



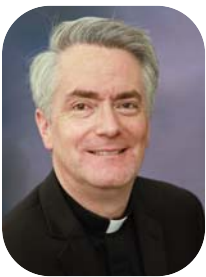
Blessed John XXIII National Seminary

Newsletter

Winter 2013



Bishop Peter J. Uglietto, of the Archdiocese of Boston, presided at the rededication of our Alumni Chapel on Wednesday, October 17, 2012



During this busy academic year our Blessed John XXIII community members have participated in events both within our Seminary and in the larger Catholic community.

Our newly-renovated chapel was rededicated during our annual Alumni Days event. We were especially pleased that the previous rector, Bishop Peter J. Uglietto of the Archdiocese of Boston, was able to preside at this important milestone in our

Seminary history. Additionally, our seminarians appeared on the CatholicTV national cable network. The diaconate ordination of seminarian John Hurley - which was filmed in our chapel - was featured on their show, 'Real to Reel,' and some members of our Schola also performed in their Annual Telethon.

As is our custom, a large group of seminarians, faculty members and alumni from Blessed John XXIII journeyed to Washington, DC to participate in the annual March for Life. In addition, three members of our community were honored with

Cheverus Award medals for their service to the Church. We also celebrated the Ministries of Reader and Acolyte. Details about all these, and more, are included in this Newsletter.

As we approach our fiftieth anniversary next year, we wish to express our gratitude to all those whose support has allowed us to continue to fulfill our mission of preparing men for priestly ministry.

Rev. William B. Palardy
Rector

Annual Alumni Days - October 16-17, 2012

Bishop Peter J. Uglietto, of the Archdiocese of Boston, presides at rededication of 'Alumni' Chapel during Alumni Days

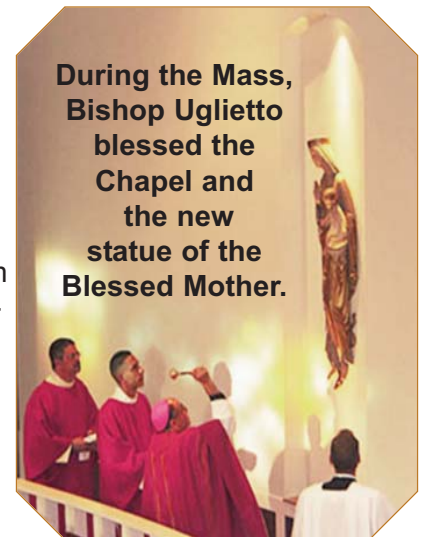


Bishop Uglietto (center) is pictured with the current Rector, Rev. William B. Palardy (to his left) and alumni who attended the rededication of the Seminary Chapel. Bishop Uglietto was the previous Rector at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary.

Alumni Days was held from October 16-17, 2012. Nearly 50 alumni attended this event and were impressed with the facility upgrades to their alma mater.

"It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm about the renovations - especially the Chapel - which we consider the 'heart' of our Seminary," said Rev. William B. Palardy, Rector. On October 17th, our newly-renovated chapel was rededicated during Mass as the 'Alumni' Chapel.

The alumni also enjoyed a keynote address on Religion and Politics by Rev. Bryan Hehir. This distinguished scholar has served on the faculty of Georgetown University and Harvard University Divinity School. He currently is a faculty member at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, where he teaches courses in the practice of religion and public life.



During the Mass, Bishop Uglietto blessed the Chapel and the new statue of the Blessed Mother.

The Seminary administration also solicited feedback from the attendees. "There is no better way to evaluate our program than to hear from those who were in formation at Blessed John XXIII and are now priests," said Rev. Thomas F. Schmitt, Dean of Seminarians. Faculty members interviewed alumni regarding various aspects of the formation program. "It was gratifying to have each one say he was well-prepared for ordination when he left the Seminary," said Fr. Schmitt. "We also received some excellent suggestions to potentially improve our program," he added.



Next year's Alumni Days event will take place on October 22-23, 2013. Please see our website for details - www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu/events.

Seminary Community Members Receive Cheverus Awards



Sr. Mary Jude Waters, O.P.

Three members of our Seminary community were among those presented with Cheverus Award medals in recognition of their long-term service to the Catholic Church. They are **Sister Mary Jude Waters, O.P.**, Executive Assistant to our Rector; **Mr. John A. McNeice, Jr.**, a long-time supporter and member of our Board of Trustees; and **Mrs. Ann Garvey**, a member of our Lawn Party committee. We congratulate them on receiving this honor.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, presented the medals on November 18, 2012, during a Vespers service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. These sterling silver medals bear the likeness of Bishop Jean-Louis Lefebvre de Cheverus - Boston's first bishop.

"We add all of you to the list of blessings that we thank God for," said Cardinal O'Malley in an article by Christopher S. Pineo, published in 'The Pilot' - the official newspaper of the archdiocese.

Including Blessed John XXIII in Your Charitable Giving

Pathway to the Future, our capital campaign, began with contributions and pledges for the renovation of our Seminary Chapel. Some of our donors have also expressed growing interest in yet another philanthropic option – bequests.

Donors say that the motivation behind a will or bequest with a charitable component includes the need to 'give back' and to 'make a difference.' Many who have left bequests also cite their responsibility to support an organization that has played an important role in their lives.

Research shows that fewer than 10% of Americans include a charity in their wills. Nevertheless, these bequests generate almost \$25 billion annually, and are often the single most important source of funding for many charities. This same research suggests that the low participation rate is because donors are unaware of this bequest option – or haven't been asked.

Consider yourself asked!

As we approach our 50th anniversary next year, we hope you'll consider remembering Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in your will. A contribution to our priestly formation program offers an unique opportunity to extend your bequest beyond your lifetime.

For more information, please contact Dick Murphy at 781-894-4910 or dmurphy@blessedjohnxxiii.edu.



**Rev. John Gloss, '03
Diocese of Metuchen
Alumni Donor**

***"Without Blessed John,
I would not be a priest
today. My bequest is
my legacy . . . a way
to help other men
answer God's call
to priesthood."***

Seminary Community Participates in March for Life Events



Rev. William B. Palardy, Rector, (center) and faculty member Rev. Thomas F. Schmitt, (left), during the procession for the Vigil Mass for Life

Photo courtesy of Gregory L. Tracy, 'The Pilot' newspaper

More than 40 Blessed John XXIII seminarians, faculty members and alumni traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in March for Life events. These included the Vigil Mass for Life, Youth Mass, Rally on the Mall and March for Life.

The Opening Mass for the National Prayer Vigil for Life was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the evening before the March - Thursday, January 25, 2013. With nearly 1,000 priests and seminarians participating, the procession for this Vigil lasted almost an hour.

Afterwards, several seminarians remained for the National Rosary for Life at 10pm, followed by Night Prayer and an all-night vigil. During the vigil, the Benediction and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help were led by Blessed John XXIII seminarians - among them members of the deacon class - Deacon Ivan Olmo, '13, (Diocese of Orlando); Deacon Patrick Cunningham, '13, (Diocese of Bismark); and Deacon Ronald Cattany, '13, (Archdiocese of Denver).

The next morning, on Friday, January 26th, many of our seminarians attended the Youth Mass at the Verizon Center before meeting up with several more Seminary alumni from the Washington area. The entire group then attended the Rally on the Mall and March for Life, which culminated in front of the United States Supreme Court.



Over 40 seminarians, faculty members and alumni participated in activities during the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

"This was my first time attending the March for Life," said Anthony Bittar, a First Theology seminarian from the Archdiocese of Denver. "It was a great opportunity for people of different backgrounds to come together for one cause - the sacredness of life."

The Seminary participants wish to express their gratitude to the Massachusetts State Council of the Knights of Columbus who made this trip possible through their sponsorship. Thank you!

Note: Seminarians Anthony Bittar, '16, (Archdiocese of Denver), Lawrence Love, '14, (Diocese of Tyler), and Christopher Lowe, '15, (Archdiocese of Boston) contributed to this article.

Ministry of Reader Conferred on Thirteen Candidates

On October 31, 2012, His Excellency Gregory John Hartmayer, O.F.M. Conv., Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, celebrated Mass and conferred the Ministry of Reader at Blessed John XXIII. During this Mass, 13 seminarians from 12 dioceses were installed into this ministry.

“This marks an important milestone in the progression of our seminarians as they prepare for priestly ordination,” said Rev. William B. Palardy, Rector of Blessed John XXIII. “We were pleased that Bishop Hartmayer was able to officiate.”

Seminarians receive conferral of ministries during each year of their formation: Acolyte in first theology, Reader in second and Candidacy in third theology - in preparation for their ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood, which typically takes place in their home dioceses or religious communities.

“This was a grace-filled moment on my journey to ordination,” said Gregory Bierbaum, a seminarian in second theology from the Diocese of Colorado Springs.



From left to right - **Gregory W. Bierbaum**, Diocese of Colorado Springs; **James J. Cardosi**, Diocese of Saint Augustine; **Jonathon D. Frels**, Diocese of Tyler; **Vincent M. Penzo**, Archdiocese of Boston; **Paul W. Schultz**, Diocese of Madison; Deacon of the Eucharist, **Patrick Cunningham**, '13, Diocese of Bismarck; **Rev. William B. Palardy**, Rector; **Bishop Gregory John Hartmayer, O.F.M. Conv.**, of the Diocese of Savannah; Deacon of the Word, **Avery Hanna**, '13, Diocese of Savannah; **Christopher L. Lowe**, Archdiocese of Boston; **Mark A. Matthais**, Diocese of Brooklyn; **Ernest Russell Mower**, Diocese of Dallas; **Thomas Brian O'Shaughnessy**, Diocese of Savannah; **David V. Skoblow**, Diocese of Metuchen; **Michael G. Fowler**, Diocese of Rochester; **Kevin T. Mulligan**, Archdiocese of Philadelphia and **Charles G. Ruoff**, Diocese of Venice

Note: Seminarians Vincent Penzo, '15, (Archdiocese of Boston), and Jorge Rocha, '16, (Diocese of Providence), contributed to this article.

Schola Members Perform During Annual Telethon



Six members of the Seminary Schola performed during the CatholicTV Annual Telethon on February 1-2, 2013. CatholicTV is a national cable network with studios located west of Boston.

These Schola members traveled to the CatholicTV studios so their performances could be taped and professionally edited for the Telethon. During the taping, they performed three hymns.

“We appreciate the participation of the Blessed John XXIII Seminary community during our Telethon,” said Kevin Nelson, a Producer at CatholicTV. “The Schola performances were very well received by our viewers. We consider Blessed John XXIII to be a valuable partner in our mission to connect People of Faith and teach the Wisdom of God in the Catholic Tradition.”

Seminary Schola members (left to right): Lawrence Love, '14; Gregory Bierbaum, '15; Dr. John Clabeaux, faculty member; Bro. Emmanuel Morinelli, OCSO, '14, Russell Mower, '15 and Scott Van Derveer, '13

To view these performances, please visit the home page of our website www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu and click on the links provided.

Seminary Diaconate Ordination Featured on “Real to Reel” Show

Fourth theologian John F. Hurley, of the Diocese of Springfield, was ordained to the transitional diaconate on January 14, 2013, in our Alumni Chapel. His Excellency, Timothy A. McDonnell, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, presided at this ordination ceremony.

Deacon Hurley's ordination was filmed in our chapel by the Springfield CatholicTV affiliate station, WWLP - which featured the story on their 'Real to Reel' television program. Show host, Sharon Roulier, attended the ordination at Blessed John XXIII and interviewed Deacon Hurley directly after Mass.

Deacon Hurley - who was born with cerebral palsy - wishes to devote his life to taking care of others. He is currently assigned to the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults (Jericho) in Holyoke, Massachusetts.



Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell, newly-ordained Deacon John Hurley, and Fr. William B. Palardy, Rector

Deacon Hurley serves at this ministry for the disabled on weekends while he completes the priestly formation program at Blessed John XXIII.

Twelve Candidates Installed in the Ministry of Acolyte



Left to right: Deacon of the Eucharist, **Joseph Maalouf**, '17, Archdiocese of Miami; **Joseph M. Catalano**, '16, Diocese of Albany; **Thomas P. Griffin**, '16, Diocese of Norwich; **Bro. Michael B. Young, CO**, '16, Oratory of Saint Philip Neri; **Anthony F. Bittar**, '16, Archdiocese of Denver; **David V. Skoblow**, '15, Diocese of Metuchen; **Christopher M. Braley**, '16, Diocese of Portland; **Rev. William B. Palardy, Rector**; **Bro. Nevan Peša, BSO**, '16, Basilian Salvatorian Order; **Bishop Richard J. Malone, Th.D.**; **Joseph D. Rice**, '16, Diocese of Worcester; **Kevin A. Yarnell**, '16, Diocese of Saint Petersburg; **Anthony T. Cipolle**, '16, Diocese of Portland; **Jorge V. Rocha**, '16, Diocese of Providence; **Patrick J. Rice**, '16, Diocese of Albany; **Steven G. Cartwright**, '15, Diocese of Portland; and the Deacon of the Word, **Ronald Cattany**, '13, Archdiocese of Denver

On December 7, 2012, twelve seminarians in their first year of theological studies received the ministry of Acolyte. The Principal Celebrant was His Excellency, The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Th.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Portland.

The Chapel was filled to capacity with family members and well-wishers who shared this important milestone in the priestly formation of these seminarians. After Mass, Bishop Malone joined the new Acolytes for a festive meal with the guests, seminarians, faculty and staff.

The duties of this important ministry are outlined in an Apostolic Letter from Pope Paul VI - "*Acolytes are responsible for aiding deacons and priests. It is their duty to attend to the service of the altar and to assist in liturgical celebrations, especially the celebration of Mass.*"

The acolyte should learn all matters concerning public divine worship and strive to grasp their inner spiritual meanings: in that way he will be able each day to offer himself entirely to God, be an example to all by his gravity and reverence in church, and have a sincere love for the Mystical Body of Christ, the people of God, especially for the weak and the sick."



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Save the Dates!

21st Annual Golf Tournament
"Fran and Stephen Rowen Memorial"

Monday, May 20, 2013

32nd Annual Lawn Party
Mia and Scott Gieselman, Chairs
Wednesday, September 25, 2013

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