

Blessed John XXIII National Seminary

Newsletter

Summer 2011

Save the Date! *30th Anniversary Lawn Party* *September 21, 2011*

As we approach our fiftieth year preparing mature men for priesthood, we will celebrate another milestone in the history of our unique Seminary.

September 21, 2011, is the 30th Anniversary of the Annual Lawn Party. Over the years, the proceeds from the Lawn Party, our largest fundraising event, have helped us to provide priestly formation for almost 600 alumni, including Father Daniel Crowley, '68, of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Fr. Crowley is a member of our first graduating class and has attended each of the Annual Lawn Party celebrations. He shares his thoughts on this important milestone here.

"The community of men at Blessed John XXIII continues to amaze me. It has been a pleasure to support their formation journeys. They come from all walks of life - doctors, lawyers, teachers, salesmen, pilots - and they left their secular careers to

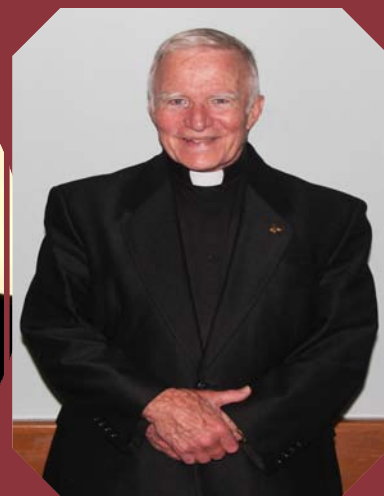
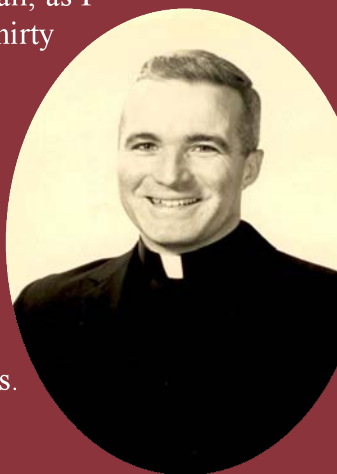
answer God's call, as I did in 1964 at thirty years of age.

I am grateful to have served the faithful of the Archdiocese of Boston for forty-three years. In addition to my parish assignments, I was the Chaplain at

Hospital and South Shore Hospital for over twenty years. During my time in hospital ministry, I made more than 100,000 pastoral visits to patients.

If it were not for the unique formation program at Blessed John XXIII, I would not have become a priest.

I have attended the Lawn Party since its inception in 1982. More than half of all the seminarians enrolled at Blessed John XXIII



Fr. Daniel Crowley, '68, is a member of the first graduating class at Blessed John XXIII

have been introduced to their supporters under the tent at the Lawn Party. What a wonderful tradition!

Please join me at the 30th Anniversary of this important fundraising event which supports our future parish priests."

Fr. Daniel Crowley, '68

30th Anniversary Celebration Blessed John XXIII Annual Lawn Party

From the Rector's Desk:



In this Newsletter, we review some of the highlights of the 2011 academic year.

These include our most successful Golf Tournament to date, and the coverage of our unique Seminary on CatholicTV, a national cable network.

Our faculty members are currently reviewing applicants for the upcoming academic year and we are pleased to announce that we will have a full roster of men in the incoming class.

During my first year as Rector, I have been especially gratified to meet the many supporters of our Seminary community. Without you, we could not fulfill our mission of preparing men for the priesthood.

May God bless you all!

Rev. William B. Palardy
Rector

Supporting our seminarians for 30 years!

The 30th Anniversary of the Blessed John XXIII Annual Lawn Party will be held Wednesday, September 21st and hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap.

This, our major fundraising event, benefits the formation program for our seminarians.

At the start of each academic year, the Seminary community opens its doors to supporters during this special event. Lawn Party guests enjoy an evening of fine dining and music while meeting the seminarians who directly benefit from their contributions.



Left to right: 2009-2011 Lawn Party co-Chair, Dr. John LaRossa with his son, Christopher, Bishop Peter J. Uglietto (7th Rector), co-Chair Gretchen LaRossa and Father William B. Palardy, the current Rector

"Gretchen and I are very excited about celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Lawn Party because we truly believe in the mission of the Seminary," said the event co-Chair, Dr. John LaRossa.

"The proceeds from this event will help tremendously with the cost of preparing the seminarians who will carry out their service to the Church as our future parish priests."

***Don't miss out!
Invitations to the
30th Anniversary Lawn
Party will arrive in
mid-August.***

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Father William B. Palardy has completed his first year as Rector of Blessed John XXIII. Under his leadership, the Seminary has strengthened enrollment and continued the long-standing tradition of operating with a balanced budget.

Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian - the proceeds from the Lawn Party help bridge this gap.

*Please join us
under the tent
this September
as we celebrate
our alumni and
seminarians who
represent the
future of our
Church.*



**His Eminence,
Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap.
greets guests at the Annual Lawn Party**

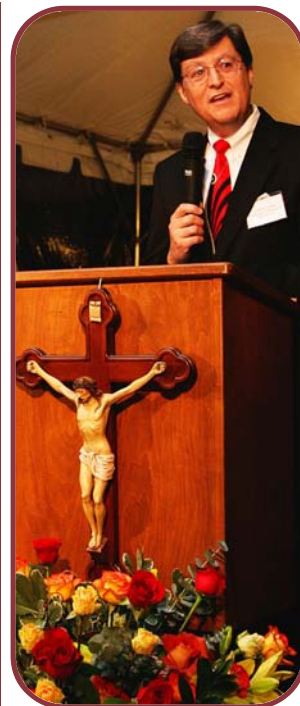


Ronald W. Cattany, a member of the Class of 2013 at Blessed John XXIII, spoke at a recent Lawn Party. This is an excerpt from his speech.

“About five years ago, I asked the Lord what He wanted me to do with my life. As I observed the kind and talented people working in parish and hospital ministries, I saw their faith and felt the Lord drawing me closer to Him. During my discernment, I realized that God has a perfect plan for our lives. For the first time, I truly understood Who walks beside us, Who lives within us, and how much the Lord wants to help each of us everyday . . . if we just ask.

A religious vocation is a gift from God. The formation program at Blessed John XXIII instills in us the traditional teachings of the Catholic Church and through our internships and summer assignments, we learn and practice the pastoral skills needed for our future ministries.

Such a unique Seminary reflects the faith and support of its donors - thank you for this opportunity to serve our Holy Church.”



**Ronald W. Cattany
Class of 2013
Archdiocese
of Denver**

Blessed John XXIII Seminary is Featured on Catholic TV - a National Cable Network

We are pleased to announce that our unique Seminary was chosen to be featured on CatholicTV, a national cable network. Segments on Blessed John XXIII will be included in an 8-week series on Clear Voice™ - a new show on that network.

The Clear Voice™ program covers news and a variety of topical stories of interest to Catholic and Christian viewers, including reports from Rome and the Holy Land. This show is hosted by television-news veterans John Monahan and Christine Caswell.

The segments including Blessed John XXIII debuted on May 19, 2011 at 8:00pm (EST), with an interview with the Seminary Rector, Rev. William B. Palardy.



**Clear Voice™ co-hosts -
Christine Caswell and
John Monahan**

The following weeks' segments include interviews with Rev. Thomas F. Schmitt - a faculty member who is both an alumnus and Dean of Seminarians - and six seminarians representing each class.

Participating seminarians are: **Kevin T. Mulligan** a member of the Pre-Theology Class from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, PA; **Lawrence L. Love**, Class of 2014, from the Diocese of Tyler, TX; **Ronald W. Cattany**, Class of 2013 from the Archdiocese of Denver, CO; **Jacques A. McGuffie**, Class of 2013 from the Archdiocese of Boston, MA; **James R. Nolte**, Class of 2012 from the Diocese of Springfield, MA; and **René Alejandro Díaz-Cáceres**, Class of 2011, who is newly ordained to priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington.

New episodes of Clear Voice™ air Thursday nights at 8 p.m. (EST) and are rebroadcast throughout the week. Archived episodes are available online at www.CatholicTV.com/ClearVoice

In addition to the series on Clear Voice™, our Seminary



Lawrence L. Love - a member of the Class of 2014 was interviewed for the series currently airing on the "Clear Voice" show.

was also profiled on Catholic Destinations, another show on the CatholicTV network. This program features places of significance to the Catholic Faith and is hosted by Kevin Nelson. On May 21, 2011, during the 30-minute program, Nelson presented viewers with an overview of our Seminary.

We wish to thank the staff of CatholicTV and all the members of the Blessed John XXIII Seminary community who assisted in making this coverage possible.

The 19th Annual Golf Tournament is Most Successful To Date

The 19th Annual Blessed John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament was held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at the Weston Golf Club.

the educational program for more than sixty seminarians currently enrolled at the Seminary.



Blessed John XXIII Golf Tournament foursome (left to right): Rev. William B. Palardy, Rector; Robert Kelley; Anthony Keaty, Academic Dean and adjunct faculty member Rev. Thomas Nestor of Saint Eulalia Parish in Winchester.

Due to the generosity of the participants and sponsors this was the most successful tournament to date – raising nearly \$100,000.

A full roster of golfers participated in the day's events; which included lunch at Weston Golf Club, 18 holes of golf, a social hour, silent auction, raffle and dinner with tournament and door prizes.

Tournament proceeds benefit

The Blessed John XXIII community is grateful to the members and staff of the Weston Golf Club, the more than eighty participating businesses and sponsors, and the Golf Tournament Committee members who worked tirelessly to make the 2011 tournament the most successful to date!

For more information on upcoming events, please visit www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu.

Save The Date!

*Alumni Days 2011
October 18th & 19th*



**Alumni from the
Class of 1996**

Reunion classes:

**'06, '01, '96, '91,
'86, '81, '76, '71**

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Fifth Seminary Rector is Appointed to Position in Rome



Msgr. Cornelius M. McRae
Blessed John XXIII Rector
1986-1995

Monsignor Cornelius M. McRae, was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Boston in 1961. Among his many assignments, he served as the fifth Rector of our Seminary.

Msgr. McRae has recently been appointed to the position of Spiritual Director of the Casa Santa Maria - the Roman home for American priests pursuing graduate studies in that city. This is the second assignment in Rome for Msgr. McRae who served as Spiritual Director at the Seminary's main campus from 1995-2000.

Previous to this new assignment, Msgr. McRae was the Pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood for over eleven years.

We wish him well in his new assignment!