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From the Rector

Dear alumni and friends,

As I have settled into my position as President/Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, I have found a seminary community that is not only friendly and welcoming but profoundly committed to our mission and passionate about the work done to support it. What a blessing it is to be part of this community!

During these past few months, my schedule has been guided by the old Latin phrase *festina lente;* make haste slowly. I have been intentionally and systematically listening and learning to how and why things are done — in collaboration with our vice-rectors, priests, faculty and staff — so I can then make decisions for the good of the Josephinum. I am most grateful for the prayerful support I have been given by so many, and I humbly ask for your continued prayers as we look to the future of the Josephinum with anticipation and great hope.

When the academic year started, I scheduled times to meet with every seminarian. These “Chats with the Rector” have been a real blessing. I have no agenda and no questions for them. We talk about whatever they would like to share. In our meetings, I have heard their vocation stories, answered questions they have about me and the formation program, and received many helpful suggestions on how we can improve an already great seminary.

One of the things that has struck me most is the breadth and depth of tradition here at the Josephinum. From the intensely spirited Mud Bowl flag-football game to the deeply reverent blessing of graves on the Feast of All Souls, I have seen our seminarians throw themselves whole-heartedly into everything they do. Things are not done here simply because they have always been done. There is a profound respect for and understanding of why we do these things, and thus a building of community and fraternity that serves us all well and inspires us to give these men the best formation program possible.

Please pray for the seminarians, faculty, and staff of the Josephinum and know of our daily prayers for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Steven P. Beseau
President/Rector
Father Steven Beseau Installed as 17th President/Rector

The Pontifical College Josephinum celebrated with great joy the installation of The Very Reverend Steven P. Beseau, STD, as 17th President/Rector on October 1, 2019, the Feast of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. His Excellency, The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America and Chancellor of the Josephinum, presided at the installation, which took place during Solemn Vespers in Saint Turibius Chapel in the presence of seminarians, faculty, staff, and many visiting bishops, priests and special guests.

“As Chancellor of the Pontifical College Josephinum, I am happy to be here with you for the celebration of Solemn Vespers,” said Archbishop Pierre. “As the Apostolic Nuncio, I bring you the warm greetings of the Holy Father, expressing his spiritual closeness and heartfelt congratulations not only to Father Beseau but to the seminary on this occasion.”

During the Rite of Installation, Father Beseau made a Profession of Faith and took the Oath of Fidelity, in accord with the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith’s 1989 directive to Catholic colleges and universities, requiring those directly connected with teaching Catholic doctrine to profess their adherence to the teaching authority of the Church.

The presentation of the Rector’s Medallion, a symbol of leadership of the Josephinum, concluded the rite. The bronze medal is of great historical significance; it was originally cast for the seminary’s founder, Monsignor Joseph Jessing, in observance of his 25th anniversary of ordination. Father Beseau received the medal from Archbishop Pierre, who then presented the new rector to the congregation. “I offer you my congratulations and the Apostolic Blessing of the Holy Father as you begin your ministry as Rector and President of the Pontifical College Josephinum,” he said.

In his homily, Archbishop Pierre encouraged Father Beseau to lead the seminarians by example, to dedicate himself to prayer in the “little way” of Saint Thérèse. “The fruitfulness of your ministry here at the Josephinum will not be measured by the number of seminarians or the financial status of this institution,” he said. “Rather, the fruitfulness will be measured by that which is not always seen – the quality of the love and the faith that accompanies your good work. Only in this way will you and those around you truly experience the joy of the priesthood.”

In remarks concluding the installation, Father Beseau expressed gratitude to Archbishop Pierre for his kindness, hopefulness and witness to the Good Shepherd. “As our Chancellor, we have a special bond with you and, through you, with our Holy Father. This is a unique and precious gift for all who are part of this seminary,” he said. “Tonight marks a great beginning, and I am excited to begin my work here at the Josephinum.”
The *Communio Sanctorum* and the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte

From the homily for the Solemnity of All Saints and the Institution of Lectors and Acolytes, given by The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop Emeritus of Columbus.

The Feast of All Saints is a commemoration of the Church as the *Communio Sanctorum*. As members of the Church, the Body of Christ, we participate in a vast community of the faithful, extending far back in history and stretching into the future, until the coming of the Lord Jesus. The Church is not simply those people presently living here and now, but also, and fundamentally, she includes those faithful who have preceded us and those who will come after us.

Remembrance of those who have gone before should awaken a profound gratitude for their constant presence to us and for their vital and encouraging example of fidelity. We remember those men and women as well going through their final purification. This remembrance is an act of concern and love incumbent on all of us, as we confront the reality of our own death. These two days call us, the living, not only to remembrance, but also to a recommitment to the faith and a joyful acceptance of our responsibilities to preserve and pass it on to another generation.

At this service I shall install some members of this community in the Ministry of Reader, a ministry that plays a large role in the preservation and handing on of our apostolic faith. A lector must understand that he is entrusted with both the protection and the proclamation of the word of God.

As the role emerged in the early Church, a primary responsibility of the lector was the protection of the Sacred Texts from confiscation by the government authorities or their profanation by non-believers. To this obligation was added the crucial role of proclaiming the sacred text to the faithful with conviction, clarity, and meaning. In a particular sense, the lector was to speak the Word of God with reverence and to guard the words of Scripture from misunderstanding and corruption.

In a larger sense, the lector becomes the guardian of all language, especially in our own culture where words are so often twisted away from their actual meaning and used to mask reality rather than to identify the truth. The ability to speak and communicate in words is one of the indications that we are made in the image and likeness of God. For this reason, bearing false witness is marked as a grievous sin throughout the Bible. Using language properly and carefully is an ethical imperative, for grammar is the morality of the mind and heart. Our care for the integrity of the Word of God is a great gift to an often confused world, which still longs for the truth.

Today we also remember that, when the term *communio sanctorum* was first coined, the faithful took the words to mean a unity in holy things. The Latin itself can bear both meanings. The holy things to which the term referred were undoubtedly the sacramental acts that bound the community together, particularly the Eucharist. Reception of Holy Communion indicated the recipient’s full membership in the Body of Christ.

An acolyte is called to act as a guardian of these holy things and particularly to act as a servant of the Holy Eucharist and the distributer of the Sacred Species, the food of immortality and the sustenance of pilgrims on their way to the Kingdom. The acolyte’s reverent service at the altar can speak of the presence of the all-holy One to a world in danger of losing any sense of the sacred. The responsibility of the acolyte, as well as the lector, is not to draw attention to himself but to draw the faithful into an ever-deeper participation in the holy things, which reminds the faithful of their responsibility to preserve the unity of the *communio sanctorum* and to live it for their good and the good of the world.

*Clockwise from top left:* Cameron Degani (Santa Fe) and his brother seminarians installed as acolytes are entrusted with the duties of attending to the altar, assisting at Mass, and distributing Holy Communion.

Doug Hess (Birmingham) receives the Book of the Gospels from Bishop Campbell. Lectors are commissioned to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and to catechize the faithful.

Seminarians in their first and second years of study in the School of Theology prepare to be installed as lectors and acolytes, respectively, on the Solemnity of All Saints.
Some time ago, as I was meditating on the mystery of the Annunciation, the word “cooperation” popped into my head. “Cooperation” literally means “to do work together.” I realized that Mary cooperated with God’s grace when she gave her Fiat. God did not act without her permission; He did not do all the work, but neither did He require Mary to work alone. But she did have to work. And she did have to sacrifice.

I grew up in Downers Grove, IL, the second son of my parents, Robert and Bonnie. They raised my brother and me in a loving home, committed to God and to our family. My love for trains began with picking up my mother at the train station each evening when she returned from work. I have fond memories of standing on the platform with my father and brother, waiting to greet her.

By eighth grade, my passion for trains had grown and I decided to pursue a career as a locomotive engineer after high school. In 2010, a year after my graduation, I was hired by the BNSF Railway. I felt that God had placed this passion inside of me and had helped me attain my dream, yet I did not have a personal relationship with Him and never stopped to consider what He might want me to do with my life. That changed as I grew in knowledge of the faith and came to realize that my career could never satisfy my deepest desires – only cooperating with God’s will brings true happiness. So, I began to ask God, “What do You want me to do with my life?” At first, He led me to date a woman who opened my heart to receive His love. Later, when He called me to enter seminary, both my heart and mind were prepared to cooperate and say, “Yes.”

Taking a lesson from railroading, the engineer may be the one at the controls, but the conductor is the ultimate authority. The engineer must follow the conductor’s instructions and the two must cooperate – work together – to get the job done safely and reach their destination. Jesus Christ is my conductor. I am at the controls of my life thanks to the free will He has given me. But God cannot work with me if I do not cooperate with Him. What good is having Jesus as my conductor if I am not willing to do the work assigned to me as the engineer?

This past year at seminary, I struggled with putting in the work. I wanted God to do everything for me. But what a great and loving God we have – His humility is such that, even though He could do all the work Himself, He desires our meager efforts, so that we may mature into the people He created us to be! Our Father invites His sons and daughters to work together with Him.

I am still learning to cooperate with God’s will and to say, “Let it be done unto me,” as Mary said. Please pray for me and my brother seminarians as we work together with God and with each other to grow in holiness, to discern His calling, and to serve His people. It will require sacrifice on our part, but God will never abandon us and, working together, we will reach our destination in heaven. All aboard!

Before hearing a call from his “conductor” to discern a vocation to the priesthood, seminarian Joseph LeMay (Joliet) was employed as an engineer with BNSF Railway.
An Incredible Experience in Slovenia

By Peter Scheck
Diocese of Gallup

One day last spring, my dad, Thomas, a theology professor at Ave Maria University, told me about an upcoming conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Entitled “Hieronymus Noster: International Symposium on the 1600th Anniversary of Jerome’s Death,” the fall 2019 event was organized by the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts as well as several other European universities, including the DANUBIUS Project (University of Lille) and the Institut des Sources Chretiennes.

As my dad is a translator of many of Saint Jerome’s works, he planned to submit a paper for consideration. When I jokingly replied that I would love to visit Slovenia, he encouraged me to send in an abstract for a paper of my own.

Since the call for papers was not technically open to undergraduate students, I did not think that I had a serious chance of getting accepted. Nevertheless, I ran the idea by Father Eric Wagner, CR, an instructor at the Josephinum. Full of enthusiasm and support, he suggested that I research an encyclical by Pope Benedict XV entitled *Spiritus Paraclitus*, which encouraged Catholics to read the Bible under the guidance of Saint Jerome.

After some preliminary research, I submitted my paper proposal to the conference committee. My plan was to summarize *Spiritus Paraclitus*, compare it with Pope Leo XIII’s *Providentissimus Deus* and Pope Pius XII’s *Divino Afflante Spiritu*, and give examples of how it has influenced the Church in the past 100 years.

My abstract communicated that I was an undergraduate student, that I did not think that I would be accepted, and that I had simply enjoyed doing some light research outside of my regular course load. To my surprise, while I was in Gallup assisting Bishop James Wall during Holy Week, I was notified that I had been invited to present at the conference. Bishop Wall was very supportive of me continuing my research and making the trip to Europe with my dad.

The conference itself was an incredible experience. I was, by far, the youngest and least-qualified presenter, so it was very humbling to spend time with so many experts. However, I was blessed to have had Father Wagner’s help as well as my dad’s. The conference hosts were incredibly hospitable and accommodating; we stayed at the Franciscan monastery in Ljubljana, and there were excursions to several Roman and Christian sites in Slovenia and Italy. We met some amazing people with whom we hope to stay in contact and visit again someday. I am very grateful to have had the chance to participate in this conference, and to be a voice for both my diocese and the Josephinum.

Peter Scheck with his father, Thomas, in front of the Franciscan Church of the Annunciation in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
Clockwise from top right:

Kevin Girardi (Columbus) takes a swing during the 31st annual golf tournament at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati, in which a group of our seminarians participated.

Our Fall Live-In weekend welcomed many young men interested in learning more about seminary life. As part of the experience, participants joined College seminarians in making sandwiches for distribution to the homeless and those in need by Saint Joseph Cathedral in downtown Columbus. The group made 600 sandwiches in less than one hour!

Sister Marysia Weber, RSM, DO, a Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, MI, gives a presentation during the Josephinum faculty’s fall in-service. Sister Marysia is a physician certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. She practices in her religious institute’s multidisciplinary medical clinic; her primary work includes assessing and treating seminary candidates, priests and religious.

Seminarians Kevin Tran (Charlotte), Tuan Ahn Vu Doan (Joliet), and Peter Nguyen (Joliet) shared traditional Vietnamese fare with their brother seminarians at a cooking class arranged by our wellness coordinator. It looked, smelled and tasted amazing!

More than 200 guests visited the Josephinum on fall tour day! Among our seminarian tour guides were Max Gallegos (Birmingham) and Brian Smith (Youngstown), who offered visitors a guided tour in Spanish.

Eugene Joseph (Columbus) receives the Laying on of Hands from The Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Columbus, during his ordination to the Order of Deacon on September 14.
The Marshall Trophy
Mud Bowl Victory Award Named in Memory of Jason Paul Marshall

On June 23, 2019, Jason Paul Marshall, a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, tragically lost his life in a bus accident in Colorado. Jason, along with a group of young people and chaperones, was returning home from a Catholic youth conference by charter bus when the driver suffered a medical episode. Seeing that the driver was in distress, Jason grasped the steering wheel in an effort to take control of the vehicle. This courageous act that took his own life prevented the bus from overturning, saving the lives of the other passengers.

At a Memorial Mass for Jason celebrated in September after seminarians had returned from summer break, Father Steven Beseau, President/Rector, announced that the Mud Bowl trophy would be renamed the Marshall Trophy, in memory of Jason. Seminarians capture beautifully the essence of Jason’s character and why renaming the athletic award in his honor is such a fitting way to remember Jason:

“The seminarians who lived with Jason were often the beneficiaries of his great kindness. Jason was always ready to pause in his own work to ask how someone was doing. There was never a sense of pretense about him; his expression always was focused on the person with whom he was speaking, and it was clear that he saw that person as Christ himself. Jason was known to pitch in and do more than his fair share, and he challenged others to do so with joy and good humor.

Jason’s qualities as an athlete were identical to those in his personal life. He embodied the virtues and character of a true sportsman. His courage, positivity, affective maturity and genuine concern for his teammates were clearly visible. Jason did not allow himself the luxury of self-pity. He did not shirk from challenges, nor did he question the personal cost of playing – and of living – with excellence and intention.

Jason was honest, principled and clear-headed. He sought to be a saint, and he wanted to see that desire for sanctity in the men around him. He desired to see more men of faith and courage rise up and labor in the vineyard with joy in their hearts. Jason was, and continues to be, an inspiration to seminarians at the Josephinum.”

Inset: The Mud Bowl trophy – renamed The Marshall Trophy – has been making the journey across campus between the College and Theology pubs for decades; each year, it is carried home from the field by the winning team and serves as a year-long remembrance of a hard-fought flag-football victory. Below: Jason Marshall (kneeling, front row, far right) celebrates a 2018 Mud Bowl victory with his teammates from the School of Theology.
The Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome Deacon Stephen Petrill, PhD to its membership.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Petrill completed undergraduate studies in psychology at the University of Notre Dame and masters and doctoral studies at Case Western Reserve University, where he specialized in intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Steve completed postdoctoral studies in behavioral genetics at the Social, Genetic, and Developmental Psychiatry Research Centre in London. He has held faculty appointments at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, and Pennsylvania State University’s Department of Biobehavioral Health and the Center for Developmental and Health Genetics.

In 2006, Steve, his wife, Dawn, and their three children returned to Ohio, where he became a professor at The Ohio State University, first in the Department of Human Development and Family Science and currently in the Department of Psychology. His work examines the genetic and neurobiological factors affecting intellectual disabilities and learning difficulties.

Dr. Petrill has published close to 200 papers, been continuously federally funded since 1999, and has mentored undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students. He has served as editor of several journals as well as a reviewer, grant review panel chair, and past member of the advisory council for the National Institutes of Health. Steve is a Fulbright Scholar (Russia), has spent significant time in China, and continues to collaborate with colleagues in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. He has held many administrative positions across his career, most recently as the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Arts and Sciences at The Ohio State University.

In response to his father’s battle with cancer, his oldest son’s diagnosis of autism, his marriage vocation, and God’s grace, Steve began earnestly discerning a vocation to the diaconate. Following several years in formation, including significant time spent studying at the Josephinum, Steve was ordained in 2016. Currently, he is assigned to Saint Joan of Arc Parish in Powell, Ohio. He has served with numerous seminarians, deacons and priests from the Josephinum and hopes to give back by sharing his experience as a professor, administrator, husband, father and deacon.
In Conversation with Our Vice-Rectors

The Vice-Rectors of the College of Liberal Arts and School of Theology, guided by the President/Rector and in partnership with resident priests and formation faculty, oversee the formation program in each house. Father Ervens Mengelle, IVE (Theology) and Father Michael Lumpe (College) offer insight into what the Josephinum is doing to support, educate and form our future priests, to prepare them to shepherd the Church through the challenges facing it today.

How would you describe our seminarians’ outlook on challenges facing the Church today?

We give these men a lot of credit for saying “yes” to God’s call. These are challenging times for the Church, but the seminarians understand that this is not the first time in the history of the Church that she has faced challenges. They have a desire to be part of the solution, to be shepherds, to be heralds of the Gospel. Our seminarians have a great awareness of the challenges they will face as priests, yet they are eager to work for Christ and His Church. Their apostolic zeal and love of Christ is putting them on the solid rock of faith to share with all whom they encounter.

What motivates them to enter seminary amid these challenges?

These young men are responding to God’s call to serve because they are needed. Not in a selfish, self-centered “I’m going to save the world” way, but in a manner that is in witness to the timeless truths of the Gospel. They have a lot to learn, and they understand that that is why they are here. They want to be “doers of the word, not hearers only” (James 1:22), but temper this with academic, experiential and spiritual learning.

Each of the Theology seminarians testifies that they have experienced a call from Christ to the priesthood. Many of them have gone through a variety of experiences in life that led them closer to the Church, to get more involved in the life of the Church and in what the Church needs. They have a real understanding and desire to serve the spiritual needs of people.
What gives them courage to persevere in their discernment?

The interior desire of the collegians is strong. They do not wear rose-colored glasses. They get their strength, zeal and authentic joy from the Gospel – proclaiming the Word in both word and in deed. These men are coming to understand what it means to embrace the Living Word of Jesus Christ and to live it, first, themselves. Their encounter with Christ sustains them, and they want others to experience a life in Christ as they do.

Theology seminarians find courage in the certainty of their call from Christ. They practice a deep spiritual life rooted in personal prayer and a serious sacramental life nourished by the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They “equip” themselves further by studying seriously the teachings of the Church, in order to face the current situation (e.g. bioethics). They believe with conviction that, as priests, they will contribute to the good of humankind and the Church even though they might be misunderstood at times.

Generally speaking, what does the Josephinum provide for seminarians, to support them as they discern a vocation in these challenging times?

Availability. Being present to the seminarians 24/7 to discuss their concerns (e.g. class studies, spiritual life, adjusting to seminary life, being away from home) and the many “what if?” questions about the priesthood, parish life, and issues facing the Church today. We want to have a spirit of openness with the seminarians, to be approachable and to welcome open and honest dialogue, which contributes a great deal to good morale in both houses.

We strive to create a peaceful and harmonious place, and to foster an understanding of fraternal help and dependability in our common life in the Church. We encourage the men to be responsible for each other as disciples of Christ, to live what they are learning here and apply it to their own lives. We want them, as future priests, to be happy in their ministry, to be men of prayer, to be “whole” men who can achieve balance in life by having personal interests.

Seminarians are encouraged to become aware of the privilege it is to have this time in seminary to prepare to serve the people of God. These years bring an abundance of opportunities for them to develop their spiritual lives, to receive deeper in their hearts the good news of Jesus Christ. As they do so, they also become more aware of the need for them to return to God’s people what they receive here.
Awards Presented to Bishop LaValley, Bramlage Family

Our Good Shepherd Dinner was a special evening of gratitude to our friends and supporters. Traditional events of the dinner included the presentation of special awards – the highest honors bestowed by the Josephinum upon bishops and members of the laity. The Pope Leo XIII Award, named for the pontiff who granted the Josephinum pontifical status in 1892, was given to Mr. Chuck and Mrs. Venetia Bramlage. Mr. Bramlage, a member of our Board of Trustees, and his wife are dedicated members of the Friends of the Josephinum. The recipient of the Good Shepherd: Defending the Truth Award was His Excellency, the Most Reverend Terry LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg and former Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Bottom right: The Most Reverend Terry LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg (right) with Bishop Douglas Lucia (Syracuse, at left) and Father Steven Beseau, President/Rector.

Friends’ Annual 4-Miler Draws Record Numbers

The 2nd Annual Josephinum 4-Miler Run/Walk fundraiser organized by the Friends of the Josephinum was an astounding success! Event sponsorships as well as participant numbers increased substantially from last year – nearly 600 individuals of all ages registered to run/walk to support the seminarians of the Josephinum. All event proceeds will be used by the Friends to support the financial needs of seminarians, assisting them with tuition, textbooks, clothing and emergency travel, as well as medical, dental and vision care expenses.

Plans are already underway for the 3rd Annual Josephinum 4 Miler! Save the date for September 12, 2020!

Clockwise from top: (L-r): Participants show-off their swag! All were given a commemorative medal, loaf of bread, a bottle of wine or jar of Trappist jam, and event t-shirt.

Race winner Michael Gorman (in white) of the Diocese of Gaylord, is joined by brother seminarians Devin Heffernan (Covington) and Kevin Girardi (Columbus) in leading the pack of runners and walkers from the starting line.

Bishop Robert Brennan offers a prayer and blessing before the start of the race.
Bishop William Joensen T’89 is Shepherd of Des Moines

“The Holy Father, Pope Francis, is sending a bishop with a pastoral heart to the Diocese of Des Moines,” said Bishop Richard Pates, reflecting on the appointment of then-Father William Joensen to succeed him as shepherd of the Iowa diocese. “Through Bishop-Elect Joensen’s stellar personal gifts, the diocese will be well-served in the years ahead.”

The Most Reverend William M. Joensen T’89 was ordained and installed as the 10th Bishop of Des Moines on September 27, 2019. An Iowa native, Bishop Joensen attended Iowa State University, earned a bachelor’s degree in zoology, and was in medical school when he began to discern a calling to the priesthood. In 1989, he completed his studies at the Josephinum and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Bishop Joensen served in parish ministry for six years before undertaking graduate studies in philosophy at The Catholic University of America. Upon completion of a PhD, he returned to the Archdiocese of Dubuque in 2001 and joined the faculty of Loras College, where he taught philosophy and served as dean of campus spiritual life.

In addition to assisting with various regional health care-related ethics committees, Bishop Joensen participated for 12 summers as a faculty member for the Tertio Millennio Seminar in Cracow, Poland, which draws young adults from the United States, Poland, and eastern and central Europe, exploring Catholic social teaching in the spirit of Pope Saint John Paul II.

“We are sad to lose Father Bill as a member of our presbyterate; he will be missed,” said Dubuque Archbishop Michael Jackels. “The faithful of the Diocese of Des Moines will very soon come to appreciate the gift God is giving them in their new bishop.”

Excerpts from dmdioce.org/news.
Faculty Present at National, International Conferences

**DR. DOUGLAS FORTNER** delivered a paper entitled “Saint Justin Martyr: A Lover of Culture, More a Lover of Truth” at The Catholic University of America’s Center for the Study of Early Christianity conference on “Treasures New and Old: Christian Culture and Cultures in the Patristic Age” in Washington, DC, in early October.

**DR. GRZEGORZ IGNATIK** traveled to his native Poland this fall to present “Person and Act in the Sacramental Dimension of the Language/Speech of the Body” at an international conference in Cracow entitled “Fifty Years After the First Polish Edition of Karol Cardinal Wojtyła’s Person and Act.” The conference was organized by the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow, the Knights of Columbus, and John Paul II Foundation – The Center for Documentation and Research of the Pontificate of John Paul II. Presenters were from many countries – Poland, United States, Germany, Italy, and France – and included Father Jarosław Kupczak, OP, and Dr. Rocco Buttiglione.

**DR. TED PAPA** participated in “Edith Stein's Itinerary: Phenomenology, Christian Philosophy, and Carmelite Spirituality,” a conference held at the University of Cologne, Germany, in August. The event was organized by the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein. Dr. Papa spoke on “Edith Stein and the Possibilities of Human Experience: Nature, Grace, Glory,” in which he addressed the influence of Stein's early Christian experience on the ongoing development of her philosophy and spiritual teaching.

**DR. DANIEL SHIELDS** attended the American Catholic Philosophical Association's conference in Minneapolis. He delivered prepared comments on A Defense of Natural Place in a Contemporary Scientific Context by Thomas McLaughlin. Dr. Shields currently is working on a book entitled Nature and Nature's God: The Scientific and Philosophical Validity of Aquinas' First Way.

**FATHER RAYMUND SNYDER, OP,** presented a lecture on “The Horizon of Creation: Aquinas on the Unique Place of the Human Person” at The Thomistic Institute chapter of Harvard University graduate students in Cambridge.

**At the national gathering of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Diego, FATHER ERIC WAGNER, CR,** presented a paper entitled “Beyond the Heights of Zion: Proposing and Testing Fundamental Spatial Categories.” The paper was comprised of selections from his dissertation, “The Mountain's Shadow: Personified Mountains and Character Representation in Hebrew Bible Narrative.”
We are privileged to welcome assistant professor Maria Enid Barga, PhD, to the full-time faculty of the School of Theology.

Dr. Barga holds PhD, MPhil and MA degrees in Biblical studies from The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and an undergraduate degree in classical archeology, French and Spanish from Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. While studying at Catholic University, she was a teaching assistant, teaching fellow and research assistant. She then taught at Loyola University Maryland and was a full-time lecturer at Bowie State University.

Dr. Barga has presented at numerous conferences and meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Catholic Biblical Association, in addition to presenting at conferences in Texas, Washington, DC, and the United Kingdom. She has received many awards and scholarships in recognition of her academic achievements.

Reflecting on her first semester at the Josephinum, Dr. Barga said: “I’ve enjoyed teaching at the Josephinum. The mission of the seminary is central to the community here, as evidenced in conversations, class discussions, and administrative meetings. It is this mission that drew me to the Josephinum and that motivates my teaching and my conversations with the seminarians and other members of the community.”

Scripture Scholar Joins Faculty

Earlier this fall, His Excellency, The Most Reverend Peter J. Jugis, Bishop of Charlotte, kindly notified us that, due to the shortage of pastors in the Diocese of Charlotte, he would be calling Father John Allen back to his home diocese to serve as a parish priest in July 2020. On December 9, the Vicar General in Charlotte advised us that, due to an unforeseen and wholly unanticipated personnel need, Father Allen was to return to the diocese that weekend to begin a parish assignment. And so, in very short order, we bade a heartfelt and fond farewell to Father John Allen.

In his 11 years of service at the Josephinum – from 2005-2009 and again from 2013-2019 – Father Allen served as Dean of Men in both the College of Liberal Arts and School of Theology, taught courses in Church History in the School of Theology, served as Director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation for the seminary and, since January 2013, as Vice President for Advancement and Director of Alumni Relations. The Pope Saint John Paul II Center for Priestly Formation and the restored and renovated Saint Turibius Chapel are a permanent legacy of Father Allen’s unfailing dedication to the Josephinum and his extraordinary leadership of the Advancement efforts of the seminary.

“The Josephinum is grateful to Bishop Jugis for having made possible Father Allen’s 11 years of service to this pontifical seminary,” said Father Beseau. “I am especially grateful to Father Allen for his warm and generous welcome and his invaluable assistance for the last six months.”

Father Allen celebrated his final Mass at the Josephinum on December 12, attended by the entire seminary community and many of his friends in Columbus. “I am deeply grateful to God for the inestimable privilege of serving the Pontifical College Josephinum and its seminarians,” he said. “Please know that I will continue to support and cheer for the Josephinum’s success in every way. I know that the Josephinum’s future is in good hands under the leadership of Father Beseau, and I am grateful for his unfailing kindness to me.”

“To all our alumni, especially those whose growth in divine love it has been my privilege to witness firsthand, I offer my gratitude for your good example and assure you of my continued prayers. To all our generous donors in Columbus and throughout the country, I offer my heartfelt thanks for your confidence in the mission of the Pontifical College Josephinum. I hope all will continue to join me in supporting the vital mission of the Josephinum and pray that the inspired vision of Monsignor Joseph Jessing may continue to bear fruit for the salvation of souls and the glory of God.”

Father Allen began his new assignment as parochial administrator of Saint Matthew Church in Charlotte, NC, on December 13, 2019. Saint Matthew is the largest Catholic parish in the United States, with more than 10,500 families.
The Eucharist: God’s Greatest Gift to Us

Father Lucas Rossi T’10

When I was in high school, I was asked to care for my neighbors’ plants while they were on vacation. Another time, I was asked to care for a neighbor’s dog, giving it food and water and taking it walking each day. When I was older, I watched two young children while their parents went to work for the day. In all of these instances, I was being entrusted with a responsibility – watching over the children being the greatest of the three examples. The greater the value of what was entrusted to me, the more I was focused and attentive. If I did not recognize the value of what others had entrusted to me, it is likely that I could have been negligent and uncaring.

Jesus offers a parable in the Gospel of a steward who takes poor care of his master’s household. Jesus warns that much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person who is entrusted with more. What comes to mind when we hear these words?

We may think of material possessions and wealth. If we have much wealth, then we suppose that God expects us to show generosity. If we think of a successful career, then perhaps we are to work honestly and diligently. If we think of our families, we know we are to care for one another out of love and serve each other in gratitude.

In each of these circumstances, it is recognizing the value of what we have been given that matters. This flows from gratitude. If I am aware that my life and all of its blessings are from the Lord, then I live in thanksgiving. The word in Greek for “thanksgiving” is a form of the word “Eucharist.” God has entrusted us with so many blessings, none greater than the gift of His only Son: on the Cross, in the Mass, in the Eucharist.

God has entrusted the Church with the Risen Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. When we own something of great value, something that is a true treasure, we place it in a box or secure place for safe-keeping. In every Catholic church we find a tabernacle, often made of precious metals, lined with gold or silver. It is most appropriately placed in the center of the sanctuary to show the great prominence of the tremendous gift. To recognize and love the great gift of the Eucharist means to live a life that is Eucharistic.

So what has been entrusted to us? The Eucharist. The Father has given His only Son to us to be present to us always. Notice that at the end of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the remaining consecrated hosts are placed in the tabernacle. Jesus wishes to be truly and continually present to us. He has not left us. Christ’s love for us allows Him to remain with us, inviting us to remain with Him.

Father Rossi is pastor of Saint Michael Parish in Gastonia, NC, in the Diocese of Charlotte.

Staff Member Present as Ohio Senate Bill Signed into Law

Long-time Josephinum staff member and Army veteran Mrs. Arminda Crawford joined other women veterans at the Ohio State House to witness Governor Mike Dewine’s signing of Senate Bill 77. The 133rd General Assembly of the Ohio House passed the bipartisan legislation, designating June 12 as Women Veterans’ Day in honor of women who have served in the military. The bill reaffirms Ohio’s promise to care for and honor the more than 67,000 women veterans living across the state. It was first introduced in the Ohio Senate in March and was passed in April by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Crawford served in the Women’s Army Corps from June 1966 to December 1968 as a Communication Center Specialist and Platoon Sergeant. She joined the Greater Columbus Post 1936 of Catholic War Veterans in 2000, and served as Historian, Welfare Officer, 1st Vice-Commander and Commander. She was elected 1st Vice Commander for the Department of Ohio in 2004, the first woman in the state to serve in such a capacity. The Department of Ohio has since benefited from her leadership in many other roles, including Executive Director, Commander, Welfare Officer, and VAVS Officer. On a national level, she has served on the Executive Board and as a member of several committees. In 2010, Mrs. Crawford received the Order of Saint Sebastian Award, Catholic War Veterans’ highest honor. She was installed as National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States in 2015, the first woman ever to be elected to the position.
Father Yakkel Reports from Germany

Following his ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Columbus, Father Chris Yakkel T’19, a candidate for military chaplaincy, spent a month in Germany training with the United States Air Force. He offers some reflections on his experience as a priest serving America’s service men and women and their families.

My assignment to Ramstein Air Force Base was considered a chaplain candidate active duty training tour. It was essentially an internship. I spent time each day shadowing the different chaplains on base learning about the day-to-day duties of a chaplain. This involved unit visitations throughout the base where I had the opportunity to interact with airmen from all career fields, learn about their mission and give some encouragement along the way. It also involved briefings on resiliency in times of trial and building up spiritually fit airmen.

One special memory I have from my time there was when I took part in a repatriation ceremony on the flight line. Standing side-by-side with a Jewish Rabbi chaplain and a Protestant chaplain, the three of us rendered honors (saluted) as the remains of 28 World War II veterans were transferred to an aircraft set to bring them home to the United States for their final resting. It was a very powerful moment.

Being a priest was, of course, the best part of all! I was able to provide sacramental and spiritual support for the Catholic community there, which the priests appreciated because one of their own is currently deployed. Ramstein is a large base, with multiple military installations nearby, and is one of the few bases where they try to have more than one priest—a challenge given that the Air Force needs 120 active duty priests and currently has only 57.

I celebrated Mass for the large Catholic population at Ramstein AB as well as at Vogelweh Military Complex. I heard confessions, did a baptism, and made visits to Landstuhl Army Medical Center. I joined a flight crew on one of their day missions to observe one of our chaplains and provide pastoral care to the crew.

This is only a glimpse of what was an action-packed month! I learned so much and am grateful for the ways God was able to use me in my assignment in Germany.

Alumni Day Snapshot

What a joy it was to welcome so many alumni, both ordained and members of the laity, for our annual Alumni Day celebration! The day’s events included Mass; campus tours; informative updates from Father Beseau, Rector, and John Erwin, Treasurer; and socials and informal free time. The Jessing Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to Father John Sims Baker T’94 and Dr. Francis Conn ’69 at a special luncheon.

Above: Mass to honor the 25th and 50th jubilarians and to remember our deceased alumni was celebrated in Saint Turibius Chapel; Father John Sims Baker T’94, former Vice Rector of the College of Liberal Arts and current pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Church in Murfreesboro, TN, was the principal celebrant and homilist.

Below: Jessing Alumnus of the Year Award recipients Father John Sims Baker T’94 and Dr. Francis Conn ’69 with Father Steven Beseau, Rector.
**Class Notes**

### 1960s

**Father Jim Peiffer ’67**

concelebrated at a Memorial Mass for Father Al Camp at Saint Joseph Church, Monroeville (Toledo), OH, on October 1. Mike Heydinger ’68 and Ken Kehres ’65 attended. Mike writes: “So there were three of us Joss guys there to embellish the day with our best ‘Freddie’ stories.”

**Bishop Robert Baker T’70**


**Ken Krausing T’71**, nephew of Msgr. Clarence Krausing, visited the Josephinum to tour his old stomping grounds and reminisce about his seminary days.

**Deacon John Schiffer T’71**

retired from his position as parish life coordinator for Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish, Saint Charles (Saint Louis), MO.

**Father Tony Shonis T’71**

retired from active ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro and now enjoys traveling extensively to places hot and dry, hilly and green.

**Father Louis Dorn T’72**

is “retired but busy,” in the Diocese of Jefferson City, where he continues ministry to those in prison and assists with Masses at various parishes as needed. “Retirement life is wonderful and getting to so many other parishes gives me an encouraging experience of the Church in our diocese.”

### 1970s

**Father Bruce Miller C’73**

was presented with a papal diploma by Archbishop Gregory Aymond, bestowing upon him the title of Monsignor. Born and raised in Alexandria, LA, Monsignor Miller was ordained in 1977. He received a canon law degree from The Catholic University of America in 1986 and served as Judicial Vicar for the diocese from 1986-2018, overseeing the Diocesan Tribunal operations and processes. Photo above.

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**Father John Keehner C’88**

is pastor of Saint Paul Parish, North Canton (Youngstown), OH.

**Father Leo Wehrlin C’88**

is pastor of Saint Christine Parish, Youngstown, OH, and canonical pastor of Saint Luke Parish, Boardman.

### 1990s

**Father Kenneth Vialpando T’91**

was appointed Vicar for Clergy by Bishop Solis of Salt Lake City. He said that his “mission and goal is to learn from my brother priests and to support and walk with them.”

**Father Augustine Baek, SDB T’95**, is Director of the Salesian Mission Offices in New Rochelle, New York.

**Joseph Schmidt C’98**

is director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life in the Diocese of Steubenville. He worked with the Sacred Heart Center of Hope to offer the 2019 annual Respect Life Conference in October at Holy Family Church, Steubenville. The conference included Mass celebrated by Bishop Jeffrey Monforton and several presentations and workshops.

Twenty years after his days in seminary, **Trevor Thompson C’99** stopped by with his wife, Elizabeth, and children Corwin, Gisella, Sophia and Xavier. Michael Fry T’85 enjoyed showing them around. Photo below.

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**2000s**

**Father Joseph Ssebayigga T’01** of the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda, returned to the United States for an extended time in November and visited us many times during his stay. The Archdiocese of Kampala is home to four million people, 40,000 of whom are members of his parish in the city of Entebbe. Father Joseph and two other priests offer 15 Masses every Sunday at the parish and its many sub-parishes. In addition to his duties as pastor, Father Joseph is Episcopal Vicar for the Entebbe Vicariate and Assistant Pastoral Coordinator for the archdiocese. He is pictured here with library staff members Michelle Brown, Peter Veracka and Beverly Lane. Photo above.

**Michael Welsch T’01** accepted a fulltime teaching position at Saint Charles Preparatory High School, Columbus, following years of service in the school’s development office.

**Father Adam Streitenberger C’03** continues as parochial vicar at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, and is the newly-appointed Coordinator of Evangelization for the diocese. He will work with the lay apostolate in parishes and diocesan offices to help with evangelization initiatives and to coordinate and connect them. “I hope to discover areas where parishes can do more individually and in groups, finding new initiatives as inspirations from the Lord arise.”

**Father Stash Dailey C’04** is the new Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Columbus. For the past 10 years, he has helped several religious orders establish a presence in Columbus and other dioceses across the country. He is “grateful and excited” to have been given this new opportunity.

**Father Robert Kitsmiller T’04** is rector of Saint Joseph Cathedral (Columbus), OH. He succeeds classmate Father Michael Lume T’04, who is now our vice-rector for the College.

**Father Jude Ssenngendo T’05** visited and had the privilege of meeting our new rector. His parish in Kiyinda-Mityana, Uganda, is growing – 1,500 people are baptized every year! In addition to his parish ministry, Father Jude is studying for a degree in education.

**Father Mario Tizziani T’06** was honored by the Toronto High School Alumni Association with its 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award, having been nominated by his high school classmates. “They are recognizing me not for what I was but for who I have become. All the glory goes to God.”

**Father Marc Lim T’07** is pastor of Mary Our Queen Parish, Omaha, NE.

**Father Ryan Krueger C’08** is pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Sturgeon Bay (Green Bay), WI and Saint Mary Parish, Maplewood.

**2010s**

**Father Noah Carter C’10** was installed as pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Kernersville (Charlotte), NC, on August 4. “When a priest is first appointed as pastor, there’s a renewed purpose. It’s a fulfillment of what we’re educated and trained for,” he said.

**Father Lucas Rossi T’10** celebrated with his parishioners of Saint Michael Parish, Gastonia (Charlotte), NC, the successful completion of an extensive renovation of the parish school. In May, he received the Pope Saint John Paul II award for his dedication and work with the young in many areas: youth group, school, faith formation and sacramental preparation.

**Father Joaquin Zermeno T’11** reflects on being pastor of two parishes and a mission parish in the ranch country of the Diocese of Brownsville. “It is very quiet. Rural life requires certain adjustments for supplies and necessities. Ministry in a deer blind is very nice; parishioners talk (with me while) waiting for wildlife. They’re not the type who would really look forward to coming into the office to visit with a priest, so I get to go out there and spend time with them.”

**Father Zachary Coulter C’12** is parochial vicar of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton (Youngstown), OH.

**Father Christian Cook T’17** continues a presence in Columbus and its many sub-parishes. In addition to his parish ministry, Father Jude is studying for a degree in education.

**Father Jonas Shell T’12** is pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Carrollton (Steubenville), OH and Saint Mary Parish, Morges.

**Father Bryan Thompson, II T’12** earned a licentiate in canon law from The Catholic University of America in August. He continues work in the marriage tribunal for the Diocese of Lake Charles, LA.

**Father John Hammond T’14** continues his work in the tribunal office of the Diocese of Nashville.

**Father Paul McNulty T’14** is pastor to Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Waynesville (Charlotte), NC, and Immaculate Conception Mission, Canton.

**Dan DeMatte T’15** is a retreat leader, youth minister, author, husband, and father of four. He and his wife, Amber, are co-authors of Three Secrets to Holiness in Marriage. Recently, Dan gave a presentation at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica in Youngstown, OH; he spoke about poverty, chastity and obedience being important for married couples as well as clergy.

**Father Kristopher Fuchs T’15** is pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Victoria, TX.

**Randall Mocilnikar C’16** and his wife, Erica, welcomed daughter Skylar on September 23.

**Michael Villanueva T’16** and his wife, Rachel, were blessed with son Joseph Anthony on October 11.

**Father Christopher Bond T’17** is pastor of Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish, Maggie Valley (Charlotte), NC.

**Father Christian Cook T’17** was installed as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hendersonville (Charlotte), NC, on September 28. He said, “My ultimate goal, as pastor of Immaculate Conception is [to] always be centered on Christ, and to then shepherd His sheep home to Him.”

**Father Jordan Willard T’17** is parochial vicar of Saint Raymond of Penafort Parish, Springfield (Arlington), VA.

A Q&A with Darren Balkey PT’18 of the Diocese of Charlotte was featured in the fall 2019 issue of “Salute,” the magazine of the Archdiocese of the Military Services. Darren is continuing his studies for the priesthood and is in training to be a Navy chaplain.

**Father Justin Ward T’19** returned to The Liturgical Institute, Mundelein, IL, for a final year of study for a Master of Liturgical Studies degree and a Sacred Theology Licentiate in Sacramental Theology.
In Memorium

Father Charles D. Pardee  
Diocese of Jefferson City  
Ordained June 9, 1984  
Died June 9, 2019

Father Charles D. Pardee was born in 1954 in Saint Louis, MO. He attended elementary and secondary schools in Rosati and Saint James, and then studied political science at the University of Missouri (Columbia) and the University of Chicago. He worked at Grabar Electric in Houston, TX, for two years before entering the Josephinum in 1980.  

Throughout his priesthood, Father Pardee served at many pastoral assignments: Immaculate Conception, Jefferson City; Saint Patrick, Rolla; Director, Campus Ministry of University of Missouri-Rolla; Immaculate Conception, Macon and Mission of the Sacred Heart, Bevier; Saints Peter & Paul, Boonville; Saint Thomas More Newman Center, Columbia; Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek and Saint Louis of France, Bonnats Mill; Immaculate Conception, Saint James and Saint Anthony, Rosati; Saint Patrick, Rolla; Immaculate Conception, Owensville and Saint Alexander Parish, Belle; Saint Michael, Russellville; Saint Peter, Jefferson City.  

Father Pardee served his diocese in many capacities: Priests’ Personnel Board; Dean of the Columbia Deanery, Dean of the Rolla Deanery; Permanent Diocesan teaching staff; Chaplain at Jefferson City Correction Center; Pastors Review Panel; Priests Senate; Director of Campus Ministry; Diocesan Finance Committee; and Presbyteral Council Senator for the Westphalia Deanery.  

Father Pardee grew up on a farm; he loved rural life and lived very frugally. An excellent homilist, avid cyclist, and noted traveler, he journeyed to all 50 states and more than 100 countries. He believed in the power of prayer, God’s overwhelming generosity, and in the intercession of Saint Anthony of Padua and Pope Saint John Paul II that sustained him in ministry.  

Father Pardee died on Pentecost Sunday, his 35th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop W. Shawn McKnight at Saint Anthony Church, where Father Pardee was ordained in 1984. Burial followed in Saint Anthony Cemetery, Rosati.

Father Alfred L. Camp  
Diocese of Jackson  
Ordained May 25, 1957  
Died September 1, 2019

Father Alfred “Al” Camp was born in Monroeville, OH, in 1931. He enrolled at the Josephinum in 1945, was ordained in 1957, and then remained at the seminary to teach Latin and serve as Dean of Men in the College until 1966. While teaching, he pursued undergraduate and graduate degrees from The Ohio State University in Classical Languages, Physical Education and Higher Education.  

Upon completion of those studies, Father Camp was incardinated into the Diocese of Jackson (Natchez-Jackson), MS, where he was assigned to Saint Paul Parish in Vicksburg and Saint Aloysius School, where he began his life of service as a priest and educator. He served as teacher and principal of Saint Aloysius until 1992, when he was named pastor of Saint Mary Basilica in Natchez, where he served until 2004.  

Father Camp tried to retire in 2004, but his services were needed as pastor of Immaculate Conception and Saint Elizabeth Parishes. He served there for two years and then retired in 2006 as Senior Priest at Saint Francis Parish in Madison.  

Beloved by countless numbers of people with whom he shared his wisdom, knowledge, compassion and wonderful sense of humor, Father Camp never ceased to serve by visiting the sick and comforting the dying until his health no longer allowed it.  

A Memorial Mass was celebrated October 1 at Saint Joseph Church, Monroeville, where Father Camp had celebrated his first Mass in 1957.

Father Giulio Mariani, PIME  
Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions  
Ordained April 26, 1958  
Died September 18, 2019

Father Giulio Mariani was born in Vedano al Lambro, Italy, in 1933. He took the temporary PIME oath in 1954 and then completed his theological studies at the Josephinum. He became a perpetual member of PIME in 1957 and was ordained priest in 1958 in Newark, Ohio.  

Father Marani served as vice-rector and teacher at the PIME institutions in Newark and in Oakland, NJ, and then as rector in Newark. In 1974, he began courses in spiritual theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Two years later he was appointed rector of the PIME major seminar in Monza.  

In 1985, Father Mariani began missionary service in the Philippines. He first was assigned to Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish in Parañaque City, a district of Manila. In 1991, he was elected regional superior and, subsequently, as deputy director of the Euntes Asian Center (EAC) in Zamboanga City.  

Father Mariani was called to Rome in 2001 to fill the position of PIME General Secretary. He returned to missionary work in the Philippines in 2007 and reopened the EAC, which had been closed in 1999 due to security threats.  

For health reasons, Father Mariani returned to Italy to serve at PIME Sotto il Monte, Bergamo. In 2017, he moved to the Home of the Elderly in Ranco, Lecco, Italy.  

The Funeral Mass for Father Mariani was celebrated September 20 in Vedano al Lambro. Burial was in Vedano cemetery.

Father Donald M. Delaney, SDB  
Salesians of Don Bosco  
Ordained April 24, 1976  
Died July 30, 2019

Father Donald M. Delaney was born in 1946 in Flushing, Queens, NY. He entered Don Bosco College Seminary in Newton, NJ, upon graduating from high school and was admitted to the novitiate the following year. He made his first profession of vows in 1954 and his perpetual profession in 1972. That same year, Father Donald began theological studies at the Josephinum and was ordained in Westerville, OH, four years later.  

With a philosophical bent, Father Delaney was orderly, intelligent and witty. He lived his 43 years of priestly ministry serving in schools and parishes with a philosophical bent, Father Delaney was orderly, intelligent and witty. He lived his 43 years of priestly ministry serving in schools and parishes and at Salesian Missions in New Rochelle. He was pastor of Saint John Bosco Parish in Harvey, LA, and, in his later years of ministry, was assigned to the (now former) Saint Joseph Salesian Residence in Saint Petersburg, FL. He assisted at Saint Paul Parish, Saint Petersburg, and was a confessor and tutor at Saint Petersburg Catholic High School.  

Funeral Masses for Father Delaney were celebrated on August 2 at Mary Help of Christians and at the Marian Shrine Chapel in Haverstraw, NY, on August 4. Father Donald was buried in the Salesian Cemetery, Goshen.
Prayers for the Dead

Alice Nowaczek, age 92, founding member of the Friends of the Josephinum, June 14, 2019.
Mary Virginia Imwalle Branch, daughter of Marjo and Carmen Angelo, members of the Friends of the Josephinum, June 7.
Georgia Schleper, wife of Gerald “Jerry” Schleper ’65, June 30.
William Leake, father of Father Steve Leake, SDB, T’00, July 29.
Ronald L. Puryear, father of Father Stanley Puryear C’89, August 2.
Michael F. Barrett T’08, August 7.
Thomas S. Pallone T’98, August 23.
James F. Streitenberger, father of Father Adam Streitenberger C’03, September 6.
Virginia Ann Jette, mother-in-law of Kenneth Ridenour C’73, September 15.
John F. Meyer, II C’77, September 30.
James McMonagle, father of Timothy McMonagle C’94, October 20.
Marilyn Korte, mother of Father William Korte ’83, October 29.
Miriam Helfant, wife of the late Coach Chuck Helfant, November 3.
Qiong Feng Wu, mother of staff member Jani Li, November 6.
Joan Koestner, wife of James Koestner ’56, December 5.
David Gregory C’73, December 17.
Gary G. Shotts, father of staff member Gary Shotts, December 18.

A Legacy for Tomorrow

So many of our loyal friends and alumni have left a legacy to the seminarians of tomorrow by remembering the Josephinum in their estate plans. Would you possibly consider doing the same? To learn more about planned giving opportunities, please contact Meghan Henschen at 614-985-2234 or mhenschen@pcj.edu.

Monsignor Philip J. Heslin
Diocese of Superior
Ordained May 25, 1957
Died December 13, 2019

Philip Joseph Heslin was born and raised in Chicago, IL. After completing studies for the priesthood at the Josephinum in 1957, he was ordained for the Diocese of Superior, WI. He spent two years as a high school teacher and Director of Vocations for his Deanery. In the early 1960s, Monsignor Heslin earned a master’s degree in social work from Loyola University of Chicago and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Minnesota.

Throughout his priesthood, Monsignor Heslin served at several parishes: Cathedral Christ the King; Saint Louis, Superior; Saint Patrick, Minocqua; Nazareth on the Lake Motherhouse; Saint William, Foxboro; Holy Assumption, Superior; and Saint Anthony, Superior and Lake Nebagamon. He served the diocese as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities Bureau for 27 years, where he played an integral role in the growth and expansion of services and programs supporting men, women and children throughout Northwest Wisconsin.

Monsignor Heslin taught at the University of Minnesota Duluth for 12 years, after which he served as Moderator of the Curia, retiring as a consultant in 2010. His last assignment before retirement in 2015 was as Chaplain at St. Mary’s Hospital, Duluth.

Monsignor Heslin assisted many Church and community organizations: Wisconsin Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program Development Committee; Superior Social Development Commission; Pro-Synodal Judge of Tribunal; Assistant Chancellor; Diocesan Director for the Campaign for Human Development; Chairman of the Planning and Research Committee of Diocesan Pastoral Council; Board of Douglas County Guidance Center; Chairman of Coordinating Committee for the War on Poverty; State Mental Health Advisory Committee for the Ashland District; and Catholic United Financial.

The Funeral Mass for Monsignor Heslin was celebrated December 19, 2019, at the Cathedral Christ the King by Bishop James Powers. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery’s Priest Circle, Superior.
Upcoming Events for Spring 2020

Inter-Seminary Basketball Tournament
Friday, February 14 – Sunday, February 16

Annual Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture
“Continuity and Change at Vatican II: Why is the Council Still Controversial?”
Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, STD
Professor of Systematic Theology
Seton Hall University
Wednesday, February 19 | 7:00 pm | Jessing Center

Friends of the Josephinum Day of Recollection
Saturday, February 29

Spring Live-In
Thursday, March 26 – Saturday, March 28

Baccalaureate Mass
Commencement Exercises
Saturday, May 16

Jessing Society Luncheon
Monday, May 18

Looking Ahead to Fall 2020
Josephinum 4-Miler Run/Walk
Saturday, September 12

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