, chairperson of the Department of Pre-Theology, and the Most Rev. George Rassas, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, welcomed back to campus their classmates as they shared hugs, stories and laughter.



Martin Coolidge, a first-year theologian studying for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa, is installed as a lector by the Most Rev. Timothy Doherty, bishop of Lafayette, Ind., on March 1.

INSTITUTION OF LECTORS

Thirty-five first-year theologians were installed as lectors March 1 by the **Most Rev. Timothy Doherty**, bishop of Lafayette, Ind. "In proclaiming God's word to others, accept it yourselves in obedience to the Holy Spirit," Doherty said to the candidates during the rite. "Meditate on it constantly, so that each day you will have a deeper love of the Scriptures, and in all you say and do show forth to the world our Savior, Jesus Christ."

EVAN GLOWZINSKI, PT2/ATLANTA



Father Marty Barnum, right, jokes with other priest faculty members before the University Convocation on May 5.

BARNUM RETIRES

Father Marty Barnum's current titles — director of the pastoral internship program, director of international students, associate dean of formation and assistant professor in the department of pastoral theology and canon law — only partially indicate the decades of experience he possessed before his arrival at Mundelein as a faculty member in 2005. Having served at Chicago-area parishes in Winnetka, Niles, Arlington Heights and Wauconda, he was able to apply years of working with, for and

alongside the people of God to the pastoral formation of hundreds of Mundelein seminarians, making them better shepherds (and shorter homilists) in the process. After stints as a member of the faculties of Quigley Seminary North; Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisc.; and, for the last 13 years, at Mundelein, Barnum will now retire with the thanks and gratitude of generations of Mundelein seminarians, all of whom are better pastors because of his expert advice, wise guidance and kind encouragement.



JOE NAJERA/DIOCESE OF EL PASO

Father John Kartje delivers a talk, "Faith and Science: You Can't Have One Without the Other" at St. Raphael Parish in El Paso, Texas, in February.

SCIENCE FOR SEMINARIES

Continuing a pilot project begun three years ago to integrate science in seminary curricula, the **American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)** selected Mundelein as one of seven seminaries across the country (three of which are Catholic) to participate in its Science for Seminaries project for the next 18 months. "The hope is that the seminary students exposed to enriched classes will find science relevant and interesting to their vocations and, in the future, help them make science a positive component of congregational life and favorably impact the everyday lives of a broad swath of Americans," said Jennifer Wiseman, director of the AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion (DoSER) program.

Father John Kartje, Mundelein's rector/president and a trained astrophysicist, said he hoped Mundelein's participation would give students and faculty a "deeper knowledge and better appreciation for the findings and methodologies of scientific research."

"As Mundelein prepares priests who will be serving in parishes across the country, it is important that they possess a basic foundation in the fundamentals of science and are up to date on current trends in research and discovery," Kartje said. "Such 'scientific fluency' will help them better connect with their parishioners and better integrate their theological expertise into the scientifically savvy culture in which they will minister."

News of the program's expansion was originally reported in the AAAS journal, *Science*.



ARCHBISHOP MURPHY ARCHIVE

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Murphy, then the archbishop of Seattle, receives the pallium from Pope St. John Paul II during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on June 29, 1992.

ARCHBISHOP MURPHY ARCHIVE

The University of Saint Mary of the Lake joined with the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Mont., the Archdiocese of Seattle and Archbishop Murphy High School in Everett, Wash., to compile a state-of-the-art digital archive of the **Most Rev. Thomas J. Murphy**. A two-time graduate of Mundelein who went on to become

its rector from 1972 to 1978, Murphy was bishop of Great Falls and then Great Falls-Billings from 1978 to 1987, coadjutor archbishop of Seattle from 1987 to 1991 and archbishop of Seattle from 1991 until his death in 1997.

Containing more than 1,100 of Murphy's written works — including homilies, prayers, blessings, personal essays, weekly newspaper columns and addresses to various Catholic and civic groups — the archive was developed with funding from USML and is hosted by the high school that bears his name at archive2.am-hs.org.

"It is an honor and privilege for us to have played a role in creating this unique resource of documents written by one of our alumni and former rector," said Father John Kartje, Mundelein's rector/president. "It is my hope that students, alumni, members of the faculty and administration, and all people making up the greater USML community will visit the archive often to learn about Archbishop Murphy's life and ministry, deepen their faith in Christ, and to gain a greater appreciation of the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church."

RELIC OF ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

BY MICHAEL L. LEWIS | 3T, DIOCESE OF EL PASO

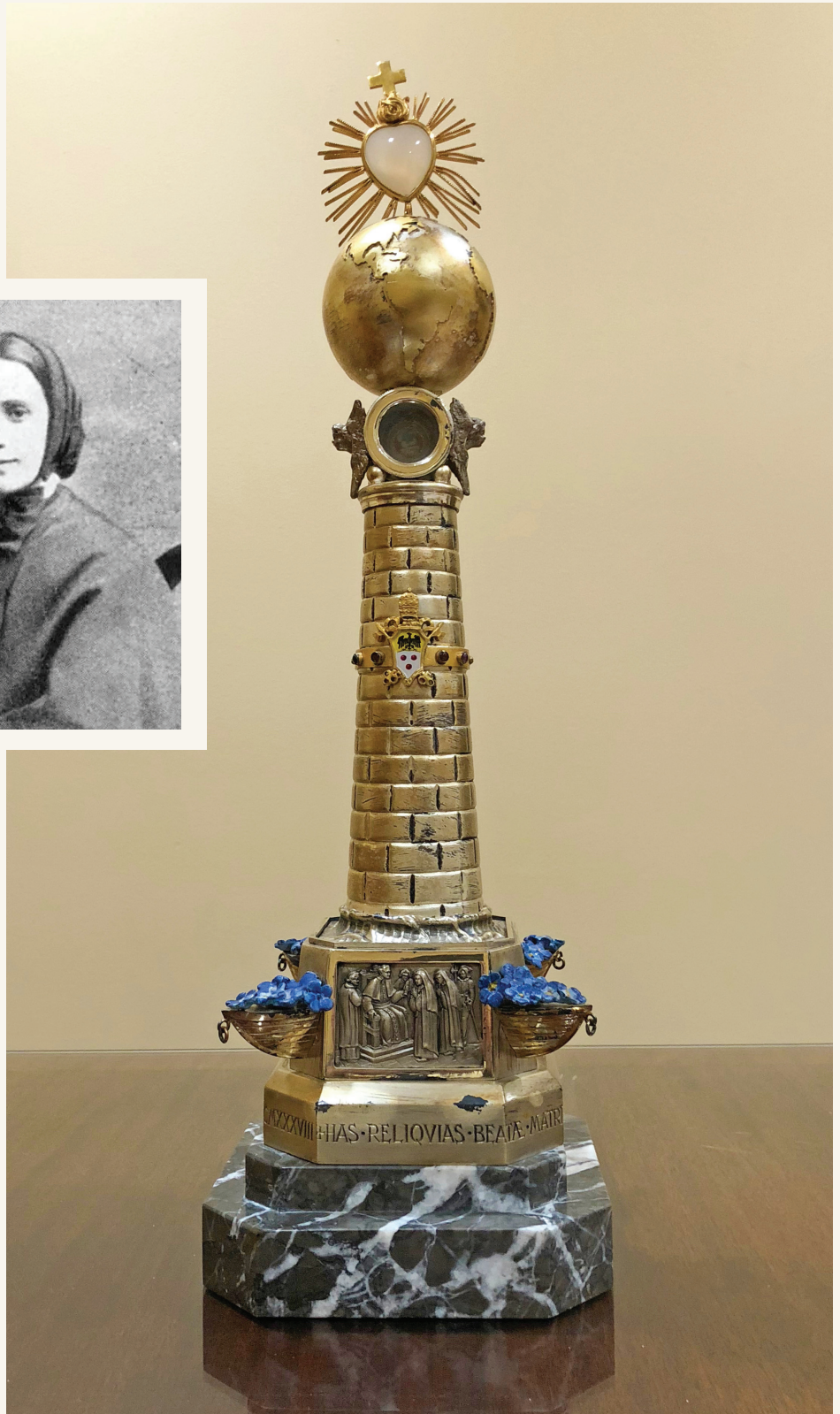
Just below the globe on this foot-tall metal-and-marble artifact, behind a protective glass window, is a small relic of a great American saint, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, who died in Chicago a century ago, on Dec. 22, 1917.

Presented to Cardinal Samuel Stritch on the occasion of her canonization in 1946, the reliquary can today be seen in the campus museum on the lower level of the Feehan Memorial Library.



Born in the Italian region of Lombardy in 1850, Cabrini founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1880. When she sought papal approval to take her fledgling community to China, Pope Leo XIII reportedly told her instead to go help Italian immigrants in the United States — “Not to the East, but to the West.” So she did, founding dozens of institutions across the country, including Columbus Hospital in Chicago’s Lincoln Park, where she died and where a shrine is located today. As the first American citizen to be canonized — she was naturalized in 1909 — she is venerated as a patron of immigrants. ■

“She was not a humanitarian; she was a heroic lover of God. In her missions of charity, in her achievement of the impossible, it was not genius; her secret was Divine Love.” — Cardinal Stritch in a radio address on the day of her canonization





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