

Blessed John XXIII National Seminary

Newsletter

Summer 2012

From the Rector's Desk:



As we approach our fiftieth year here at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, we have already initiated major changes in preparation for our half-century anniversary. During this summer break, we have begun the first phase with extensive renovations to the Seminary Chapel and entryway. Details are included in this Newsletter.

I am also pleased to welcome two new full-time faculty members to our Seminary Community, Rev. Msgr. James Mongelluzzo and Rev. Mark Yavarone, OMV. They will join our full-time faculty in the upcoming academic year.

In this Newsletter we also focus on an important milestone in our seminarians' formation journey - their ordination as Transitional Deacons. Each year, seminarians have ministries conferred upon them and the Diaconate is the last step before they are ordained priests.

As we prepare for our 49th academic year, we are especially grateful for our many supporters. We could not continue to fulfill our mission of preparing men for priesthood without you. We look forward to sharing with you the next phase in the history of our Seminary!

Rev. William B. Palardy

Rector



"I have decided with God's help, the approval of the Holy See, and with the aid of generous benefactors, to build that Seminary in the Archdiocese of Boston as a National Seminary for older men endowed with the necessary educational and spiritual qualities who have been called by God to His Holy Priesthood. Construction will begin before the end of this year."

His Eminence,
**Richard
Cardinal
Cushing**
wrote these
words in 1963.



Blessed John XXIII National Seminary was dedicated on September 6, 1964.

*Pictured - His Eminence,
Richard Cardinal Cushing at the
Seminary opening ceremony.*

Pathway to the Future - We've Started!

During this summer break, we have begun the first phase of 'Pathway to the Future' - our \$10 million capital campaign.

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, this campaign celebrates our fiftieth Anniversary in 2014. In addition to the Chapel and facility improvements, the campaign will include an expanded library and a strengthening of the Blessed John XXIII National Seminary endowment.

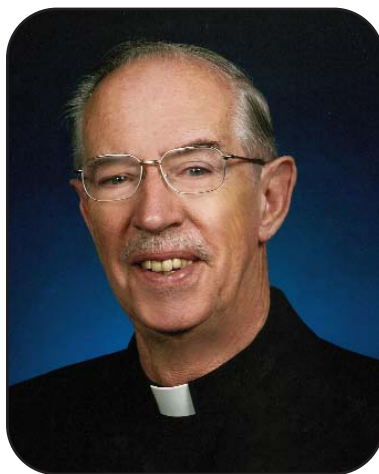
The extensive renovations to the Seminary Chapel and entryway are well underway. When we begin the upcoming academic year, our seminarians will be welcomed into a 'brand new' Seminary Chapel. The updates will include new pews, flooring, heating, ventilation and lighting.

Additionally, the altar will be lowered to the sanctuary level, providing improved safety and handicap access. There will also be a newly-configured balcony with a transparent wall offering improved visibility.

Several of our alumni have already made generous gifts to underwrite the cost of the Chapel renovations. One such alumnus donor is Rev. James Walker, '99, who came to our

Seminary after a 33-year teaching career.

Fr. Walker is currently the Vicar General of the Diocese of Gallup in New Mexico. We are grateful to Fr. Walker for his \$25,000 gift and hope that additional alumni contributions will allow us to designate our new Chapel in their honor - as the *Alumni Chapel*.



**Rev. James Walker, '99
Vicar General
Diocese of Gallup, NM**

"I appreciate the opportunity to support this important project. It is a way to express my gratitude to so many at Blessed John XXIII for the wonderful and meaningful years I spent there. It is my chance to say 'thanks' for all they have done for us alumni and continue to do for future priests."

Fr. James Walker, '99

We are also refurbishing our front entrance to the Seminary with an expanded entryway providing more shelter and a handicap-access ramp, making it compliant with current building and access codes. A new landscaped retaining wall will display the 'Blessed John XXIII' signage.

For those interested in learning more about these ongoing projects, photos and time-lapse videos of the construction will be posted on our Seminary website at www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu. We hope you have the opportunity to visit our website and share in this important next step in the history of our unique Seminary.

For information regarding contributions to our capital campaign, including recognition opportunities, please contact Kate Folan or Dick Murphy of the Development Office at 781-899-5500.

We Proudly Welcome Two New Faculty Members

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new full-time faculty members at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary.

They are **Rev. Msgr. James Mongelluzzo** - Professor of Liturgy, and **Rev. Mark Yavarone, OMV** - Professor of Moral Theology.



Rev. Msgr. James Mongelluzzo

For the last two years, Msgr. Mongelluzzo, of the Diocese of Worcester, MA, has been an adjunct professor at our Seminary. He has taught at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry and the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, MA.

Msgr. Mongelluzzo has an S.T.D. and S.T.L. in Liturgical and Sacramental Theology from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, along with a Master of Arts in

Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.



Rev. Mark Yavarone, OMV

Prior to joining our faculty, Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV, was Professor of Bioethics at the San Carlos Major Seminary in the Philippines, where he was also Director of Retreats and Recollections for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. Several of his articles on Bioethics have been published in scholarly journals. Fr. Yavarone has a Ph.D. in Cell Biology and Anatomy from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Please join us in welcoming these accomplished priests as full-time faculty members at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary. We know they will contribute greatly to the unique formation program at our Seminary.

Save the Date!

**Alumni Days 2012
October 16th & 17th**

We are proud to feature **Professor Robert P. George** as our distinguished guest speaker for this year's Alumni Days. He is both the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and the Director of the James Madison Program at Princeton University.

Prof. George is also a former Judicial Fellow of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Reunion classes:

'07, '02, '97, '92, '87, '82, '77, '72

**During this event,
the 7th Rector of
our Seminary -
Bishop Peter J. Uglietto,
of the Archdiocese of
Boston - will bless the
newly renovated
Seminary Chapel.**

We hope you will have the opportunity to return to your alma mater and see the updates to our facility that have begun in preparation for our fiftieth anniversary.

For more information about Alumni Days, contact Rev. Thomas F. Schmitt, Dean of Seminarians, at 781-899-5500.

Ordination of Deacons - An Important Step in the Formation Journey

Our seminarians have ministries conferred upon them each year during their formation journey. These include Acolyte in first theology, Reader in second and Admission to Candidacy in third theology – in preparation for their ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood in their home dioceses. Having previously focused on the other ministries, we now explore the Diaconate in this edition of our Newsletter.

“These important ministries mark the formative progression of our seminarians as they prepare for priestly ordination. Admission to the Diaconate is especially significant, as it marks the transition of the seminarians from the laity – to new members of the clergy,” said Rev. William B. Palardy, Rector of Blessed John XXIII Seminary.

In acknowledgement of their ordained status, these new deacons perform several religious rites: conferring Baptism, assisting at and blessing marriages, distributing the Eucharist, officiating at funeral and burial rites, and bringing Viaticum to the dying.

From the early apostolic times, the Catholic Church has held

the Holy Order of the Diaconate in high honor.

Seminarians to be ordained must be called to the Diaconate beforehand by the Bishop of their diocese or by their religious superior. Candidates for the Diaconate also prepare themselves by making a retreat of at least five days.

The Ordination is celebrated during Mass, between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Those to be ordained wear a white alb, with a cincture tied around their waists.

After the Gospel reading, a priest requests that the Bishop ordain the candidates. The candidates, in the presence of the faithful, express their resolve to carry out their office in accord with the mind of Christ and the Church, under the direction of the Bishop.

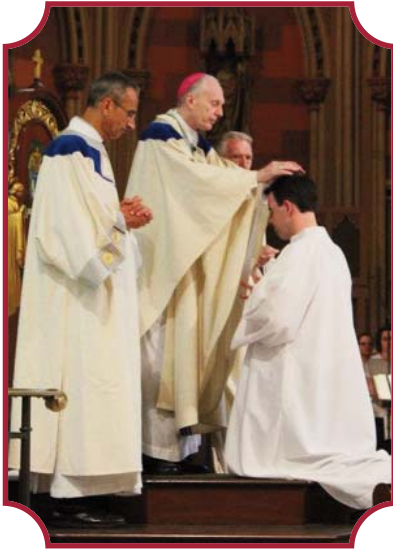
Even those who have pronounced a vow of perpetual chastity in a religious institution are bound to declare publicly this commitment to celibacy during their ordination. By their free acceptance of celibacy, candidates for the Diaconate are consecrated in a new way to Christ.

Deacons are ordained by the laying on of hands by the Bishop and the Prayer of Ordination so that, through sacramental grace, they may effectively fulfill their ministry. This tradition has been handed down from the Apostles.

Immediately after the Prayer of Ordination, the new deacons are vested with the diaconal stole and dalmatic as symbols of their admission to the clergy. The presentation of the Book of Gospels signifies that the new deacons will proclaim the Gospel in liturgical celebrations. By his fraternal kiss, the Bishop seals the deacons' admittance into this ministry.

Then, during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the new deacons exercise their ministry for the first time as they assist the Bishop by preparing the altar, assisting with the Mass, and distributing Holy Communion.

Newly-Ordained
Transitional Deacon,
Scott L. VanDerveer, '13,
of the Diocese of Albany



Seminarian **Scott L. VanDerveer** was ordained a deacon in his home diocese on May 26, 2012. Here he discusses his new role during his summer assignment at the Saints Anthony & Joseph Parish in Herkimer, NY and Holy Family Parish in Little Falls, NY.

"The learning curve for a new deacon is steep! Each day I'm doing something in the liturgy for the first time.

In these first few weeks of my summer assignment, most of my attention has been spent on serving as a deacon for week-end Masses, but soon I'll be celebrating baptisms and leading wake and graveside services.

I have been relying heavily on my thorough liturgical training at Blessed John XXIII. I'm seeing first-hand how important all the details are in liturgy!"

-Scott Van Derveer, '13

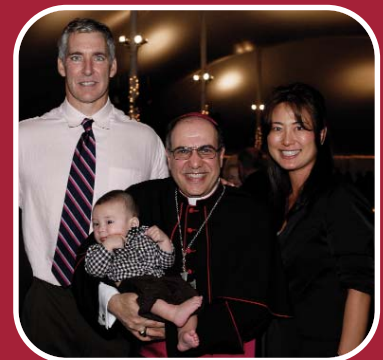
31st Annual Lawn Party -
September 19, 2012



From left to right: Bishop Peter J. Uglietto, the 7th Rector of our Seminary, at the 30th Annual Lawn Party with His Eminence, Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley and the current Rector of Blessed John XXIII, Rev. William B. Palardy

As our Seminary community approaches our fiftieth anniversary, we acknowledge our many supporters who have made this milestone possible.

We look forward to welcoming attendees of the 31st Annual Lawn Party, who will be among the first to view our newly-renovated Seminary Chapel and entryway.



"Plan to be with us under the tent!"
- Mia and Scott Gieselman,
2012 Lawn Party Chairs, with their son,
Conor and Bishop Peter J. Uglietto



Far right - Anna Marie Ferraro, the founding member of the Bishop Peter J. Uglietto Society, with guests at last year's Lawn Party

Several event sponsorships are available, including the Bishop Peter J. Uglietto Society. All proceeds benefit the formation program for seminarians enrolled at our Seminary.



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The 20th Annual Golf Tournament - the most successful to date!

The 20th Annual Blessed John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament was held on May 21, 2012 at the Weston Golf Club. Thanks to the generosity of the participants and sponsors, this was the most successful tournament to date – raising over \$100,000.

This year's tournament was held in memory of the founders Steve Rowen and his widow Fran Rowen. As with previous years, the proceeds bene-

fit the educational program for more than sixty seminarians currently enrolled at Blessed John XXIII.

Our Seminary community is grateful to the members and staff of the Weston Golf Club for opening this private course to the event participants.

We are also grateful to the Golf Tournament Committee members who worked tirelessly to make the 2012 event the most successful to date!



Members of the Rowen family participated in the 20th Anniversary Tournament originally founded by their relatives - the late Steve and Fran Rowen. From left to right, Bob James (son-in-law), Susan James (daughter), Richard Rowen (son), Steve Rowen (grandson) and Terry Johnson (son-in-law).

For information on upcoming Seminary events, we invite you to visit our website at www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu.