



# Blessed John XXIII National Seminary

*Newsletter*

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## Class of 2010

***The Blessed John XXIII National Seminary community is pleased to present the Class of 2010.***

These men came together at Blessed John XXIII in response to a Calling from the Lord.

In this issue of the Seminary Newsletter we feature each man's recollection, in his own words, of his priestly formation experience at the Seminary.

They reflect on leaving their secular lives behind, and the hard work it took to complete the formation program in preparation for ordination to

priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church.

We wish the members of the Class of 2010 well as they join the almost 600 Seminary alumni currently serving in over 120 dioceses and 20 religious orders throughout the United States and the world.

At the same time as these men embark on their new journeys as servants of the Lord, we also recognize a milestone of one of our faculty members.

**This Spring, Father William B. Palardy, Academic Dean and Registrar, celebrates 25**

**years as a priest for the Archdiocese of Boston.**

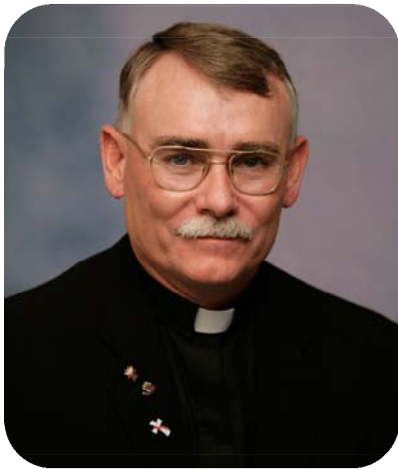
An overview of Fr. Palardy's career is included in this newsletter. We believe he is an exemplary example of a priest living and acting "in the person of Christ." We are proud to have Fr. Palardy on the faculty of Blessed John XXIII National Seminary.

***Father Peter J. Uglietto***

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Rector

**Richard L. Daise**



**Diocese of Salina, KS**

Prior to formation, Richard L. Daise had been an Army veterinarian.

"I will never forget my relationships with the members of the Class of 2010. We are ten unique individuals and about all we originally had in common was a calling to a vocation to priesthood. After four years, we have shared our thoughts and feelings and have learned much from each other. We know we can rely on each other.

*It has been my distinct pleasure and privilege to share this formation experience with the members of the Class of 2010."*

Richard Daise will be ordained on May 22, 2010, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina, KS.

**Diocese of Saint Augustine, FL**

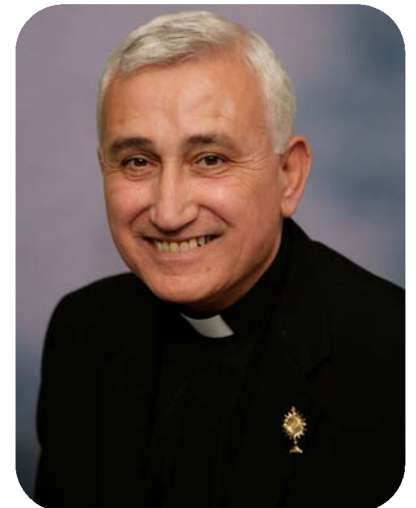
Silverio P. Di Fazio attended two years of Ministry Formation in Florida and previously spent 14 years assisting parish priests in his home diocese.

"My recollection of my time here at Blessed John XXIII is one of beautiful experiences. I am thankful that my Bishop and Chancellor chose this institution for me. I also thank the faculty for providing the opportunity to prepare for priesthood. It would not have been possible for me to fulfill my call to vocation had there not been this national Seminary, which bears the name of John XXIII, a Pope who is personally very dear to me.

*May the love of Christ be with all that trained and guided me to the Priesthood."*

Silverio Di Fazio will be ordained on May 8, 2010, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine, FL.

**Silverio P. Di Fazio**



**Paul E. Hoffman**



**Diocese of La Crosse, WI**

During his secular career, Paul E. Hoffman worked in the auto industry.

"Overall, my time at Blessed John XXIII Seminary was pleasant and fruitful. With the heavy workload and lack of sleep, my experience was perfectly normal for someone my age pursuing 4 years of graduate school! The highs and lows, for me, are best related by the passage from 1 Kings 19:12; wherein Elijah hears the voice of God, not in the deafening sounds of destruction but as the tiny, whispering sound -

*He leads me where I should be."*

Paul Hoffman will be ordained for the Diocese of La Crosse on May 29, 2010, at Saint Alexander Church in Port Edwards, WI.

David G. Huemmer

Prior to acceptance into the Seminary, David G. Huemmer was an elementary school teacher.

"Seminary is a time to further discern the call to priesthood and grow in response to that call. My time at Blessed John XXIII has been just such an experience. I have enjoyed the opportunity to learn and grow in my faith. The classes have challenged me and helped expand my understanding of the faith that I will teach and proclaim.

*Being encouraged by the faculty to use the talents God blessed me with is something for which I will be forever grateful."*

David Huemmer will be ordained on June 12, 2010, at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Lafayette, IN.



John C. McVoy, III

Diocese of Wilmington, DE



Deacon John C. McVoy, III, is a retired environmental chemist.

"I have truly enjoyed my time at Blessed John XXIII. I arrived as a Permanent Deacon and because of God's Grace, I will leave as a Priest. I am humbled and in awe of my professors' hard work and dedication to the mission of preparing men for priesthood. As a widower and father of three, the Seminary facilitated and contributed to my personal development, allowing me to absorb the richness of priestly formation along with my identity as a parent.

*Every aspect of my formation has been supportive of my call to Priesthood."*

John McVoy will be ordained on May 8, 2010, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, DE.

Saint Joseph Abbey, Spencer, MA

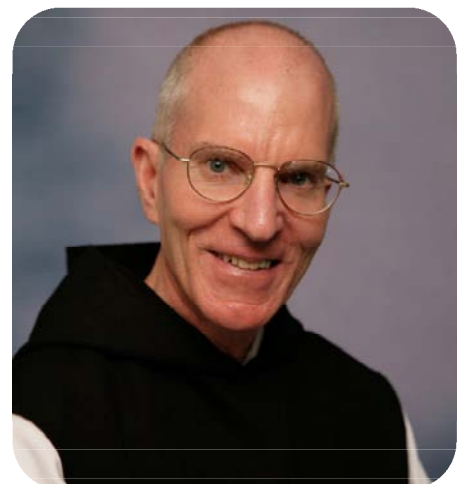
Bro. Vincent Rogers, OCSO

Brother Vincent Rogers, OCSO, taught parochial school prior to entering Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts.

"My time at Blessed John XXIII has been both enlightening and a blessing. As a member of a cloistered monastic community, my vocation has been enhanced by studying with future diocesan priests and seeing firsthand the opportunities and challenges they face.

At the same time, I see more clearly how my monastic priesthood will complement their ministry in the parish. The prayer and contemplation of my priestly service will serve as a leaven for both them and their parishioners, keeping alive the desire for the Kingdom of God."

Bro. Vincent Rogers will be ordained on May 29, 2010, at Saint Joseph Abbey in Spencer, MA.



Roy E. Runkle



Roy E. Runkle was an aerospace engineer for NASA for 38 years.

"The past four years have just flown by! The faculty is made up of parish priests who know from their own experiences what a priest will encounter in his ministry. What better place to discern your calling than amongst fellow men who are trying to achieve the same goal. I will look back with happy memories as I pray that I live up to the standards and principles I've learned here.

*As I leave, it is with some sadness but also with great joy, knowing the entire Seminary community has done their best to prepare me for my vocation. God Bless the faculty and staff!"*

Roy Runkle will be ordained on June 5, 2010, at the Saint Paul Cathedral in Birmingham, AL.

Diocese of Albany, NY

Daniel P. Ryan worked in the auto industry prior to acceptance into the Seminary.

"As I reflect on my years at the Seminary, I am grateful for many things, including the friends I have made with the faculty, staff and my classmates. The depths of their friendships have made the journey towards ordination a joy-filled one. I am especially grateful for the program at the Seminary. Spiritually, theologically, pastorally and personally, I feel equipped for the challenges that lie ahead as a priest of Jesus Christ.

*Thank you all for the contributions you made that have allowed me to say 'yes' to the vocation God gave me."*

Daniel Ryan will be ordained on June 12, 2010, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, NY.

Daniel P. Ryan



Guy F. Sciacca



Archdiocese of Boston, MA

Prior to entering the Seminary, Guy F. Sciacca was employed by Harvard University as a financial administrator.

"I remember the first time I preached in the Seminary Chapel. It was a truly grace-filled moment for me. It was an opportunity to say 'thank you' to the faculty, for their great training; to my fellow seminarians, for their support; and to the Lord, for the privileges and graces He has given me.

*One experiences a feeling of fraternity and welcome here. It is one of the things I will remember most about my time at Blessed John XXIII."*

Guy Sciacca will be ordained on May 22, 2010, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, MA.



## Diocese of Albany, NY

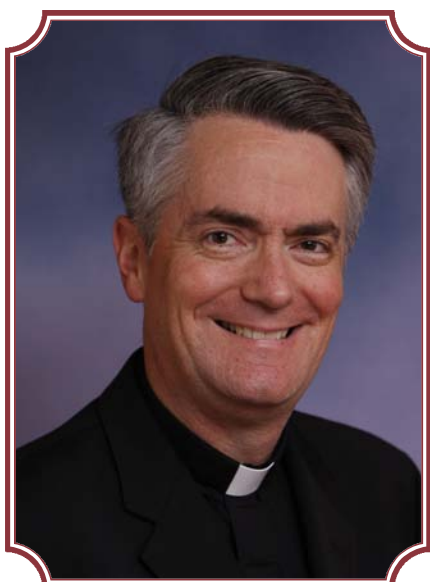
### Rendell R. Torres

Rendell R. Torres was an Acoustics Professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute prior to his admission into priestly formation.

"During my time at the Seminary, I developed a more complete discernment of my vocation to priesthood, a greater understanding of our Catholic faith and a deepening of my relationship with Our Lord and His Mother.

***When I baptized an infant for the first time, it was an incredibly joyful culmination of my formation. I can only imagine, God willing, how that joy will unfold, develop and sustain as a minister ordained to the one priesthood of Jesus Christ."***

Rendell Torres will be ordained on June 12, 2010, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, NY.



### ***Rev. William B. Palardy Academic Dean and Registrar Celebrating 25 Years as a Priest***

Rev. William B. Palardy is a graduate of Harvard University, with an A.B. in Classics. Upon graduation, Fr. Palardy entered St. John's Seminary in Boston, earning a M.A. and M.Div. He was ordained a priest in 1985. After ordination, his first appointment was Parochial Vicar at Holy Family Parish in Rockland, MA. In 1988, Fr. Palardy was invited by the Archdiocese of Boston to enter a doctoral program in Early Christian Studies at Catholic University in Washington, DC. He completed the program in 1992, earning a Ph.D. in Patristics.

Upon completion of his doctoral studies, Fr. Palardy accepted a position at St. John's Seminary where he taught Patristics, Ecclesiastical Latin and Homiletics, while also serving as Registrar and Dean of Students. During this time, Fr. Palardy contributed to the publishing of the sermons of Saint Peter Chrysologus by completing their English translation. In 2005, Fr. Palardy joined the Blessed John XXIII Seminary community in the position of Academic Dean.

"He has been an invaluable member of our faculty," says Rev. Peter J. Uglietto, Rector. A Mass and Dinner in honor of Fr. Palardy's 25th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood will be held this Spring at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary.

***"I give thanks and praise to God for allowing me to share in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ these past 25 years, and in particular for the last 18 years spent in the wonderful work of helping prepare future priests. It will be an honor to celebrate this milestone with the members of the Seminary community, along with my family and friends."***



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## *Alumni News*

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**Rev. Msgr. James M. Lyons' 88** of the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA, was named a Chaplain of His Holiness with the title of Monsignor.

This ecclesiastical title of honor is bestowed by the Holy Father upon priests who have served in an exemplary manner. Msgr. Lyons also serves on the College of Consultors in his diocese.

Msgr. Lyons is currently at Prince of Peace Parish, 815 South Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17113.

**Rev. John Connors, '01**  
Pastor  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
99 King Street  
Northampton, MA 01060

**Rev. Richard Jakubauskas, '99**  
Our Lady Immaculate Parish  
192 School Street  
Athol, MA 01331

**Rev. Paul Murray, '09**  
P.O. Box 2621  
Waterville, ME 04903

**Rev. Randall J. Vashon, '00**  
Director of Vocations  
Diocese of Metuchen  
Immaculate Conception Church  
316 Old Allerton Road  
Annandale, NJ 08801

**Deceased:**  
Rev. Theodore J. Klein, Ph.D., '69

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