

SPRING 2022



PATRICIAN

The Magazine of St. Patrick's Seminary & University





PATRICIAN

The Magazine of
St. Patrick's Seminary & University

SPRING 2022

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, JCD

*Archbishop of San Francisco
Chancellor of the Board of Trustees*

Very Rev. Mark D. Doherty

*President-Rector
Vice Chancellor of the Board of Trustees*

Most Rev. Michael Barber, SJ

Bishop of Oakland

Most Rev. Myron J. Cotta, DD

Bishop of Stockton

Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, DD

Bishop of Spokane

Most Rev. Clarence (Larry) Silva, DD

Bishop of Honolulu

Most Rev. Jaime Soto, DD

Bishop of Sacramento

Most Rev. Robert Vasa, DD

Bishop of Santa Rosa

Rev. Stephen P. Akers

Mr. Salvatore Caruso

Mr. John A. Cecconi

Mr. John Conway

Mr. William Cumbelich

Very Rev. Stephen H. Howell

Ms. Marcia R. Jervis

Mr. Deglin F. Kenealy

Mrs. Charlotte Kiesel

Mrs. Judy Kostelni

Mr. Joseph Passarello

Mr. Peter Robinson

Very Rev. Patrick Summerhays

THE PATRICIAN MAGAZINE

The *Patrician* is published by Very Rev. Mark Doherty, President-Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary & University, and is produced by the Office of Advancement.

Thank you to those who contributed to production, including Martha Sheridan, Taylor K. Mitchell, Myra Phelan, Austin Samara, David Sandler, Prof. Kristen Kearns, Matthew Horwitz, and Dereck Delgado.





Very Rev. Mark Doherty '14, Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary, welcomes friends and supporters at our 13th annual Gala.

As we have opened our doors anew in recent months to welcome back family and friends, many have remarked that indications suggest that St. Patrick's has entered an era of renewed vitality and fruitfulness.

The signs are many and varied. To begin with, enrollment has jumped this academic year. The uptick can be largely attributed to the launch of our propaedeutic program, a new component of priestly formation that Pope Francis strongly advocates for in his instruction on priestly formation *Ratio fundamentalis*. The goal of the propaedeutic program is to provide men the opportunity to mature in the human and spiritual spheres – those spheres that are foundational to the development of a mature priestly identity – before they engage the more strictly academic and pastoral components of their formation. The propaedeutic program is situated at the beginning of the overall

priestly formation cursus precisely because the quality of a priestly candidate's academic and pastoral formation is dependent on the integrity of the underlying human and spiritual character.

Daily life for the eight men who make up our inaugural propaedeutic class is marked by periods of communal and individual prayer, one-on-one spiritual direction and counseling, group activities, manual labor on the grounds of the seminary, and classes on spirituality, Scripture, and the catechism. Recently, the men began engaging in limited off-campus pastoral activities in neighboring parishes.

Because of its special character, the propaedeutic program merits its own director. As my colleagues and I began laying the groundwork for the new program last winter, we determined that we needed an experienced and respected local pastor to assume charge of the program. Finding such a pastor who is available, and whose bishop agrees to release him for service to the seminary, was likely going to prove to be difficult. But the Lord's benediction was upon us because we quickly landed on an outstanding candidate in Fr. Gary Thomas. Over the course of his decades of priestly service, Fr. Gary has been a vocation director, a university chaplain, an exorcist, and a pastor of large, dynamic parishes in the diocese of San Jose. It just so happens that last year Fr. Gary was coming to the end of a long tenure as pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Saratoga. When I approached him last winter to ask if he would be interested in taking on the role of director, he generously agreed to discern the possibility. Several weeks later, Fr. Gary having confirmed that he was indeed interested in the position, I approached Bishop Oscar Cantú, the bishop of San Jose, to ask if he would release Fr. Gary for service to the seminary. Thanks to the generosity of Bishop Cantú, Fr. Gary

came on board at St. Patrick's last July as the inaugural director of the program.

Speaking of special character, not only does the propaedeutic program merit its own director, it also merits its own space on campus. To that end, we have launched an ambitious effort to renovate the old convent on the back side of the main building. When the work is complete, the propaedeutic program will be able to move into its own quarters, outfitted with their own kitchen, dining room, recreational space, and chapel. Our goal is to have this project completed in time for the Fall 2023 semester.

Renovation of the old convent is not the only renovation and restoration project underway at St. Patrick's. Another sign of renewed vitality is the restoration work being done on the first floor of the main building, as well as the renovation work in the refectory. Over the course of last summer, the refectory was entirely renovated. A building which had looked dumpy, dingy and drab now looks fresh, vibrant and clean. The entire ambiance of the space has changed for the better. Now, both residents and guests enjoy socializing and eating in the renovated space.

The dingy look of the refectory was matched by the drab look of the first floor in the main building. What had once been a glorious space of welcome, conversation and formation had progressively become a network of dark and dreary rooms and corridors. Starting last March, we embarked on a slew of projects ordered to restoring the space to its original luster. Carpets have been stripped; original floors have been restored; the grand oak staircase has been brought back to life; makeshift walls have been torn down; new lighting has been installed; and the foyer has been returned to its original grandeur. Everyone who has seen the transformation has attested to its dramatic impact.

And all of it in the nick of time. For, as we

have opened our doors anew and ushered in an era of renewed vitality, St. Patrick's has been playing host to some major events. Just this past December, we had the honor of welcoming George Cardinal Pell to campus. In the course of his two-day visit, Cardinal Pell presided at Solemn Vespers, celebrated Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, delivered a public lecture, and met privately with the seminarians. Somewhere in the order of two hundred guests joined us for these events. In coming months, we will have the privilege of hosting a Catholic Medical Association conference, a theological conference on the theme of the atonement, and a major liturgical conference.

And there is more. This past September, St. Patrick's hosted its largest and most successful Gala ever. Nearly seven-hundred guests joined the community on a spectacular September evening to honor one of St. Patrick's devoted alums, Bishop Thomas Daly. The mood was ebullient as people who had not seen each other throughout the course of the pandemic shared a meal and traded stories of lockdown happenings.

Many of you reading this letter were present for that celebration. All of you, in one way or another, are supporters of St. Patrick's. I therefore would like to conclude my letter by thanking you for your generous support of this seminary and its vital mission. The broader St. Patrick's community extends to include you, our friends and benefactors. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, be assured of our continued prayers for you. I would also like to invite you to visit us. We would be glad to see you and show-off our new look.

Sincerely,



Very Rev. Mark Doherty
President-Rector





An Enchanted Evening, a Joyous Reunion

The 13th Annual Gala Returns to Great Success!

On Saturday, September 18th, 2021, St. Patrick's Seminary welcomed 700 guests for its 13th Annual Gala. Held on a beautiful, warm September evening, the celebration began with Vespers at five o'clock, with our new President-Recto, Very Rev. Mark D. Doherty, serving as celebrant.

The evening continued with tours of our beautiful campus, followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Our guests were able to visit with friends and family whom they may not have been able to see in the last year due to the restrictions of the pandemic.

After Archbishop Cordileone offered grace and dinner began, the evening continued as our guests were entertained with live music, a silent auction, and a live auction. Fr. Doherty later introduced our honoree, Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, Bishop of Spokane and one of our most dedicated alumni, in recognition of his invaluable support and dedication

to St. Patrick's Seminary, Catholic education, and the priesthood. Bishop Daly thanked his family and friends for their support. He also thanked his brother bishops and priests in attendance for their continued dedication to their vocation as shepherds of the Church and their support of St. Patrick's Seminary.

Our seminarians served our guests as bartenders, servers, and gracious hosts throughout the evening. The St. Patrick's community, including our faculty and our resident faculty priests, were also hosts to many of our benefactors, and all of those in attendance enjoyed a beautiful evening.

SAVE THE DATE:
Please plan to join us this fall
at the 14th Annual Gala,
which will be held
on September 10th, 2022.



1



2



3



4



5



Scenes from the Gala

1. Rev. Mr. Jerald Geronimo, a transitional deacon and Theology IV student from the Archdiocese of San Francisco, greets guests as they arrive for the Gala celebration.
2. Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, welcomes guests to St. Patrick's Seminary & University and offers a benediction as dinner begins.
3. After an afternoon spent touring the seminary and praying Vespers, followed by a cocktail reception, our guests sat down to dinner under a beautiful Bay Area sunset.
4. Rev. Michael Andrade '16 of the Diocese of Fresno served as the emcee for this year's Gala.
5. Rev. Kevin Joyce '80 speaks with Rev. Joe Kim '10 before

the dinner begins. Fr. Joyce and Fr. Kim are both faculty members here at St. Patrick's.

6. Rev. Mr. Andy O'Leary, a transitional deacon and Theology IV student from the Diocese of Spokane, speaks with guests during the cocktail reception. Deacon O'Leary was the outgoing student body president, and his last act as president was to give a speech at the dinner on behalf of the seminarians. Meet our new student body president, Jose Maria Carrillo, on page 10.

7. After dinner, guests participated in a high-energy auction. Assisting auctioneer Mr. Frank Sunseri is junior auctioneer and Theology III student Lloyd Rebuldela, from the Diocese of Fresno.

Background Image. This year's honoree, Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, speaks about St. Patrick's. Bishop Daly graduated from STPSU in 1987 and has served as Interim President-Rector.



6



7



The Trinity, Andrei Rublev

Community and Communion

Rev. Vito Perrone, COSJ
Director of Spiritual Formation

This article is taken from an address Fr. Vito Perrone gave during a seminary faculty retreat this year.

I was looking around the room and realized that most of you were not here three years ago when I last served as Director of Spiritual Formation. And many others have been here for only one or two years longer. I then thought, what an incredible opportunity lies ahead of us! We are the leaders of the St. Patrick's Seminary community. If, as the archbishop has said, Fr. Mark Doherty has the most important job in the archdiocese, and if we are serving under him and sharing in this job,

then it is clear that God has brought us together for the sake of His Body, the Church. Does this not call us to do our best to form a true spiritual community?

To begin with, let me state that true community, where there is a spirit of unity in our uniqueness and diversity, will rarely be sustained if there is no emphasis on God, prayer, contemplation, and confession. If these are lacking, then the attempt at creating community can almost feel oppressive, for people not focused on God fall easily into a focus on themselves. What follows are power plays, manipulation, fear, backbiting, loss of trust, and on and on.

To take a deeper look into our topic of community, let us reflect on the very first community – the Holy Trinity. Andrei Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity shows the unity and flow of life between the three persons. The three angels representing Father, Son, and Holy Spirit sit at the communion table. We see a circle set in motion by each person's (each angel's) inclination to another. Therefore, this community unity is at the foundation of reality and is something in which we are called to share. God did not make us to live our lives without Him or others. Community commitment, though, means coming out of our selfishness. If we do not, we may end up stagnating, walking side-by-side with our colleagues into a daily schedule that ends up being rather lifeless, even though it has the outer look of "business as usual."

Let us move on to reflecting on another community – the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph were, on the surface, two simple Jewish people but, in reality, the two most extraordinary people to walk this earth after Christ Himself. They did not hold back when they were both called to say "yes" to the sacred mystery of the Incarnation. There was no partial fiat by Our Lady. There was no hesitating when the angels came to St. Joseph! Without their "yes," we would have no seminary, no priests, no Church, no revelation of God as a Trinity who is closer to us than we are to ourselves – and thus no insights, no map, into

community living here and now. We need God to be a real community. How terrible – for some say hell is like this – to be truly alone.

The next community to consider is the Church: the whole Church, which includes the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and us! We are connected with those we see and those we do not see. We pray to St. Patrick to help our seminary because he is still alive. We pray for those in purgatory – this may mean our relatives – because they are alive. We pray for those in this world because they are alive. We are connected with the whole of human life.

The Mass is one place where the parts of the Body of Christ gather and connect one to the other. When this connection occurs, we receive the grace to sacrifice ourselves more fully for one and all members of Christ's Body. When receiving the Eucharist, we too can participate in the process of life with Christ in our seminary community. We may even begin to realize from the graces of the community Mass "how good and delightful it is for us to live as brothers and sisters all united" (cf. Ps. 133).

I also think back on my time serving at St. Cecilia's parish and something I learned from Msgr. Michael Harriman about community living. He ensured that the priests serving at St. Cecilia's had a meal together at least five times a week. This assured us the experience of sharing our joys, sorrows, dashed expectations, and unbelievable successes in a common apostolate, as well as sharing our bond in the common priesthood in Christ. Not that community living was any more accessible there. It is not easy anywhere! With so much to do, we who are a part of seminary life can be tempted to take offense at any disruption, for example, rather than see it as a God-given moment to break out of our selfishness. While we do, of course, need boundaries for healthy community living, we must be able, like one Missionaries of Charity sister I know said about Mother Teresa, to say "yes" to reality. Yes, to disruptions. Yes, to everything seemingly going wrong. Yes, to the times of Light. Yes, to the times of darkness.

Yes, to the community. When I arrived at Mater

Dolorosa parish 11 years ago to begin the COSJ, I had said "yes" to God as fully as was possible then, yet I can see now that I had unconsciously done so in a way that fit into my ideas of what God wanted of me.

So God went to work on me in ways I never imagined; I had no choice but to say "yes" to whatever came my way and to carry on praying and working: *Ora et labora*. The remarkable discovery was that saying "no" meant saying "no" to more profound prayer, to learning charity, and to understanding the importance of being open to the community. In short, if I wanted to rise with Christ, I had to die with Him. But though COSJ community living and ministry were the source of humiliations, stress, stretching, rejections, loss, and misunderstandings, I found at the same time many positive things: the lightness of being, joys, laughter, personal growth, and bonding with thousands of people.

Day by day, we must carry on. And what is the result? Well, watch the way an MC sister walks. Watch closely. The community has burned her up, and she has become fulfilled. Her self-consciousness has been chipped away, and she has entered radical freedom. This freedom is one of the great fruits of community living.

Free! As human beings, we are supposed to be free. Free to love, to suffer, to be in communion with reality. Hopefully, we can learn to walk with such abandonment and freedom. This freedom means going into our own human life with deep reflection, and into the community with deep commitment. There Christ awaits us. That is what the saints say – so I echo their words. Be not afraid. In the community is where Christ lives! Where the Trinity is. Where the Holy Family is. Where we discover the saints. Where the living and those in purgatory and heaven meet, it is all community. Say "yes," then, to God in prayer and work and faithfulness and community small and large. Is it not all one? Discovering this seems to be His will. ✚

Student Government at STPS

Student Body President
Jose Maria Carrillo conducts
the monthly Student Council
meeting in Redon Hall.



Each year the student body selects from among its members leaders to serve on the Student Council. This year's president is Jose Maria Carrillo, Theology III, from the Diocese of Fresno.

Benedict XVI once said that many people think “the Catholic priesthood is not a ‘job’ for the future, but one that belongs more to the past.” He encouraged seminarians that, despite such objections, those who have entered seminary have done a good thing because people will always have a need for God (Benedict XVI, *Letter to Seminarians*, 18 October 2010). I was able to witness this exact phenomenon of people having a need for God when I had the privilege to experience a glimpse of parish life in my pastoral

year assignment at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Bakersfield, California – from the wife who came into the office after she and her children had been abandoned by her husband, to the young family inquiring about Baptism, to the young man who discovered the Catholic faith and is now enrolled in the RCIA program.

But before being able to minister to the people of God, there is a period of formation we men have to go through, and the Church calls it “seminary.” Seminary is an “educational community... established by the bishop to offer to those called by the Lord to serve as apostles the possibility of reliving the experience of formation which our Lord provided for the Twelve” (John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 15 March 1992). Through the leadership of Archbishop Cordileone, Fr. Mark Doherty, President-Rector, Fr. Anthony Stoepel, Vice-Rector, and the entire faculty, St Patrick’s endeavors to provide this for its seminarians.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, points out three aspects that characterize this time of formation and preparation for the priesthood. The seminary is a house of prayer, a house of study, and a house of communion (Francis, *Address to the Community of the Pontifical Regional Flaminian Seminary “Benedetto XV,”* 9 December 2019). These three aspects that Pope Francis identifies are lived out at St. Patrick’s. We pray Lauds at 7:45 AM. We gather as a community for the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 11:30 AM. After a day full of classes and meetings, we gather for Vespers at 6:00 PM.

We have exposition and solemn Compline every Wednesday. On Friday, we have a Holy Hour in which our rector and vice rector join us in praying

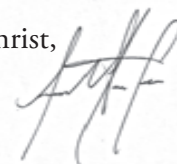
the Holy Rosary and Vespers. We have classes Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Every other Monday, we have a “Rector’s Conference” at 5:00 PM in which our rector exhorts us in the life of virtue. Every Tuesday at 5:00 PM, we gather for human formation conferences. On Wednesdays, we do not have class. Wednesdays are designated as days of prayer and study. The rector has structured the Wednesday schedule in such a way as to ensure maximal time for study without interruption. We have class lunch every Tuesday and diocesan dinner every Thursday. The men gather to play sports two times a week. When midterms and finals approach, we have food and snacks provided by the Community Life and Growth Committee. These different aspects of formation characterize St. Patrick’s as a house of prayer, a house of study, and a house of communion.

In the letter that I sent to the students and faculty after my election, I said of my role as president what Benedict XVI said of his role as pope: “It is not a matter

of honours but of a service to be rendered with simplicity and willingness” (Benedict XVI, Address to Members of the College of Cardinals, 22 April 2005). It has been a blessing to serve my classmates in my role as student body president, imitating our Teacher and Lord, who did not come to be served but to serve (cf. Mt 20:28) and who, at the Last Supper, washed the Apostles’ feet, commanding them to do likewise (cf. Jn 13:13-14).

Now that you have read a little bit about life at St. Patrick’s, we hope you will come and visit us soon. To our benefactors and friends, we thank you for your continued support for priestly formation. We entrust our journey of preparation to the priesthood to our Blessed Mother, “whose home was a school of goodness and of grace” (Benedict XVI, *Letter to Seminarians*, 18 October 2010).

In Christ,



Jose Maria Carrillo ✚



STPSU Student Council (L to R): Rene Vargas, Larry Denis, Ben Condon, Jose Maria Carrillo, Rev. Mr. Ramon Urbina, AJ Poore, Álvaro Santamaria, Zach Muñoz.

Introducing Our Propaedeutic Program



As a part of their formation program, the propaedeutic men regularly gather for prayer and worship in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at STPSU.

New to the offerings at St. Patrick's Seminary is the propaedeutic program. This introductory year of intense prayer and discernment allows for a strong start to seminary formation. Program Director Fr. Gary Thomas explains the purpose of this year.

The most significant change in several decades in seminary formation here at St. Patrick's Seminary was the introduction of a new propaedeutic year formation program this past fall semester.

The term "propaedeutic" is an academic word meaning preparation. The purpose of a propaedeutic year is to provide primary seminary formation. In 2014 Pope Francis made it a mandate as part of the working document used by the Vatican's Congregation of the Clergy to oversee priestly formation. Accordingly, Archbishop

Salvatore Cordileone introduced this new formational process in March of 2021 to further strengthen the current seminary formation vision and action here at St. Patrick's Seminary. In addition, the propaedeutic year model is being adopted nationally in many U.S. seminaries.

The inaugural year began on August 14th, 2021, with eight new men representing the Archdioceses of San Francisco and Portland and the Dioceses of Stockton and Spokane, four of the eleven dioceses and religious orders that have a professional relationship with this seminary. Each candidate engaged in the same thorough admissions protocol that would apply to any seminary candidate seeking admission on behalf of his respective diocese. In addition, before being admitted as candidates into the propaedeutic program, each applicant was well vetted by his diocese.

san vocation board.

The propaedeutic year for diocesan priesthood candidates is like the experience of candidates for religious life. The novitiate period for religious orders is the first step before beginning serious academic and pastoral studies. The propaedeutic year focuses primarily on human formation. There is some academic rigor, and every man participates in projects involving physical labor on the seminary grounds. Each candidate also meets with his spiritual director and formator every two weeks. In addition, our seminary has the unique gift of a full-time on-site psychologist and psychiatrist available to our students as they enter more profound personal formation. The human formation stresses building a fraternal spirit among the men to foster the value of a collective vision for candidates as they assume seminarian identities upon completion of this yearlong formation experience.

The propaedeutic year experience is new to me, its inaugural director; it is also unique for the eight outstanding men in this first year. When Very Rev. Mark Doherty, our rector, approached me in March, I had just concluded fifteen years as a pastor and was preparing for a new assignment. He explained that he was looking for an older priest with much experience. After giving the matter prayerful consideration and consulting with my *Jesu Caritas* priest support group, I accepted his invitation. Upon receiving the permission of my bishop, Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, Bishop of San Jose, I accepted Fr. Doherty's invitation and took the position. For me, as an alumnus returning to St. Patrick's Seminary and having been ordained for the Diocese of San Jose on December 3rd, 1983, serving at St. Patrick's in this new capacity felt very providential. I believe I could have benefited from a propaedeutic experience, especially having had a professional career in the funeral service before my admission to the seminary.

I am very grateful for the pleasure and privilege of accompanying these men during this initial part of their vocational discernment. They inspire me every day. Their commitment, holiness, sense of humor, enthusiasm, and openness to grow in their faith and call to the priesthood are also very rewarding for me. I welcome inquiries from other dioceses and religious orders that may be interested in referring their candidates to our program. Finally, I invite all St. Patrick's Seminary alumni who wish to learn more about the components of our vision to better form the intellectual, pastoral, spiritual, and human features of each man under our care and direction to contact me and start a conversation to further our mission. ✚





The Year of St. Joseph and Marian Consecration

Rev. Joe Kim '10
Alumni Corner

As we closed the year of St. Joseph, one of our alumni, Fr. Joe Kim of the Diocese of San Jose, gave a retreat on how devotion to this great saint is related to the act of Marian Consecration. This talk was given at St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos on the occasion of their Mini-Marian Retreat.

Simply put, devotion to St. Joseph will never take away from Marian devotion, just as the latter does not take away from the worship of Jesus Christ. On the contrary, devotion to St. Joseph only increases Marian devotion. Thus, while St. Joseph is not our father in the way that Mary is our mother – we say that we are incorporated into Christ through Mary, but not through St. Joseph – nevertheless, he is significant as a model of Marian consecration.

Who of us among the Marian-consecrated would not want to imitate St. Joseph's obedience to the angelic message and take Mary unto our own? Even his initial plan to "divorce [Mary] quietly" (Matt. 1:19) has a positive side to ponder, as this would have incurred shame on him instead of her. Therefore, he thought not of himself but of others from the start.

We can only imagine how resourceful St. Joseph had to be to support his family in the foreign land of Egypt; he no doubt had to use his wits and be "wise as a serpent" (Matt. 10:16). As he defended the Holy Family, the Marian-consecrated must defend the Church, of which Mary is the mother. All the same, St. Joseph probably did not have a definite sense that he was, at every moment, doing the right thing. He made the judgment, after all, to move to Nazareth – and fulfilled a prophecy in the process! So, likewise, we do not see what God sees, but trust that we, according to our station in life, are bringing the Son of God and the Mother of God to the lives of those around us.

Notice, too, the amazement in St. Joseph and Our Lady that Simeon's prophecy caused. This amazement, or wonder, is only possible to those who are open to God and not desirous of their way in all things. What better way to let go of this selfish attitude than to give all our thoughts, words, actions, and merits to the Blessed Mother? The Marian-consecrated must also marvel at the anxiety – a holy anxiety – that St. Joseph and Mary experienced as they sought the 12-year-old Child Jesus. We, too, should only be concerned with seeking Jesus in all events, in all people.

St. Joseph can indeed be a model for us who are Marian-consecrated and intent on coming closer to God. Therefore, let us allow grace to perform such wonders in our souls that, in the end, it will not be unnatural for our names to be said alongside those of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph! ✚

Library Update

Matthew Horwitz
Library Director

According to the Congregation for the Clergy, among the “necessary” components of the Catholic seminary is a “well-organized and well-run library” (*Ratio fundamentalis institutionis sacerdotalis* §187). My staff and I daily strive to ensure that ours fulfills these conditions. Much more, however, could be said about the nature and purpose of a seminary library. And so rather than offering a précis of recent and ongoing developments in our little corner of St. Patrick’s Seminary & University, I would like here briefly to consider this question: what role does the library play at St. Patrick’s?

St. Patrick’s is, according to its mission statement, “a Catholic educational community that forms priests of Jesus Christ who is teacher, priest, and shepherd.” Naturally, the men who pass through our halls must receive a full course in Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium in order that they may one day instruct, minister to, and lead the People of God as priests. Yet they need as well to understand the cultural landscape in which they will be serving and the currents of thought that have shaped it if they are to be fully capable of “engag[ing] in the peaceful but bitter warfare of truth against error, of light against darkness, of the Kingdom of God against the kingdom of Satan” (Pope Pius XI, *Ad catholici sacerdotii* §53). Moreover, what the seminarian receives at St. Patrick’s is not merely an education; it is a formation of the whole man in his intellectual, spiritual, pastoral, and human dimensions.

What, then, of the library and its staff? We support the academic endeavors of the seminary community, first, by maintaining, to the extent possible, an up-to-date collection of scholarly

works of philosophy, biblical studies, and theology – one that can be of use both to our seminarians and to the faculty members who instruct, advise, and help to form them; and, second, by actively directing our patrons to these resources. We also make a point of collecting and recommending materials that examine (and often critique) contemporary trends. And though our holdings probably favor the intellectual dimension of formation on balance, books and articles intended to provide spiritual, pastoral, and human enrichment can be found on our shelves and in our databases, too.

My space is limited, and the above represents the mere beginnings of an answer to the question that I initially posed. If you, the reader, would like to know more about what we do in the library, please do not hesitate to contact me; I would be more than happy to fill you in on the details! ✿



Prof. Kristen Kearns, Director of the Student Learning Center (which is based in the library), works with Larry Denis, Theology II, as he edits a paper.

Priest Day



Alumni priests process in to Mass on Priest Day. The Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone.

In late November, the chapel was awash in a sea of red-vested clerics. It was St. Patrick's annual celebration of Priest Day, which in 2021 fell on the Memorial of Bl. Miguel Pro, Priest and Martyr. The day included speeches, a social gathering, and a formal dinner.

Every Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day, the President-Rector welcomes back and hosts alumni priests of St. Patrick's Seminary & University. In addition, non-alumni priests who serve the Archdiocese of San Francisco are invited to attend the event. On Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021, St. Patrick's welcomed back over 96 priests for a talk, Mass, reception, and dinner.

Very Rev. Mark Doherty '14 gave the talk on "The Blessings and the Challenges of Priestly Formation." The principal celebrant for the Mass was Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, and the homilist was Rev. Mario Farana '71. This year's honoree was Msgr. John Coleman '50, St. Patrick's oldest alumnus, now retired from the Diocese of San Jose, where he

served for over 45 years. Many priests in attendance were from the surrounding area and from Hawaii, including Most Rev. Larry Silva '75, Bishop of Honolulu. Most Rev. Thomas Daly '87, Bishop of Spokane, Washington, was also in attendance. Also present were many alumni priests of the Diocese of San Jose, including Very Rev. Hao Dinh '93, Vicar General for the Diocese.

Fr. Farana gave a beautiful homily in which he shared his wisdom as an ordained priest of 50 years. He observed, "The focus for us as priests is not on an academic speech or lecture; but, rather, the focus should always be on Jesus. . . . Our life as priests is to focus on Jesus through prayer, reflection, and contemplation." He encouraged all of us – the laity, priests, and seminarians – to be disciples of Christ and to make Jesus the center of our lives. He shared the story of Gale Sayers and Al Silverman's book *I Am Third*." Mr. Sayers said, "First, God; second, family and friends; and I am third." In other words, we do all good deeds for God, then for our family and friends,

and finally for ourselves. Fr. Farana also included a story about Mother Teresa's visit to Harvard, where she sat and listened to the president speak for over an hour while she waited in his office. When he asked for her thoughts after giving his monologue, all she said was, "It's about Jesus, all about Jesus."

Again, the Oblate Sisters did a beautiful job and treated our guests to lovely appetizers and dinner. The seminarians, led by student body president Jose Maria Carrillo and the student body council, were hosts and helped to ensure that all guests enjoyed the evening. Before the evening concluded, Msgr. Coleman was honored and presented with the Patrician Award for his many years of service and dedication to his vocation. Fr. Doherty thanked Msgr. Coleman for his commitment to the priesthood and for his continued friendship with many priests and with the Catholic faithful.

This year, Priest Day will again take place on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, 2022. 🍀



The annual "Revs vs. Sems" basketball game, a favorite Priest Day event, was back this year. Priests and seminarians played on both sides this year in a spirit of friendly competition.



Alumni priests join faculty member Rev. Samuel Weber, OSB, at dinner following the Mass on Priest Day.

A Cardinal's Visit to Menlo Park

The St. Patrick's Seminary & University Community was blessed with a special visit this year from His Eminence George Cardinal Pell. During his visit, which took place during the first week of December, Cardinal Pell gave a lecture and celebrated Solemn Vespers and Mass, which were open to the public. He also met with seminarians to answer their questions and share words of encouragement and wisdom. We were truly honored by his presence. ✝





An Interview with a Deacon



Rev. Mr. Gerardo Vazquez assists Cardinal Pell during the Offertory at the Mass of the Immaculate Conception.

Our Theology IV class consists of the most senior students in the seminary. All of them are in their final year of seminary formation, and have been ordained transitional deacons. One of our deacons, the Rev. Mr. Gerardo Vazquez, sat down to talk to us about his experience of ordained ministry.

What is the transitional diaconate? And how is the role of a transitional deacon different from that of a permanent deacon?

The transitional deacon and the permanent deacon fulfill the same role in the liturgy. Otherwise, the transitional deacon is different from a permanent deacon in that the former will eventually be ordained a priest rather than minister permanently as a deacon. A seminarian is typically ordained to the diaconate in his last year of formation.

How have you been able to serve the community of the parish where you were assigned as a deacon?

I was ordained to the transitional diaconate on April 4th, 2021. Since then, I have assisted at the Church of St. Veronica in South San Francisco. It has been a blessing having Fr. Patrick Driscoll (pastor) and Fr. Cameron Pollette (parochial vicar) there to shepherd me. While at St. Veronica's, I have been able to perform a few baptisms and assist at Mass in English and Spanish, preaching in both languages. I also assist with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and with confirmation classes.

How do you help to serve the STPSU community?

Here at St. Patrick's, I assist with the Masses and help to lead the Liturgy of the Hours. Given that we have several deacons here at STPSU, we alternate between serving as either Deacon of the Word or Deacon of the Eucharist. I have preached this semester and assisted in leading the community in prayer during Holy Hour. As President of the Hispanic Community, I also help to organize various events: *Dia de los Muertos* and the Holy Mass for *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*. It's been a blessing for me as well to have the opportunity to coordinate with the 40 Days for Life organization and pray for an end to the evil of abortion. In my last year here at STPSU, I am striving to be a role model to my brothers in Christ who still have many years of formation ahead of them. Blessing meals, offering advice, and leading prayer before soccer games are some of the small ways in which I enjoy giving back to the St. Patrick's community.

What have you learned as a transitional deacon that has prepared you for priesthood?

As a deacon, you stand right next to the priest during the celebration of Holy Mass. This has helped me to

become more knowledgeable about the liturgy itself and given me an understanding of how to serve it in a reverent manner. Knowing that I am praying on behalf of the people and interceding for them is something that I really treasure – especially as I hope eventually to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them myself.

You're about six months away from your ordination. How are you feeling? Are you excited?

I am anxious – in a good way – because finally, after six and a half years of preparation, this moment is quickly arriving. One can spend a lot of time here at the seminary, but it is important to recall that we are formed here to go “out there.” We are called to go out into the “real world” to deal with the realities of the world, to help people with their struggles, to administer the sacraments, and to prepare the faithful for eternal life. I very much look forward to offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to hearing confessions, and to being part of people’s lives from beginning to end. I pray that the Lord will guide me every step of the way. I am excited – very excited. Though there is a natural fear of the unknown, I trust Jesus to lead me.

How are you preparing to serve your future community?

I maintain a daily Holy Hour and pray a daily Rosary. I am praying for my future parishioners in every Rosary so that I will serve them well. I meet with my spiritual director (Fr. Kevin Kennedy) regularly to gain practical advice on what to expect at a parish. He also helps me to prepare myself spiritually for the challenges that lie ahead. Keeping an organized and balanced schedule enables me to remain physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy as I prepare for the priesthood.

If you could say one thing to the Church about the priesthood, what would it be?

Pray for more priests, and pray for more holy priests. Pray for their perseverance. Without priests, there are no sacraments, and without the sacraments, there are no ordinary means by which man is saved. So please pray for more holy priests!

How would you say your Hispanic culture has prepared you and helped you better to serve as a future priest and shepherd of the Church?

It helps to be bilingual. There are many Hispanic Catholics who are native Spanish speakers, and the Church is in need of priests who can speak both English and Spanish. To be able to speak Spanish and to have been raised in that culture means I can relate to Hispanic Catholics in a more personal way. I can easily assimilate with other cultures of the Church as well because I know what it means to assimilate my culture to Catholicism. My culture has also helped lead me to a deeper devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Crucified Lord. These images in particular speak volumes to me about the love of Mary and the love of Christ. Our Lady of Guadalupe draws each of us in and leads us to her Son. Through her love, she guides us and leads us to the feet of Jesus on the Cross. Secondly, in the Hispanic culture, there is naturally a great reverence for the Holy Eucharist. I really see that as a deacon. If Hispanic Catholics are not in a state of grace, they do not receive communion. They naturally understand the beauty of the Holy Eucharist and give it the reverence it’s due. Finally, in Mexico, there are *posadas* held during Advent; families also get together throughout this season to pray the Rosary. My parents were involved in *Los Guadalupanos*. Seeing my parents be part of the group and how they prayed and their devotion to the Rosary and the Holy Eucharist is what helped initiate my love for Mary and the Holy Eucharist. I am praying for all of you. Please pray for me and my brothers in the transitional diaconate as we progress towards priesthood. ✨

Gifted to Give

For the past 26 years, the community of St. Patrick's Seminary & University has celebrated the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz and His Companions. The Filipino community of St. Patrick's Seminary organizes the feast for the community each year. The principal celebrant is always a Filipino priest; this year Rev. Francis Kalaw, a priest for the Diocese of San Jose and an alumnus of St. Patrick's, was given the honor.

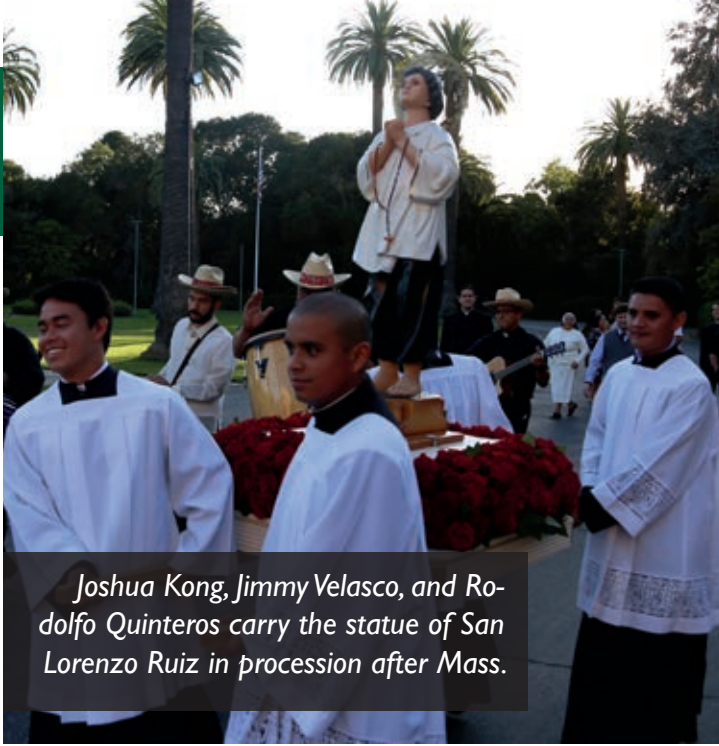
San Lorenzo Ruiz was a Dominican tertiary who became the Philippines' protomartyr. He was born in Binondo, Manila, in 1594 to a Chinese father and a Filipino mother, both Catholic. In his youth, he served as an altar boy, and for a few years, the Dominican friars educated him; he was later given the title of "Scribano" because of his skillful penmanship. He married a woman named Rosario, with whom he had two sons and a daughter. He lived in peace and contentment with his family until his life took a dramatic turn: San Lorenzo Ruiz was falsely accused of murdering a Spaniard. He fled with a group of Dominican priests about to set sail. Later, he learned they were headed to Japan, where severe persecutions

were underway. In Nagasaki, San Lorenzo was asked to renounce his faith, yet he replied, "I am Christian! I shall die for God. If I have a thousand lives, I will offer them all to God!" He was hung upside down over a burning pit with three other priests and received martyrdom.

The Philippines is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity among its people; therefore, as the St. Patrick's community joined the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz celebration this year, it took on a special meaning. Magellan and his men arrived in the Philippines on March 16th, 1521; they celebrated their first Mass there on March 31st, 1521, and baptized 800 members into the Catholic Church, creating the first Christian community in the Philippines. The Church has played an essential role throughout the history of the Philippines. Therefore, this quincentennial anniversary is an ecclesial celebration and a celebration of the Filipino people as a nation. The theme for the celebration, "Gifted to Give," reminds the Philippine Church of its role as a missionary Church for Asia and the world. The Philippine Church will use the missionary zeal by which they were established to drive a commitment to evangelize. ✚

Rev. Francis Kalaw '18 offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Feast of San Lorenzo.





Joshua Kong, Jimmy Velasco, and Rodolfo Quinteros carry the statue of San Lorenzo Ruiz in procession after Mass.

Si San Lorenzo Ruiz ay isang Dominican Tertiary na naging protomartyr ng Pilipinas. Siya ay isinilang sa Binondo, Maynila noong 1594 sa isang Intsik na ama at isang Pilipinong ina na parehong Katoliko. Sa kanyang kabataan, naglingkod siya bilang isang tagapaglingkod sa altar at sa loob ng ilang taon ay pinag-aral siya ng mga Dominikanong Prayle. Nang maglaon, nakuha siya ng titulong escribano dahil sa kanyang mahusay na pagsulat. Pagkatapos ay nagpakasal siya sa isang babae, na may pangalang Rosario, na nagkaroon sila ng dalawang anak na lalaki at isang anak na babae. Namuhay siya ng mapayapa at kuntentong buhay kasama ang kanyang pamilya hanggang sa biglang nagbago ang kanyang buhay nang siya ay maling akusahan ng pagpatay sa isang Kastila. Pagkatapos ay sumama siya sa ilang paring Dominikano na malapit nang maglayag upang siya ay makatakas, na kalaunan ay nalaman niyang sila ay patungo sa Japan kung saan ang matinding pag-uusig ay nagaganap. Sa Japan, kung saan siya tumanggap ng pagkamartir, hiniling kay San Lorenzo na talikuran ang kanyang pananampalataya, ngunit sumagot siya, “Ako ay isang Kristiyano. Mamamatako para sa Diyos. Kung mayroon akong isang libong buhay, iaalay ko ang lahat sa Diyos.” Kasa-

ma ang tatlong pari, sila ay ibinitin nang patiwari sa ibabaw ng nasusunog na hukay na lupa.

Dalawampu't anim na taon na ang nakalipas mula nang ipagdiwang ng komunidad ng Seminaryo at Unibersidad ni San Patricio ang Kapistahan ni San Lorenzo Ruiz at ng kanyang mga Kasama. Ang komunidad ng mga Pilipino ng Seminaryo ni San Patricio ang siyang nangunguna sa pag-aayos ng kapistahan para sa komunidad. Ang kapistahan ay palaging ipinagdiriwang ng isang paring Pilipino na alumnus ng seminaryo ni San Patricio. Ngayong taon, si Fr. Francis Kalaw, isang pari ng Diyosesis ng San Jose, ang namuno sa Banal na Eukaristiya para sa Kapistahan ni San Lorenzo. Gayundin, sa panahon ng programa, habang ipinagdiriwang ng Pilipinas ang ika-500 taong Anibersaryo ng Kristiyanismo, ang komunidad ng seminaryo ni San Patricio ay nakiisa sa pagdiriwang, na pinangunahan ng mga seminaristang Pilipino ng komunidad.

Ipinagdiriwang ng Simbahang Katolika ang ika-500 taong pananatili nito sa Pilipinas. Si Magellan at ang kanyang mga kasama ay dumating sa Pilipinas noong ika-16 ng Marso 1521. Ipinagdiwang nila ang unang misa sa Pilipinas noong ika-31 ng Marso, kung saan noong panahong iyon, 800 ang nabautismuhan bilang unang Kristiyanong komunidad sa Pilipinas. Malaki ang ginampanan ng Simbahan mula sa iba't ibang panahon sa kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, kaya naman ang selebrasyon ng sentenaryo ng anibersaryo na ito ay hindi lamang selebrasyon ng simbahan, kundi isang pagdiriwang kung sino ang mga Pilipino bilang isang bayan at bansa. Bilang tema ng pagdiriwang, “Gifted to Give,” ay nagpapaalala sa Simbahan ng Pilipinas sa kanilang misyon bilang isang misyonerong Simbahan para sa Asya at sa mundo na itinatag sa pamamagitan ng kasigasigan ng misyonero sa kanilang pangako na mag-ebanghelyo. ✝

In The Beginning...

“En el principio existía la Palabra y la Palabra estaba con Dios, y la Palabra era Dios.”

(Juan 1:1)

Nací en Tepatitlán de Morelos, dónde el agave azul hunde sus raíces en la misma tierra que se bebió la sangre de “los cristeros”, quienes al grito de: ¡Viva Cristo Rey, que Viva Santa María de Guadalupe! Aseguraban la fe católica para las futuras generaciones, de los Altos de Jalisco, México, y del mundo entero. El imaginario colectivo de los alteños se compone de sus dichos y leyendas populares; así como de vívidos actos de piedad. Desde mi niñez experimenté que la palabra es poder. De los Sánchez y los Navarro heredé el gusto por la literatura, pues, fueron rezanderos y estupendos cuentacuentos. A los ocho años me convertí en un amigo inseparable del diccionario y en el escribano de mi abuelita paterna quien sufrió mucho por ser iletrada. Al ayudarla me daba cuenta de la satisfacción que recibimos cuando ponemos nuestros talentos al servicio de los más vulnerables. Después del bachillerato estudié el realismo mágico. Gabriel García Márquez es mi favorito. Del teatro, de la poesía, de las pastorelas y de la algarabía literaria, Dios me llamó. Al responderle para servir a su Hijo Jesucristo, toqué el realismo mágico por los escritos de San Juan de la Cruz y Santa Teresa de Ávila, que contienen los más tórridos vuelos místicos. De súbito pasé a la auténtica belleza del misterio espiritual, del cual participamos diariamente en el ejercicio de nuestra fe y amor a Dios; superando infinitamente al ámbito mágico, meramente humano y limitado. La literatura es un intento por hacer visible en la palabra, el misterio



del Autor de la vida, que por naturaleza es invisible a los ojos y al entendimiento. Cristo, la Palabra Viva, es quien perfectamente hace visible el rostro misericordioso del Padre. Concluyó diciendo, “Si una vez fui amigo del diccionario para expresar mejor mi lengua materna, ahora, asistido por la gracia celeste, deseo ser un amigo fiel del Libro de libros, la Sagrada Biblia, para aprender a hablar el lenguaje paterno de Dios que sana, que anima y que transmite su amor, pues no es solamente Palabra Divina, sino Divina Persona esperando para tener un encuentro con nosotros y de este modo transformar nuestras vidas.” ✠



Rev. Mr. Gabriel Sanchez Navarro censers
George Cardinal Pell at the Mass for
the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God.”*

(John 1:1)

I was born in Tepatitlán de Morelos, where the blue agave sinks its roots into the very land where the blood of Los Cristeros was drained as they shouted: “¡Viva Cristo Rey, Viva Santa María de Guadalupe!” They ensured the survival of the Catholic faith for future generations in Los Altos de Jalisco, Mexico, and the whole world. The collective imagination of the Alteños is composed of their popular sayings and legends as well

as vivid acts of piety. Since my childhood I have experienced the power of the spoken and written word. From the Sanchez and Navarro families I inherited a love for literature because they were great storytellers. At the age of eight I became an inseparable friend of the dictionary and the scribe of my paternal grandmother, who suffered greatly for being illiterate. By helping her, I realized the satisfaction one receives when using one’s talents at the service of the most vulnerable. After high school I studied magical realism (Gabriel García Márquez is my favorite). From these literary raptures God called me, and in answering His call to serve His Son Jesus Christ, I exchanged magical realism for the writings of St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, which contain the most torrid mystical flights. Suddenly, I had moved on to the authentic beauty of the spiritual mystery, in which we participate daily in the exercise of our faith and the love of God, infinitely surpassing the merely human and limited realm of the “magical.” Literature is an attempt to make visible in the word the mystery of the Author of Life, which by nature is invisible to the eye and the understanding. Christ, the Living Word, is the one who perfectly makes visible the merciful face of the Father. I conclude by saying that if I once befriended the dictionary to better express my mother tongue, now, assisted by heavenly grace, I wish to be a faithful friend of the Book of Books, the Holy Bible. To learn to speak the paternal language of God who heals, who encourages and who transmits its love, for it is not only a Divine Word but a Divine Person waiting to meet us and thereby transform our lives. ✚

New Faculty Members

St. Patrick's Seminary & University is blessed with an amazing faculty and staff, who bear faithful witness to the Church and are dedicated to the formation of seminarians, both in the academic dimension and in other areas of formation. We welcome the following new faculty to our community.



Rev. Blaise Berg
Adjunct Professor
of Dogmatics

Fr. Blaise Berg was born the ninth of twelve children in Yuba City, California. During the summers, he worked for his father in the fields of Sierra Gold Nurseries. Fr. Berg earned a BA in philosophy and theology from USF and an MBA from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Fr. Berg attended the Casa Balthasar and the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He was ordained to the transitional diaconate in St. Peter's Basilica in 1997 and was ordained to the priesthood in June 1998 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento.

Fr. Berg has served as a parochial vicar, secretary to the bishop, and vice-chancellor of his diocese. He was also a Newman Center Director and pastor. In 2012, Fr. Berg was appointed as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. He is currently the pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Vacaville, California.

In addition, Fr. Berg has served as chaplain for Rachel's Vineyard retreats since 2004 and has served on several diocesan boards, committees, and councils. He has been a board member of the California Association of Natural Family Planning since 2013 and currently serves the organization as president.



Matthew Dal Santo, PhD
Adjunct Professor
of Dogmatics

Prof. Matthew Dal Santo is a Church historian. Educated at the University of Cambridge and the University of Sydney, he is a former Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and former Danish Research Council Fellow at the University of Copenhagen. He has held visiting fellowships at the Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. and the Catholic University of America. He has also served as a foreign policy officer with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs. Originally trained as a medievalist and patrologist, he has shifted his focus to the study of secularization in recent years. He is currently working on a theological reading of the Russian Revolution for Princeton University Press.



Rev. Armando Gutierrez
Adjunct Professor
of Pastoral Studies

Fr. Armando Gutierrez defended his doctoral thesis on March 29th of this year. His thesis is in Canon Law, and he studied at Rome's Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. He has also helped with retreats and talks at different parishes. Before starting his post-graduate studies in Rome, he served for three years as parochial vicar at St. Matthew Catholic Church in San Mateo, California. He was born and grew up in El Salvador, Central America.



**Rev. Dennis
McManus**
Professor
of Dogmatics

Fr. Dennis McManus is a priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile in Alabama. From 1997 to 2006, he served as Associate Director of the Secretariat for the Liturgy at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. Pope St. John Paul II named him as *consultor* and theologian to the newly established *Vox Clara* commission of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, on which he has served since 2001. Pope Benedict XVI then appointed Fr. McManus as a *consultor* to the Congregation in 2010 and then as *peritus* to the *Vox Clara* Commission. In addition, he has served as Professor of Liturgy at Conception Abbey Seminary, the Dominican House of Studies, Dunwoodie Seminary, St. John the Evangelist Seminary in Boston, and Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg. Fr. McManus has written widely on liturgical topics but has specialized in the application of liturgical translation theory, the development of the Rites of Exorcism, and Judaism in the Roman Rite. He is also the USCCB consultant for Jewish Affairs and was a member of both the Vatican-Baptist dialogue (2007-2012) and the USCCB-Reformed Churches dialogue, which issued a historic joint agreement on the form and recognition of baptism (2012). Fr. McManus holds a bachelor's degree in classical languages and philosophy from St. Mary's College of California, a master's degree in ethics from Georgetown University, and a doctorate in historical theology from Drew University. He gave this year's annual silent retreat to the seminarian community.

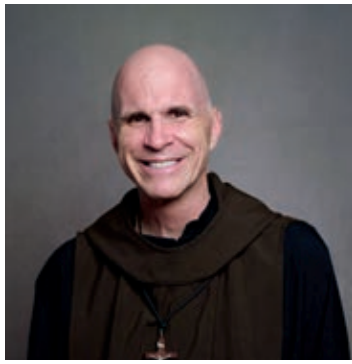


Rev. Vito Perrone, COSJ,
*celebrates the community
Mass on All Saints' Day.*



**Rev. John D.
Murphy, SJ**
Adjunct Professor
of Dogmatics

Fr. John Murphy is a native San Franciscan, educated by the BVM sisters in grammar school and the Jesuits in high school and college. He graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in English and philosophy and served in the U.S. Navy for three years. After working for four years, he entered the Society of Jesus and was ordained a priest in May 1977. Fr. Murphy has served as a formator in several diocesan seminaries and Rome's Pontifical North American College. He is currently the Director of Spiritual Life at Bishop White College Seminary in Spokane, Washington. For four years he was the tertian instructor of the California Province of the Society of Jesus. Since his ordination, Father Murphy has given many retreats – preached, directed, and guided.



*Rev. Vito
Perrone, COSJ*
Director of
Spiritual Formation

Fr. Vito Perrone has served the Catholic Church in full-time ministry for over 30 years. After spending more than 10 years in different ministry roles as a lay person, he entered seminary formation. Fr. Vito was ordained a deacon in 2000 and a priest in 2001 for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. After more than ten years of ordained parish ministry, in 2012, Fr. Vito and a small group of men and women were invited by the Archdiocese of San Francisco to form a new religious community called the Contemplatives of Saint Joseph (COSJ).

Fr. Vito returns to STPSU as Director of Spiritual Life and has been involved in past Summer Spirituality Programs here. He has also offered the Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Fatima Church and has assisted at Mater Dolorosa Parish. Fr. Vito has taught in schools and religious education programs and has offered expansive retreat ministry at parishes and retreat centers. In addition, he has provided spiritual direction for diocesan priests and religious communities. Fr. Vito also serves as a confessor for the Missionaries of Charity. His experience includes the ministry of deliverance for those suffering from oppression. Fr. Vito has taken part in Project Rachel workshops and other pro-life work. He has served as a member of the Priest Personnel Board and provided spiritual direction for leaders of pastoral ministry programs.



Rev. Gary Thomas
Director of
Propaedeutic Year

Fr. Gary Thomas is the inaugural Director of the Propaedeutic Year Program at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California. This program, established on July 1st, 2021, by San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, is in response to Pope Francis's mandate in 2014 that a Propaedeutic Year be established in every seminary in the United States. His role in this new ministry at the seminary is one of accompaniment with the men who will be discerning their priestly vocation.

Fr. Thomas is a native of San Francisco and attended All Souls grade school. He is a 1971 graduate of Serra High School in San Mateo, a 1975 graduate of the University of San Francisco with a BS in Business Management, and a 1976 graduate of the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He received his MDiv from St. Patrick's Seminary in 1983. Fr. Thomas was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Jose and has served in various ministries throughout his 37 years as a priest. These have included parochial vicar at three local parishes; a six-year term as diocesan Director of Vocations; a six-year term as chaplain of St. Francis High School in Mountain View, California; a 12-year term as pastor of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Los Altos; and a 15-year term as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Saratoga, California. Fr. Thomas also served for 15 years as a diocesan exorcist. ✚



New priest faculty take the Oath of Fidelity at the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the start of the new academic year.

Beauty, Human Dignity, and Priestly Formation

Anthony Lilles, STD
Academic Dean

In the eyes of my neighbor, there flashes forth a dignity that remains unvanquished, no matter how often it has been trodden upon or forgotten, even by the person who possesses it. Care for the priestly vocation includes the effort to help missionary disciples acquire a taste of this kind of beauty. A priest, a spiritual father, must learn to listen to this great mystery of being. He must learn to gaze on it in a way that helps those entrusted to him discover the sacred purpose that lives in their hearts. In this vision of a neighbor's true beauty, the whole Church finds hope for all of humanity.

The appreciation of all true beauty is exacting, but in seminary, a missionary disciple must cultivate a taste for the deepest substrata of human existence. To see the beauty of another's dignity means going past a fleeting grin, the base currency of goodwill. Instead, it is only in a moment of mutual vulnerability that the truth of another is given to us. Without this truth, we can never preach the Gospel, and this truth is acquired only at one's own expense. To be vulnerable means to be capable of being wounded; this requires courage and trust in God. Yet, if we let it, human beauty draws forth love, and the Church is at the service of this beauty and love.

There is a story about a certain reporter who asked St. Teresa of Calcutta why she did what she did. She asked him to pick up a terminally ill man from the gutter and bathe him. At a certain moment, the two men's eyes met. The reporter burst into tears just as Mother Teresa returned. She said to the reporter, "You have seen 'Him,' haven't you?" The reporter nodded, and she said, "Now you know why I do what I do."

St. John Paul II believed that we are created to

discover the truth about ourselves only when we regard another as somehow entrusted to us. The Pilgrim Pope believed this from his experience as a seminarian under the Nazis and as a priest under the communists. It was as if he constantly discovered in others certain solidarity, a family established by God. He marveled at the possibility of finding the radiant beauty of another.

During his apostolic visits to America, the Pilgrim Pope celebrated the beauty of our country. He also affirmed the great destiny of our people, especially regarding the gift of human life and freedom. The Vicar of St. Peter also reminded us of our responsibility in the world, including our responsibility for how we treat the most vulnerable.

Archbishop Cordileone extends the connection with the Eucharist and human dignity even further. The Eucharist not only implicates us in the plight of the hungry and homeless, but also in the plight of all of society's unwelcomed ones, including the unborn. In a society where we build throwaway communities for those we deem too much trouble to welcome into our hearts, it is no surprise that we have made the womb the most dangerous place for new life.

In cultivating a vision of the priesthood rooted in Catholic social teaching, we must not be so naïve as to suppose that what we have done to the womb could not be extended to other dwelling places of the unwanted. Future ministers of the Gospel must come to the conviction that those who have been welcomed to the Eucharistic Banquet must not allow the 20th century's gulags and death camps to define our own time, too. As were the first Christians, a true missionary disciple is convinced that to feed our spirits on the bread come down from heaven implicates us in the care of society's most vulnerable.

Priestly formation proceeds on the conviction that if we are vulnerable enough, the dignity of our neighbor has the power to wake us out of indifference. A true disciple of Christ discovers the radiance of a distressed neighbor's eyes, revealing the spiritual depth and goodness that is present there. This kind of beauty is holy, something sacred that evokes awe. ❀

New Levels of Giving

After a year of serving as Director of Advancement, I am happy to report that I am blessed to work under great leadership. I also very much appreciate the support and work of Ms. Myra Phelan, Advancement Associate, as well as, this year, Mr. Taylor Mitchell, Theology I, and Mr. David Sandler, Pre-Theology II, seminarians here at St. Patrick's Seminary. Their ability to share their talents in the areas of publications, social media, and website postings has been a welcome change and enables us to keep you informed and up to date on all of the happenings at St. Patrick's.

In this issue of the *Patrician*, I would like to share with you the new levels of giving that we have established for St. Patrick's Seminary & University. We want to acknowledge our supporters in all ways possible.

First and foremost, we have established the 1898 Founder's Club to recognize our monthly donors. This level commemorates the year St. Patrick's Seminary first opened its doors (1898).

A donation of as little as \$20.00 per month can have a significant impact on our mission.

The President's Circle will honor St. Charles Borromeo, the reformer; Bl. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus; and St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests and the only diocesan priest to have been canonized thus far.

The Chancellor's Circle will honor St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church; St. John Neumann, founder of the parochial school system and first male saint from the United States; and St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and founder of three religious orders, including the Poor Clares.

These six levels will encompass the Annual Giving levels. In addition, those who sign up for Lifetime Giving will be recognized as the St. Patrick's Council, and our Planned Giving benefactors will be acknowledged as members of the Archbishop Riordan Legacy Society. Finally, our donors will be recognized at each level in the next issue of the *Patrician*.

1898 FOUNDER'S CLUB

Any Recurring Donation Made Monthly

ANNUAL GIVING LEVELS

Chancellor's Circle:

St. Francis	\$50,000 or more
St. John Neumann	\$25,000-\$49,999
St. Joseph	\$10,000-\$24,999

President's Circle:

St. John Vianney	\$5,000-\$9,999
Bl. Michael McGivney	\$2,500-\$4,999
St. Charles Borromeo	\$1,000-\$2,499

THE ST. PATRICK'S COUNCIL


Lifetime donations to St. Patrick's Seminary of \$100,000 or more

THE ARCHBISHOP RIORDAN LEGACY SOCIETY

All planned donations in any amount will be recognized in honor of Archbishop Riordan, founder of St. Patrick's Seminary.

Start Planning Your Gift Here

<i>If your goal is to:</i>	<i>Your best option is to:</i>	<i>Your benefit will be:</i>
Support our future without affecting your cash flow or portfolio.	Name St. Patrick's Seminary as a beneficiary in your will or living trust.	Retain control of your assets during your lifetime and receive an estate tax charitable deduction.
Avoid double taxation on IRAs or other retirement plans while supporting our mission.	Name St. Patrick's Seminary as a beneficiary of your retirement plan; save taxes and leave other assets to family.	Reduce income and estate taxes on your retirement plan; free up other assets to pass on to your heirs.
Utilize an overlooked asset to provide substantial support to St. Patrick's Seminary.	Donate a life insurance policy you no longer need or name us as the beneficiary on an existing policy.	Increase your ability to support St. Patrick's without affecting your lifestyle.
Make a simple, immediate donation.	Give by check, debit, or credit card at www.stpsu.edu/giving .	Receive an income tax charitable deduction and make an immediate impact at St. Patrick's Seminary.
Leverage more generous support to St. Patrick's Seminary – and reduce capital gains liability.	Donate appreciated stock, or bonds or mutual funds held longer than one year.	Receive a capital gains tax advantage and income tax charitable deduction.
Use collectibles to support the mission of St. Patrick's Seminary & University.	Donate a collection related to our charitable mission.	Receive an income tax charitable deduction for the value of the gift and avoid tax on any gains.
Tap one of the most valuable assets in your portfolio to support St. Patrick's Seminary.	Donate real estate.	Reduce capital gains tax, receive an income tax charitable deduction, and remove a large asset from your taxable estate.
Continue to use your primary or vacation home while also using it for a charitable gift.	Make a gift subject to a retained life estate.	Continue lifetime use of the property, receive an income tax charitable deduction, and remove the property from your estate so that your heirs do not have to sell it.

There is a planned gift option to help you achieve your goals, no matter your need. We stand ready to help you and your advisors find the best way to create your charitable legacy while meeting your own goals. For more information about planning your gift to St. Patrick's Seminary & University, contact us at (650) 289-3355 or email us at martha.sheridan@stpsu.edu. 

In Memoriam

The St. Patrick's Seminary & University community mourns the passing of the following members of our community. In charity, we ask that you please remember them in your prayers.

Rev. Msgr. Floro B. Arcamo

Rev. Rafael A. Avila

Rev. George Batchelder '05

Rev. Scott Bush '92

Rev. Msgr. Daniel E. Cardelli '57

Mr. Raymond De Nardi

Mr. Michael A. Dreiling '59

Rev. James E. Goode, OFM, PhD

Rev. John P. Hester '59

Most Rev. Canon Andrew Johnson '04

Mrs. Margaret Anna Joyce

Rev. J. Thomas Madden, PhD

Mr. Daniel O'Connor '59

Rev. Aquilo Padilla

Rev. Thomas M. Parenti '74

Mr. John C. Petroni '59

Rev. Vincent D. Ring '64

Rev. John J. Sakowski '05

Mrs. Helen Marie Sheridan

Mrs. Anna May Thomas

Rev. Boleslaw Wdowiak 



PATRICIAN

St. Patrick's Seminary & University
320 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
stpsu.edu

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
San Jose, CA
Permit No. 1513

*This year's Gala took place on our beautiful front lawn.
Will you be joining us next year?
Our 14th Annual Gala will take place on September 10th, 2022.*

