

Blessed John XXIII National Seminary

Newsletter

May 2012



***The Blessed John XXIII
National Seminary
community is proud to
present the Class of 2012.***

In this issue of the Seminary Newsletter, our graduating class members share their thoughts on their formation experiences while at the Seminary.

At a time when many are entrenched in the life paths they have chosen, these men decided to answer the call to priesthood, completely changing their lives. We hope you will enjoy reading each of their unique perspectives on this latest step in their life-changing journeys.

We trust that their years of priestly formation at Blessed John XXIII Seminary will provide a solid foundation for their priestly ministry. We commend them to Christ as they join the almost 600 Seminary alumni, currently serving in over 140 dioceses and religious orders throughout the United States and beyond.

As the Class of 2012 departs, we are also reminded of how quickly we are approaching another important milestone for the Blessed John XXIII Seminary community - our 50th Anniversary in 2014. Several activities are planned to commemorate this special occasion.

In this edition of the Seminary Newsletter we include more details on this important next chapter for our national theological institution.

As we look to the future, we gratefully acknowledge all those who have contributed to the continued success of the Blessed John XXIII Seminary community.

Rev. William B. Palardy

Rector

C. Timothy Corcoran



Diocese of Saint Petersburg, FL

Prior to entering the Seminary, Tim had a thriving law practice in Tampa, Florida. He was also a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for 14 years and past president of the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

"I am a different person from the one who entered four years ago. I have been well prepared for priestly ministry by a rigorous and exciting academic curriculum with challenging teachers, terrific pastoral assignments, an enriching spiritual life, and a hospitable Seminary community. The fire of the Holy Spirit burns brightly here at Blessed John XXIII Seminary."

Tim will be ordained on May 19th at the Cathedral of Saint Jude the Apostle in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Diocese of Arlington, VA

Keith has a Masters in Finance from the University of Denver and worked for Fortune 500 companies before being accepted into the Seminary.

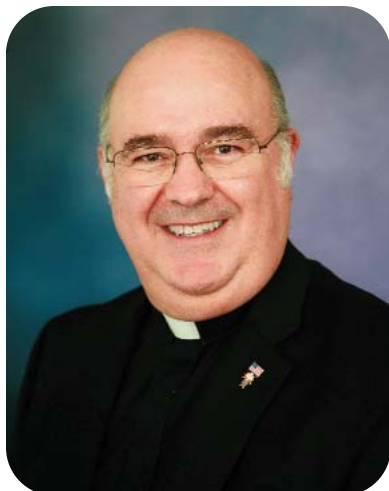
"I am very grateful for the opportunity to have prepared for the priesthood at Blessed John XXIII Seminary. The faculty and staff are committed to the mission and they remain in my prayers."

Keith will be ordained on June 9th at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington, Virginia.

Keith D. Cummings



Emile H. Dubé



Diocese of Portland, ME

Emile was a Salesian of Don Bosco for 35 years before entering the priestly formation program at Blessed John XXIII Seminary.

"I thank the faculty and staff for their welcoming spirit, encouragement and support. They have helped me to grow in my knowledge of Church Teachings, Theology, Sacraments and - most importantly - my spiritual life. I also thank the friends of Blessed John XXIII: without your prayers and financial support, this journey of faith would not have been possible. Lastly, I would like to especially thank those from my home diocese whose continued support and prayers sustained me during these last four years - Bishop Richard J. Malone, Th.D., Father Frank Murray, and Father Robert Vaillancourt, my Vocations Director."

Emile will be ordained on May 26th at the Prince of Peace at Holy Family Church in Lewiston, Maine.

Diocese of Lafayette-In-Indiana

Samuel F. Futral

Sam has an MBA from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH; and was an engineer at the Eli Lilly facility in Lafayette.

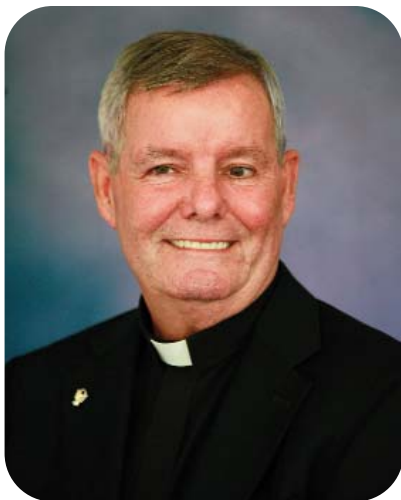
“During my time at Blessed John XXIII, the Holy Spirit has uncovered gifts I never thought I would have. As I approach ordination, I realize the truth of Jesus’ words - ‘It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you.’ I feel very humble that, when I am offering the Sacrifice of the Mass and pronouncing God’s forgiveness, that I am doing so in the person of Jesus Christ. My response is to surrender completely to God and His will, unworthy as I am.”

Sam will be ordained on June 9th at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette, Indiana.



John J. Healy

Archdiocese of Boston, MA



During his secular career, John, a widower with three grown children, worked for the Brookline Housing Authority for 25 years.

“Men responding to a Calling from God come from across the United States and enter the Seminary with a yearning to learn more about Jesus Christ. At Blessed John XXIII, we are taught how to be effective and good priests by both priests and members of the laity. After learning the pastoral, spiritual, academic and human sides of priesthood, we are sent out to do God’s work in His vineyards - teaching others that Jesus Christ is the only Son of God.”

John will be ordained on June 23rd at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, Massachusetts.

Diocese of Springfield, MA

Peter M. Naranjo

Peter worked as a software engineering consultant and as a radio announcer and producer during his secular career.

“I remember the first time I was to lead Solemn Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction after being ordained a Deacon. I was so nervous and my hands were shaking so much - that I thought I was going to spill the incense while trying to load the thurible. But when I arrived at the altar for the Benediction, a feeling of calm suddenly came over me as I raised the Monstrance for the blessing.”

Peter will be ordained June 2nd at Saint Michael’s Cathedral in Springfield, Massachusetts.



James R. Nolte



Diocese of Springfield, MA

James earned a Licentiate in Philosophy from the Milltown Institute in Dublin, Ireland, and was a Jesuit in the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus for ten years.

"I feel that I have been well trained to be a parish priest here at Blessed John XXIII. Each class was focused on the pastoral aspects of the material and that, coupled with the practical experiences that I have had in parishes and hospitals, has given me a strong grounding to become a good and effective parish priest. While here I have also made friends from dioceses around the country and we will be mutually supportive as we continue in our lifelong work of priestly formation."

James will be ordained on June 2nd at Saint Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, Massachusetts.

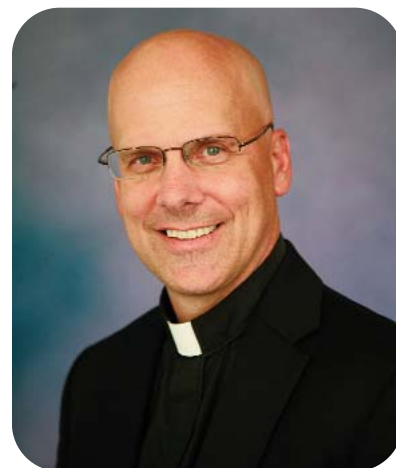
Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey

During his secular career, Ed worked for an engineering firm and also owned his own cabinet business.

"The spirit of God is truly present in this Seminary. I experienced that tangible reality on the first day I visited Blessed John XXIII, and have many times since then. The formation program is quite remarkable. During formation one discovers one's self and it is in this discovery of self and God that we are able to grow into mature men of God called to be ordained priests forever. I am also grateful for the leadership of the rector and the dedication of the faculty and staff of the Seminary."

Ed will be ordained on May 26th at Saint Philip The Apostle Church in Clifton, New Jersey.

Edward G. Rama



Save the Date - 31st Annual Lawn Party



'We hope you will join us under the tent to renew friendships and meet the seminarians!'

Mia and Scott Gieselman
2012 Lawn Party Chairs

**31st Annual Lawn Party
Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

Blessed John XXIII National Seminary
Weston, MA 02493

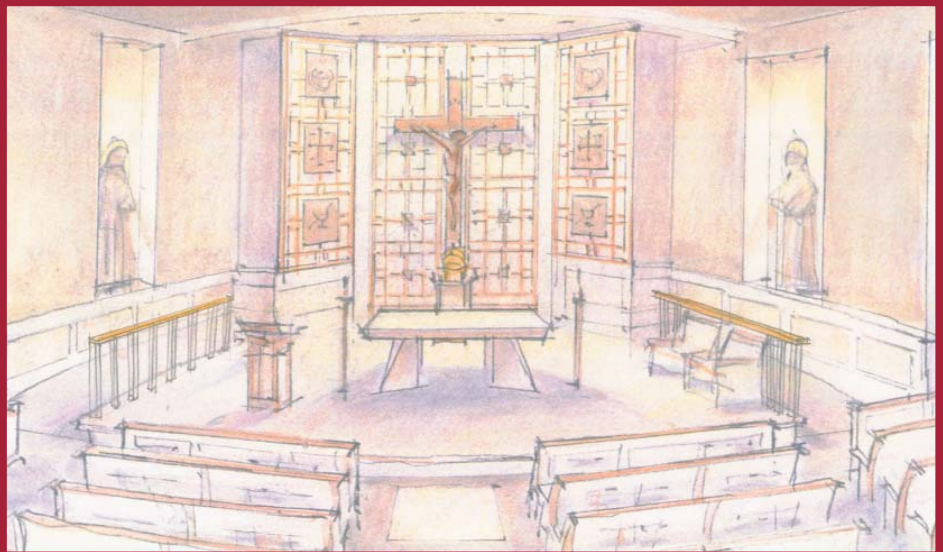
Proceeds benefit the educational program for seminarians currently enrolled at Blessed John XXIII.

For more information, contact Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or kfolan@blessedjohnxxiii.edu.

50th Anniversary - Chapel Renovation Update

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, one of the important initiatives of our 50th Anniversary celebration is the renovation of our Seminary chapel. This will incorporate many changes—and several additions.

Perhaps the most prominent of these will be the addition of statues of “Mary and Child” and “Saint Joseph” which will overlook the altar (see rendering).



The 60-inch statues of ‘Mary & Child’ and ‘Saint Joseph’ will be displayed in recessed alcoves on either side of the altar (see above). The statues are 3/4 relief carvings in chestnut wood, which is stained in shades of brown, and their garments are finished in burnished gold.



The statues are hand-carved by a notable church architecture company, Demetz Art Studio, located in Ortisei in northern Italy. Since 1872 their skilled artisans have produced ecclesiastical sculptures which are currently on display around the world.

Closer to home some of their more notable works are located in New York City. These include a life-sized Nativity

scene at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in Manhattan and, most recently, a statue at the Saint Ephrem’s Parish ‘9/11 Memorial Garden of Hope’ in Brooklyn.

Our two chapel sculptures will complement the newly designed reredos and also enhance the prayerful, contemplative atmosphere of the entire chapel.

Reverence for the Holy Family and the celebration of their powerful examples of love, sacrifice and devotion are cornerstones of our Catholic Faith and central to the spiritual formation of those aspiring to the priesthood.

Many of our Seminary supporters have expressed interest in how they can be a part of the 50th Anniversary celebration. These sculptures offer donors a wonderful opportunity to recognize and remember a special loved one.

For details about this and other related recognition opportunities, please contact Kate Folan or Dick Murphy at 781.899-5500 or by email at kfolan@blessedjohnxxiii.edu or dmurphy@blessedjohnxxiii.edu.



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*May the following deceased
alumni rest in the peace of
Christ our great High Priest:*
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Rev. Cajetan Holland, CSC, '79
Rev. George Klepec, '70
Rev. Raul M Lagoa, '79

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