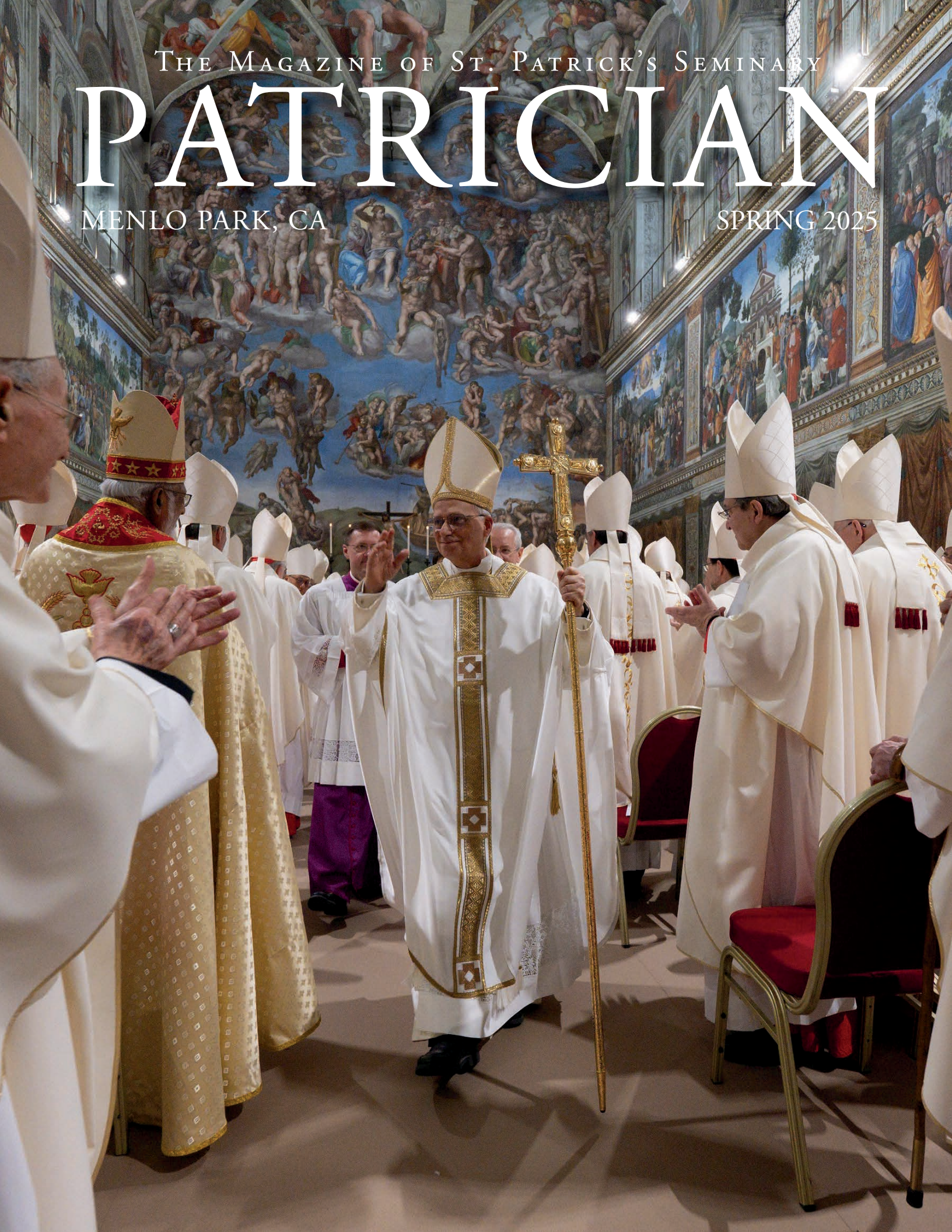


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Pope Leo XIV after his first Holy Mass in the Sistine Chapel on Friday, May 9, 2025, following his election.

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▲ Newly elected Pope Leo XIV emerges from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica on May 8, 2025.

Archbishop Cordileone reflects on the election of Pope Leo XIV

I never thought that we would have an American pope, but we truly have a universal Church. Pope Leo XIV's experiences—growing up in the United States, serving most of his priesthood in Peru, and holding an administrative position of leadership in Rome—give him an excellent background for this role as the head of the Church.

I have never met Pope Leo personally, but he gave us some insights about himself in his opening speech. He addressed the crowd in St. Peter's Square in Italian, but at one point he switched to Spanish in order to greet the people from his old diocese of Chiclayo in Peru. When he did this, a big smile appeared on his face, which tells me that he is a man with a pastoral heart. He has bureaucratic experience and leadership, but he is not a bureaucrat; he is not a careerist. He is a man with a vision and a heart for people, and I think that with his background we are in good hands.

We are living in a world that is becoming increasingly secular and less inclined toward religion, yet I also see signs of a religious resurgence everywhere. There seems to be a renewed sense of religion and spirituality; there is a growing desire for what is transcendent, for what is true, for what is of lasting value. This shift in people's thinking is subtle, but it is noticeable, especially among young people. Now, with the election of an American pope—someone who seemed very relatable in the way he presented himself on the loggia after his election, someone who is a peacemaker and a bridge-builder—I think we have some added energy and momentum upon which to build.

With profound joy, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Pope Leo XIV on his election as the Supreme Pontiff. May his papacy inspire unity and peace in a world in need to Christ's love. May the Holy Spirit guide him, and may he be a beacon of wisdom and hope as he takes on this sacred responsibility. Please join me in praying for His Holiness Pope Leo XIV as he begins his sacred ministry.

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco



Leo P.P. XIV

▲ Official portrait of Pope Leo XIV.

Robert Francis Prevost was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, IL, and was ordained a priest in 1982 as a member of the Order of Saint Augustine. He took his papal name in honor of Pope Leo XIII, who developed modern Catholic Social Teaching in the 19th century.

SIGNS OF GROWTH



Dear Friends in Christ,

It gives me great joy to share with you the news that ten of our recent graduates were ordained to the priesthood over the course of the past several weeks. When you read my letter, these new priests of Jesus Christ will have been sent out to serve the People of God in a range of dioceses, including San Francisco, Stockton, Honolulu, Sacramento, Oakland, and Tshumbe (Democratic Republic of the Congo). What is more, another ten of our men have been or will soon be ordained to the transitional diaconate. Our new transitional deacons hail from the dioceses of Suwon (South Korea), Portland, Honolulu, Oakland, and Fresno, and from two religious communities whose men study at St. Patrick's, namely the Oblates of St. Joseph and the Society Domus Dei.

As news of the quality of the formation we provide continues to spread far and wide, more dioceses and religious communities continue to reach out to us to explore the possibility of sending their men to St. Patrick's. In this vein, I am happy to inform you that the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, whose U.S. province is based at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA, recently decided to partner with St. Patrick's. This August, eleven Marian seminarians will move to St. Patrick's. They will be joined by one Marian priest who will become

part of the St. Patrick's faculty. The Archbishop of Mwanze, Tanzania, has also decided to partner with St. Patrick's. This August, we will welcome two seminarians from the Archdiocese of Mwanze.

Moreover, I am happy to share with you that we have launched a new podcast series entitled *In Via Christi* under the direction of Dr. Caitlin Jolly. The first season is dedicated to the theme of spiritual fatherhood. In each episode, a St. Patrick's professor and an outside guest tackle one or another aspect of this important theme. While the podcast is especially aimed at our priest alums, it will no doubt be of interest to the wider community as well. We have also recently launched our YouTube channel where you can find short videos in which our faculty members address common questions regarding our faith.

All of this is made possible by your generous and consistent support, both spiritual and material. On behalf of the seminarians, faculty and staff of St. Patrick's, thank you. And be assured of our continued and constant prayers for you and your intentions.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Mark Doherty
President-Rector
St. Patrick's Seminary



2024–2025 Ordinations to the Diaconate

Rev. Br. Francis Xavier Khoi Trong Le
Domus Dei, June 7, 2025

Rev. Mr. Scott Borba
Diocese of Fresno, June 21, 2025

Rev. Mr. Taylor Mitchell
Diocese of Honolulu, May 17, 2025

Rev. Mr. Aidan Cameron-Smith
Rev. Mr. Garrett McGowan
Rev. Mr. Huy Minh Nguyen
Diocese of Oakland, June 28, 2025

Rev. Br. Jose Batista Castillo, OSJ
Oblates of St. Joseph, July 1, 2025

Rev. Mr. Zachary Muñoz
Archdiocese of Portland, June 21, 2025

Rev. Mr. Hyeong-Joon Choi
Rev. Mr. Tae-Young Jeon
Diocese of Suwon, September 27, 2025



“Receive the
Gospel of
Christ, whose
herald you have
become. Believe
what you read,
teach what you
believe, and
practice what
you teach.”



▲ Above:

1) From left to right: Rev. Mr. Garrett McGowan, Rev. Mr. Huy Minh Nguyen, and Rev. Mr. Aidan Cameron-Smith at St. Patrick's Seminary.

2) Rev. Mr. Zachary Muñoz teaches OCIA at Nativity parish in Menlo Park, CA.

3) Rev. Mr. Taylor Mitchell is ordained to the diaconate by the Most Rev. Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church in Mililani, Hawaii. Photo by Celia K. Downes of *Hawaii Catholic Herald*.



◀ Left:

Section of a fresco by Fra Angelico depicting St. Peter consecrating the seven deacons, including St. Stephen, who is shown kneeling.

2024 – 2025 Ordinations

REV. MIKHAEL MIHIC, COSJ

CONTEMPLATIVES OF ST. JOSEPH



I was born in Zagreb, Croatia, on February 6, 1989. As in every one of our lives, God has been at work in mine, as we read in the Gospel when Jesus says, “Listen! A Sower went out to sow” (Mk 4:3). Growing up, my family prayed the Rosary together every day. My parents also made sure we attended Holy Mass regularly, even daily if possible. For us, skipping

Sunday Mass was not an option. Attending was a deeply held commitment that we valued, yet it was important that it felt meaningful rather than obligatory. At an early age, I became an altar boy, and the parish priest took me and a friend to visit the minor seminary, which I eventually entered. However, I left the minor seminary early and went in a different direction for a while. In the meantime, I applied to the Franciscans and the Jesuits in Croatia, but neither seemed like a good fit. Due to various circumstances, I found myself in San Francisco, where my vocation began to flourish once again. Christ became the center of my life in a new and profound way, and I felt a strong call to become a priest. After a period of discernment with the Archdiocese of San Francisco, I

joined the Contemplatives of Saint Joseph and was ordained a priest.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF BEING A PRIEST?

Fr. Mikhael: The most challenging aspect of being a priest is the potential lack of zeal for Christ, His Church, and the people entrusted to my care. This is why it is crucial for every priest to make a daily commitment to prayer. We cannot achieve anything good without maintaining a strong relationship with Jesus.

TO WHOM ARE YOU MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VOCATION?

Fr. Mikhael: First, I am deeply grateful to God for my vocation, to which He called me despite all my shortcomings and weaknesses. I am also grateful to my parents for nurturing the faith in our home. Lastly, I am thankful to every priest who has supported my vocation along the way.

IN WHAT WAY HAS SEMINARY FORMATION HELPED YOU TO GROW?

Fr. Mikhael: Seminary formation was instrumental in my personal growth, particularly in teaching me how to balance the various responsibilities in my life. This experience has guided me in understanding how to maintain a proper balance as a priest, as this vocation requires careful attention to managing various commitments effectively.



Rev. Adam Feisthamel
Diocese of Albany, NY



Rev. Preston Castro
Diocese of Honolulu, HI



Rev. Álvaro Santamaría
Diocese of Oakland, CA

“The priest continues the work of redemption on earth. . . . The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.”
—St. John Vianney

to the Priesthood

REV. ALPHONSE TOLENGA DIOCESE OF TSHUMBE, DRC

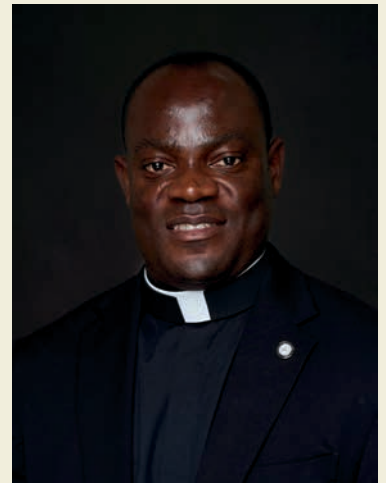
I was born in Lodja, DRC, on December 13, 1992. I was the third child of nine siblings, three of whom have passed away. I grew up with my parents and my grandmother, a devout Catholic woman, and we used to pray together at home. At the age of thirteen, thanks to the support of a priest, I enrolled in minor seminary: becoming a priest was my dream. Ever since I was a child, the idea of a vocation to the priesthood has been always on my mind. I grew up serving at Mass and always admired the priests, especially when they celebrated Mass. I was particularly impressed by the way they sang the preface, and I wanted to do that someday, too. When my grandmother was sick, there was a priest who used to come to our home to pray for her twice a week. I told my grandmother that someday I would be a priest so that I could pray for her, and then that priest could stay at home, because it was very difficult for him to come to the house so often. I have a deep desire to become a priest in order to serve God and his people in my diocese and across the world.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF BEING A PRIEST?

Fr. Tolenga: I think the most difficult part of being a priest will be serving in Congo, where there are endless wars and attacks in the eastern part of the country, economic inequality, injustice, political corruption, and poverty. But the good news about being a priest there is that it will make me a true priest: I will also be a victim sharing in Christ's sufferings by suffering with his people.

TO WHOM ARE YOU MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VOCATION?

Fr. Tolenga: I am most grateful for my vocation to my parents who gave me life and taught me the faith within the domestic church. I am very thankful to the Archdiocese of San Francisco, who sponsored my studies in the United States. I am also grateful to my former bishop, His Excellency Nicolas Djomo, who selected me from my diocese to come to the United States for my theological studies. I am grateful to Fr. Mark Doherty, the President-Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary, for his tremendous leadership and particular attention to me as my advisor during all my years of formation. Finally, I am grateful to all the faculty, staff, and fellow students at St. Patrick's.

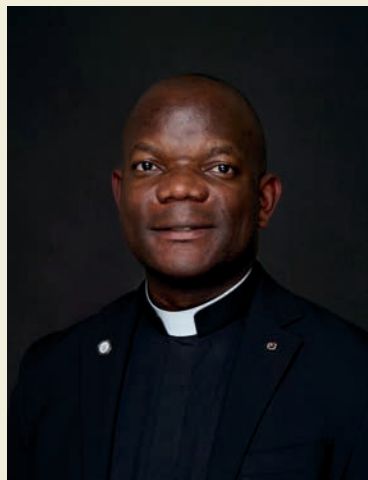


IN WHAT WAY HAS SEMINARY FORMATION HELPED YOU TO GROW?

Fr. Tolenga: Seminary formation helped me to grow in different ways: the intense hours of prayer helped to deepen my spiritual life; I learned how to care about the people of God whom I will serve as a priest; I grew to understand our faith better, and I learned to know myself better as well.



Rev. Lawrence Denis III
Diocese of Honolulu, HI



Rev. Maurice Tokay
Diocese of Tshumbe, DRC



Rev. Emmanuel Gutierrez
Archdiocese of San Francisco, CA



Rev. Ivan Franco Martin
Diocese of Sacramento, CA

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REV. LEANDRO CALINGASAN

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO



I was born in Quezon City, Philippines, and grew up in Holy Trinity Parish in the Diocese of Novaliches. My journey to the priesthood began at Our Lady of Guadalupe Minor Seminary and continued at San Carlos Seminary for college, both located in Makati City under the Archdiocese of Manila. After completing two years of my regency

program, I moved to California and applied to the Archdiocese of San Francisco, where I completed my theological studies at St. Patrick's Seminary. Throughout my formation, I have been especially devoted to both Our Lady and St. Joseph, having consecrated myself to Jesus Christ through them. Over the years, my love for teaching, pastoral ministry, and the Eucharist has deepened.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF BEING A PRIEST?

Fr. Calingasan: The most difficult part may be the interior solitude that often accompanies pastoral ministry, especially when carrying the burdens of others. It requires constant prayer, trust in God, and fraternal support to persevere in joy.

TO WHOM ARE YOU MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VOCATION?

Fr. Calingasan: I am most grateful to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her maternal guidance, along with the faithful witness of my family, especially my parents, has inspired and sustained my vocation.

IN WHAT WAY HAS SEMINARY FORMATION HELPED YOU TO GROW?

Fr. Calingasan: Seminary formation has shaped me intellectually, spiritually, and pastorally. It deepened my love for the Church, taught me to serve with humility, and helped me to discern God's will through community life, prayer, and priestly mentorship.

REV. AKBAR WALLE PEREZ

DIOCESE OF STOCKTON



I am originally from Mexico, though I have lived for many years in Modesto, California. I am the fifth of six siblings and had the great blessing of growing up in a Catholic home where my parents and grandparents passed on the faith with love and by example. At the age of fourteen, I felt the Lord's call to serve Him during

a Holy Hour at a youth retreat in Colima, Mexico. Little by little, the Lord revealed that He was calling me to the priesthood—to belong entirely to Him and to serve His beloved Church. After ten years of formation, I was ordained a priest on May 17, 2025. I pray that the Lord will grant me joyful perseverance and the grace to be ever more conformed to His Heart, so that I may become a priest after His own Heart—one who loves as Christ loves.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF BEING A PRIEST?

Fr. Walle Perez: I don't know exactly what God has prepared for me—the challenges, the trials, or the crosses—but I hope to always remain united to Christ and to live in Him. By doing so, I believe that I will be able to live out my vocation with generosity and overcome whatever difficulties may arise.

TO WHOM ARE YOU MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VOCATION?

Fr. Walle Perez: I am deeply grateful to God, who—without any merit on my part—looked upon me with love and called me to His holy service as a priest. I also thank my parents, Alfonso and Magdalena, my siblings Lulú, Bere, Misaël, Kary, and Óscar, and all my family for their unconditional support. And I am grateful to God's people, who have always prayed for my vocation and perseverance.

IN WHAT WAY HAS SEMINARY FORMATION HELPED YOU TO GROW?

Fr. Walle Perez: Above all, it has deepened my relationship with God. These years of formation have been a time of grace, allowing me to grow in personal friendship with the Lord so that I may bear fruit by remaining united to Him.

to the Priesthood



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1) Rev. Adam Feisthamel celebrates his first Mass.

2) Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ, ordains to the priesthood Rev. Álvaro Santamaría (May 24, 2025).

3) Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone ordains to the priesthood Rev. Mikhael Mihic, COSJ (Jan. 11, 2025).

4) Newly ordained Rev. Adam Feisthamel poses for a photo with Rev. Br. Jose Batista Castillo, OSJ (May 18, 2024).

5) Rev. Akbar Walle Perez celebrates his first Mass.

6) Most Rev. Myron J. Cotta embraces Rev. Akbar Walle Perez after ordaining him to the priesthood (May 17, 2025).

7) From left to right: newly ordained priest Rev. Emmanuel Gutierrez, Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, newly ordained priest Rev. Leandro Calingasan, and newly ordained deacon Rev. Br. Khoi Trong Le (June 7, 2025).



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A Shower of Roses

Reflections on Pastoral Internship

BY MR. SCOTT WHITTAKER

Seminarian for the Diocese of Sacramento

After completing the philosophy curriculum, the seminarians enter into four years of theological studies. Midway through these four years, we take a break from the classroom and are assigned to a parish for several months to begin applying what we have been learning. The pastoral internship serves as a powerful affirmation of the vocation to which we have been called and for which we have been earnestly training. Last fall I was assigned to St. Patrick's Church in Grass Valley, CA. Although I am known to hyperbolize, it is no exaggeration to say that my experience in Grass Valley was heavenly. I enjoyed fraternal life with two holy and devoted priests. They showed me what a true father of a parish looks like. I felt welcomed by the parish as by a family.

Our Lord blessed me with wonderful experiences and encounters, but there was one moment that especially stood out. Located across the street from the church was Mt. St. Mary's Academy. As part of my ministry, I visited the classrooms and talked with the students. One day I carried a large statue of St. Thérèse to the school and introduced the students to one of my best friends. I explained that St. Thérèse promised on her

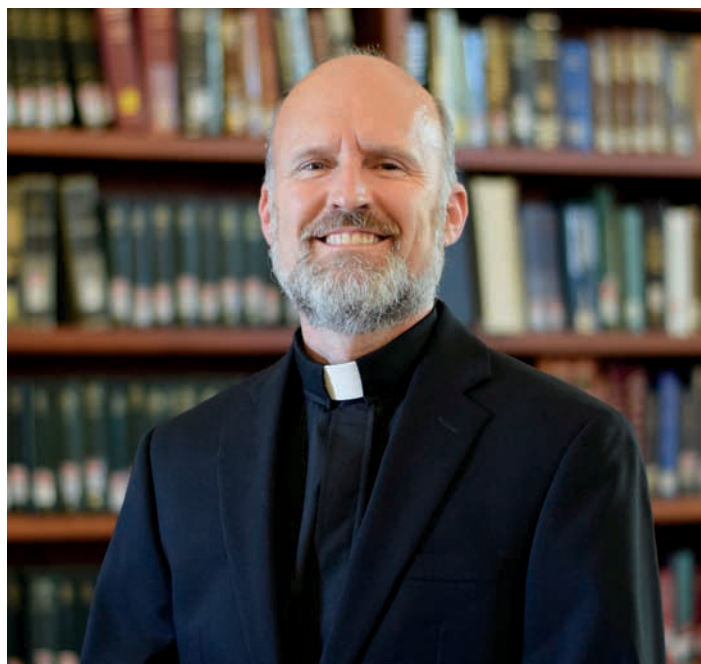
deathbed to send a shower of roses from heaven. I then related to the students two stories of individuals whom I know who had asked St. Thérèse for roses. Miraculously, and hilariously, she answered both of these individuals within minutes. I emphasized to the students that they should ask her for a rose not out of curiosity, but only when they had a genuine need. A few days later, one of the students burst out of the church after Mass. His excitement was uncontainable as he approached me, exclaiming, "Mr. Whittaker, one of the students received a rose from St. Thérèse!" Then he turned to a group of students and shared the joyful news that actually *three* students had received roses. My joy was as exuberant as theirs. I had done my job. From now on those young people will have a friend for life. St. Thérèse will look out for them in a way that I never could.

I continue to be buoyed by the joy of this meeting between heaven and earth. Though it was challenging to return to my room at the seminary with its floor covered in papers and books, my studies are imbued with a new sense of purpose. Our Lord is preparing me to journey with his people to the heavenly feast. ✠

▼ St. Patrick's Church in Grass Valley, CA.



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Seminarians Lead OCIA Program at Church of the Nativity

BY MRS. JOAN FRAWLEY DESMOND

When Colby Richards, a third-year seminarian from the Diocese of Spokane, prepared for his first talk before the 2024–2025 Order of Christian Initiation class at Menlo Park, CA-based Church of the Nativity, he was eager to make a difference. “I wanted to make sure we catechized students well,” he said, “and I came confident of my teaching abilities.”

Yet halfway through that initial presentation, it became clear that “too much” information had been packed into his talk, overwhelming some students.

During his post-class “de-brief” with fellow seminarians and OCIA co-teachers, Michael Kelley and Zachary Muñoz, Richards got some candid feedback.

Kelley, a third-year seminarian from the Diocese of Stockton, “said three good things before criticizing,” laughed Richards. “But I was my own worst critic.”

He learned from that first stumble, just as Muñoz and Kelley continued to fine-tune their own presentations and one-on-one interactions with students gathered at the Church of the Nativity, where the rector of St. Patrick’s, the Very Rev. Mark Doherty, serves as pastor.

No doubt, the OCIA curriculum poses real challenges for catechists. They must introduce and adapt a broad range of topics covered in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to the needs of a diverse group of students.

Likewise, they are called to model an authentic discipleship as they help catechumens deepen their relationship with the Lord and address ongoing questions that could impede their entry into the Church.

“I am here to know, love, and serve Christ and introduce him to the people, so OCIA is a proving ground,” said Richards. “Your students can tell if you know and believe in what you’re talking about, or whether prayer is part of your life.”

Michael Kelley asked to join the Nativity OCIA team precisely because he had benefited from working on a similar program in Ireland.

Teaching OCIA “is an opportunity to synthesize the different areas of our seminary formation, which has four pillars: human, spiritual, pastoral, and intellectual,” Kelley said. “All of these come together in this program. For example, we have to convey the facts of the faith, but the pastoral dimension also comes in because we are pastoring [the catechumens] through a major life decision.”

Zachary Muñoz, who just completed his sixth year of discernment at St. Patrick’s and was ordained as a transitional deacon for the Archdiocese of Portland in June, had benefited from previous stints as an OCIA catechist. But as he accompanied the catechumens at Nativity, he saw the fruits of his ongoing formation at the seminary.

“The connection between seminary formation and



▲ From left to right: Colby Richards (Diocese of Spokane), catechumen Zé Martinho, Michael Kelley (Diocese of Stockton), and Zachary Muñoz (Diocese of Portland).

teaching OCIA is that we have wonderful priests who show us what it means to be a spiritual father,” he said.

Through their witness, the “depth of the Father’s love for his sons and daughters becomes present.” And that example, he added, inspires seminarians to ground their own vocation in the love of the Father for each of his children” and to model that love.

After shepherding their class through the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the culminating Easter Vigil, the OCIA team completed the final stage of the catechetical process: the Mystagogia, when the newly baptized explore the deeper meaning of the sacraments and their new life in Christ.

▼ Colby Richards (Diocese of Spokane) stands in as proxy for Laki Fonua’s godfather.



Next fall, Richards and Kelley will return to Nativity to co-teach a new OCIA class, armed with lessons learned from their first year at the parish.

And though Richards hasn’t forgotten his bumpy start in 2024, what inspires him now is where the class—students and catechists alike—ended up. The best moment for this seminarian was when a catechumen, a personal friend, “confidently” affirmed his intent to be initiated into the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

“I was proud of the journey he embarked on,” said Richards. “He was honest and wrestling with these questions, and I got to be a part of that.” ✨



In Memoriam

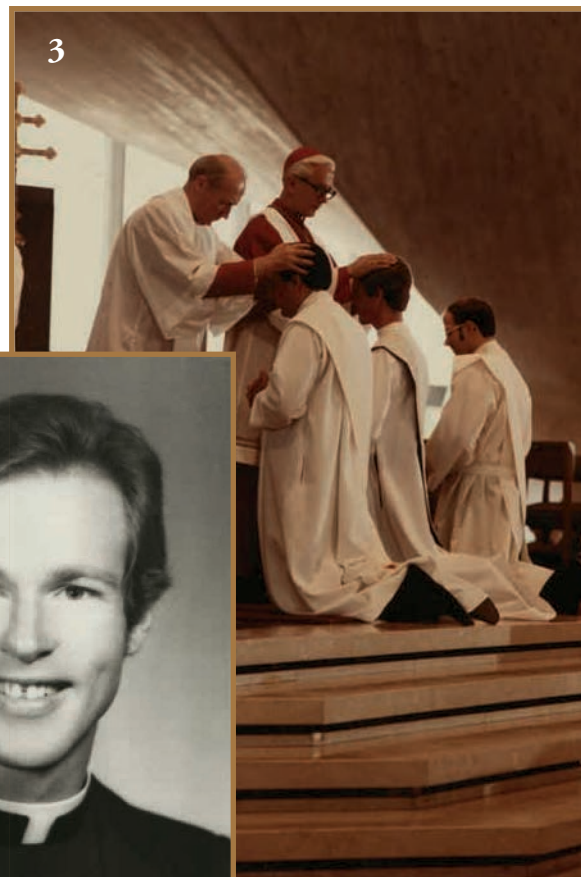
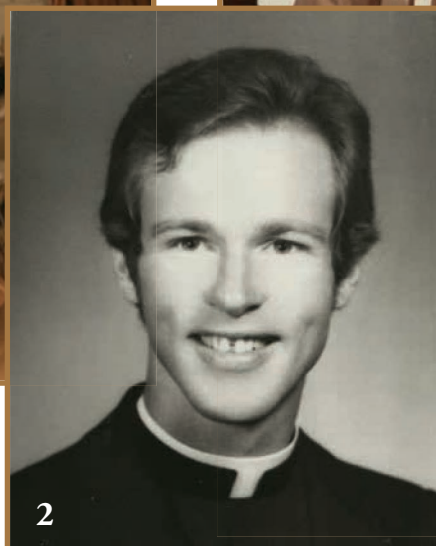
Rev. Kevin Joyce

Rev. Kevin Patrick Joyce (May 28, 1949–March 1, 2025), son of the late Patrick and Margaret (Margie) Joyce, was raised as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ at St. Philip Neri Parish in Alameda, CA. He was a graduate of St. Joseph High School and St. Patrick College, Mountain View, and of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park. Fr. Joyce later obtained his doctoral degree in Catholic spirituality through the Catholic University of America (1988–91). He was ordained to the priesthood on April 12, 1980, for the Archdiocese of San Francisco by the late Most Rev. John R. Quinn. In 1981, when the new Diocese of San Jose was formed, Fr. Joyce decided to serve in the new presbyterate. For the past six years, he served on the faculty of St. Patrick's Seminary both as professor and spiritual director.

Fr. Joyce published an autobiography with Crossroad in 2024 about the first thirty years of his spiritual journey: *Surprised by Grace: A Spiritual Journey from West to East and Back*. He was greatly influenced by the spiritual masters St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Ávila, and the Desert Fathers. He had great hopes that his story would help people to see the beauty and truth of the Christian faith in the modern day. Fr. Joyce was also an accomplished pianist, organist, and composer of sacred music. He is greatly missed by all who enjoyed the privilege of knowing him. 🌿



▲ 1) Fr. Joyce poses for a picture with his parents, Patrick and Margaret Joyce; 2) headshot of young Fr. Joyce, date unknown; 3) Fr. Joyce is ordained to the priesthood on April 12, 1980, by the late Most Rev. John R. Quinn.



In Memoriam

Pope Francis



Let us join together in prayer that the Lord may grant Pope Francis safe passage to the heavenly Kingdom and give him the reward of God's good and faithful servants. The outpouring of prayers, good will, and love for our Holy Father not only from Catholics but from people of different faiths all over the world is edifying and personally fills me with gratitude.

Pope Francis called on us all to give more, sacrifice more, and care more about the poorest and most vulnerable, from the tiny infant in the womb, to the elderly and infirm, to the migrant and the refugee. Let us take inspiration from his words and example and put that inspiration into action. That is the greatest tribute we could give to him.

Eternal rest grant unto Pope Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. 🍀

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, JCD
Archbishop of San Francisco



The St. Patrick's Seminary community mourns the passing of the following members:

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the faithful
departed,
through the
mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen."*

Life at St. Patrick's

1) Rev. Mr. Huy Minh Nguyen (Diocese of Oakland) and his loved ones pose for a photo after his graduation (May 9, 2025).



2) View of the crowd from the 2025 Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco, in which our seminarians participated (Jan. 25, 2025).



3) Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone poses with the transitional deacons he ordained at St. Patrick's Seminary. Left to right: Rev. Mr. Emmanuel Gutierrez, Rev. Ms. Leandro Calingasan, Rev. Mr. Mikhael Mihic, COSJ, Rev. Mr. Alphonse Tolenga, and Rev. Mr. Maurice Tokay (Sept. 28, 2024).



4) The St. Patrick's Seminary Schola Cantorum, directed by Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka, Professor of Music and Director of Sacred Music, sings Vespers before the annual Gala (Sept. 21, 2024).





7) Rev. Mr. Ivan Franco (Diocese of Sacramento) poses for a photo with the Most Rev. Reynaldo Bersabal, Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento, after his ordination to the diaconate at St. Patrick's (Nov. 23, 2024).

8) Thirty-seven men discerning a call to become priests and U.S. Military chaplains pray at St. Patrick's during the annual spring discernment retreat for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (April 3-6, 2025).

9) Colby Richards (Diocese of Spokane) talks with two women attending the Gala at St. Patrick's Seminary (Sept. 21, 2024).



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