



# SPARKS OF LIGHT

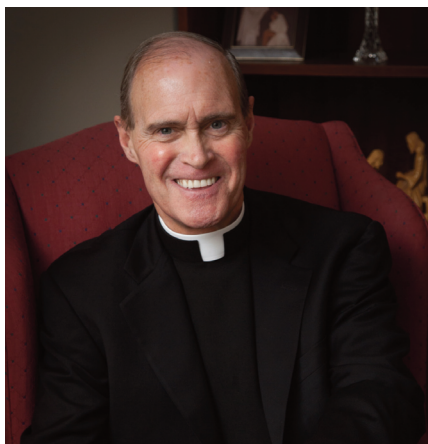
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

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## FROM THE RECTOR



My dear friends,

Every year, as the new men arrive, this seminary welcomes a diverse group of men who are united in their desire to enter formation for the Sacred Priesthood. Their arrival, coupled with their unbridled enthusiasm for their new life, quickly transforms this building to a house of prayer and a home in which Christ dwells. For me, and I know for the other priests and staff, this moment is such a welcome beginning and one that is full of promise for all of us.

The joy and promise that is so palpable and obvious on opening day needs to be constantly nourished. Our efforts are designed to assist our seminarians to deepen their love of God so that they can emerge from this Seminary as priests “on fire” with the Holy Spirit and conformed to the Lord Himself. It is so easy for any of us to get distracted from our goals by the rush of various events or the perceived importance of pressing deliverables. None of us are immune from these temptations and without the proper focus, the flame of faith in our hearts can quickly be extinguished. An over emphasis on action at the expense of contemplation can make us functionaries instead of disciples.

I am delighted to share with you that we have recently created an ADORATION CHAPEL in which all of us can be present with the Lord Jesus and truly focused on actively listening to His word. It is especially powerful for us to adore Jesus in the Eucharist because it is truly His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, that is present among us. This sacred place helps us to spend time with the Lord, who waits for us in this sacrament of Love. By worshipping the Lord in the Eucharist, we become what God wants us to be. He draws us to Himself and gently transforms us to become more like Him. This is the ultimate mission and goal of our Seminary and must be the Heart of our family. We can only provide for our men with the resources that are available to us and the most precious Resource of all is Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist.

With my love and prayers for your continued happiness and my thanks for all that you do for us and asking for a remembrance in your prayers, I remain,

Faternally,

Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely  
Rector

*On the cover: (L to R): Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely, Rector; Deacon Gustavo Correa '23, Diocese of Worcester; Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane of the Diocese of Venice, Florida; Deacon Edgar Serrano '23, Diocese of Orlando; Rev. Paul E. Miceli, Vice Rector*

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# Getting to Know...

Rev. Joseph Zwosta, Director of Intellectual Formation and Academic Dean



In May 2022, Rector Rev. Brian Kiely appointed Rev. Joseph Zwosta, from the Diocese of Brooklyn, to the role of Director of Intellectual Formation & Academic Dean. Sparks of Light would like to introduce you to this wonderful priest.

## Tell us a little about your background

I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York with loving parents, three wonderful siblings, and a large extended family. I discerned a call to the priesthood while studying at Georgetown University and entered the seminary after graduation. After a year studying philosophy, my bishop asked me to continue my theological studies in Rome. I was ordained a priest in 2012 and subsequently earned a licentiate and doctorate in sacred theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (the Angelicum). In between my studies, I spent several fulfilling years working in parishes in my home diocese.

## How will you serve the PSJS community in your new role as Director of Intellectual Formation and Academic Dean?

This is my third year serving as a professor and formator of seminarians here as PSJS. I have enjoyed both roles immensely. Now I have the opportunity also to serve as Director of Intellectual Formation and Academic Dean. In this new job, I work closely with professors, seminarians, and staff to ensure that we provide solid philosophical and theological education to our future priests. Thankfully, our program was functioning very well when I took over, so my job is mainly to keep it going in the right direction! The overarching goal of intellectual formation at PSJS is that our seminarians learn more about the Lord, so that they can love Him more deeply and serve Him and His Church more effectively. We are all striving to be, in the words of Benedict XVI's episcopal motto, "co-workers with the truth."

## Which dimensions of PSJS have been beneficial to your priestly identity?

First, the example of my brother priests on the faculty has been

inspirational. They are great examples of faithful service to the

Church and of priestly fraternity. Second, the dedication of the seminarians to follow God's call strengthens my own resolve to live out the gift and mystery of the priesthood. Third, the intellectual and spiritual life of the community challenge me to grow in my own knowledge and love of Christ each day.

## What insight would you offer to a man discerning a call to the priesthood? How may the faithful encourage priestly vocations?

My advice is to be bold and to answer the call. It will require many sacrifices on your part, but your life will be filled with joy and satisfaction as well. Our seminarians at PSJS come from a wide variety of ages, careers, and life experiences. However, they are all committed to the same goal of preparing to become the faithful priests that the Church needs and deserves. The lay faithful, aside from their prayers and financial generosity, can help to identify and to encourage men (whether younger or older) in their parishes and Catholic organizations that may have a vocation to the priesthood. Sometimes an invitation or word of encouragement is all that a man needs to begin to discern a vocation and to say yes to the call.

Visit the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary website to learn more about the Intellectual Formation program and ways we are improving the experience of seminarians. [www.psjs.edu](http://www.psjs.edu)







## EXPLORE BOSTON!

During orientation, the new men entering Pope St. John XXIII and members of the orientation team embarked on a trolley tour to Boston. It's a great way to get to know the neighborhood and introduce the new men to a city they can enjoy during their years in formation. Included on the tour was a stop to the historic Cathedral of the Holy Cross of the Archdiocese of Boston. Let's meet our new men!





# Welcome New Seminarians

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**FRITZ  
ANACREON**  
Archdiocese of  
Boston  
1st Theology



Fritz was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to a Catholic family of five children. Before entering the doors at Pope St. John XXIII, he was a missionary and has worked his way through theological studies toward acceptance for priestly formation here in Weston.

*"My parents are very attached to the principles of the Catholic Church, and they enrolled me in the Petit Seminary College Saint Martial (PSCSM) in Port-au-Prince. I took part in a vocational day in my parish with Bishop Lafontant presiding. In his homily, he spoke on vocations, sharing that God sends an invitation to each of us. I was attracted by this and felt within myself that the gospel was addressing me directly. I shared this with my mother, and she told me 'If you really want to become a priest, if you really feel that God chose you, you have to be sincere with God and with yourself. And above all, you have to dive into prayer...' I wondered, how am I going to do it? Leave everything to follow Christ? After meeting with the priest, and especially my spiritual director, I came to understand that the most important thing in life is God."*



**GIRIS  
AZIZ**  
Archdiocese of  
Boston  
1st Theology



Giris worked in the pharmaceutical/medical devices industry for 33 years, most recently with Pfizer, Inc. He has managed reps and distributors around the globe and worked in sales and training. At the same time, Giris also started a small photography business, travelling around the world for World Youth Days with Pope Benedict and Pope Francis for Zenit, A Vatican News Agency. His involvement with the Church runs deep; he's been active in many ministries. He has a family of four children, and four in Heaven.

*"I worked within the Church as a musician playing in weddings at Mass for many years. I was involved with the Pro-life groups, Catechism, Life of the World, Cursillo groups, Knight of Columbus, EWTN and The Legionaries of Christ. As I developed a deep sense of my calling to do more for the Church, this calling became louder after going through my annulment process. After all these years, I always felt, since high school, that I wanted to do more for the Lord.... I am happy to discern my vocation at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. Great to be here...I just want to do 'God's will'!"*



**STEPHEN L.  
BARUFFI**  
Archdiocese of Boston  
1st Theology



Prior to retirement and entering PSJS, Stephen worked as an international legal consultant with a focus on the Asia Pacific and Western European regions.

*"After raising a family, I accompanied my late wife on her journey as she transitioned to eternal life. Realizing that God's invitation to give more and love more extends to all, I believe that I was prodded by my blessed wife, prompted by the Holy Spirit, and emboldened by Our Blessed Mother to apply for priestly formation. I am blessed to have been accepted to attend PSJS. Starting with Fr. Brian Kiely, to a person, the administration, faculty, and staff are dedicated and extremely proficient in their roles of forming men into holy, dedicated priests. May the blessings continue -Viva Cristo Rey!"*



# Welcome New Seminarians



**GERALD  
FOLEY**  
Diocese of  
Brooklyn  
1st Theology



Prior to entering Pope St. John XXIII, Gerry enjoyed a 24-year career at the New York City Mayor's Office managing alternative to incarceration programs, preceded by nine years at the Correction Department as a counselor, manager, and director of work release programs.

*"In 1983, I was at Notre Dame and began formation with the Holy Cross Fathers, after which I left to test whether I was instead called to secular life. God's call to priesthood endured. I learned of this Seminary through my pastor. Several visits assured me that here I would be part of a supportive, vibrant community. It has been said that God draws straight with crooked lines. The Lord has graced what might seem a circuitous life's journey in fulfilling His will. I joyfully embrace His call to serve Him as a priest."*



**KEVIN  
GULIG**  
Diocese of  
St. Augustine  
1st Theology



Before beginning formation at Pope St. John XXIII, Kevin worked for eight years as a pediatric speech-language pathologist for the public school system in Jacksonville, FL, with children in elementary and middle school who had various speech, language, and reading disabilities.

*"I heard God's call in a variety of ways. Many people told me that I would make a great priest and encouraged me to apply. I also love serving people and serving the Church. I often found myself imagining myself as a priest, especially in confession!"*

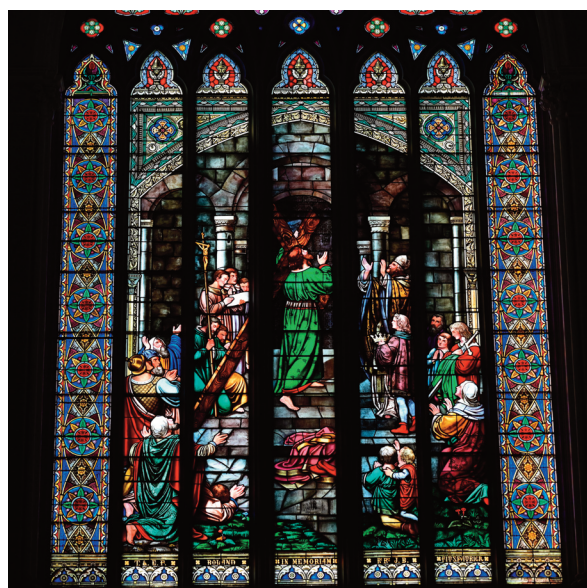


**CARLOS  
GALESO**  
Diocese of  
Venice  
Pre-Theology



Carlos was born in Valledupar, Colombia. In 2018, he moved to the United States. From the age of 17 he felt the call to the priesthood, and, after university studies, he began his vocational process in the Diocese of Tumaco, Colombia. Carlos has been part of Catholic missions run by the Franciscan Sisters in Colombia. He has been linked to the defense of human rights and the construction of peace in Colombia, participating in the peace process that the Government of Colombia signed with the former Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia FARC in 2016.

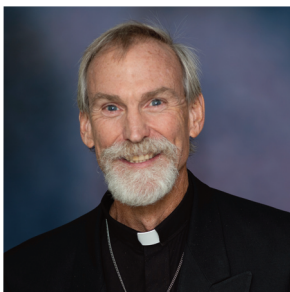
*"I entered the Seminary at Saint John Vianney College in Miami, Florida, in 2022. I have always loved working with vulnerable populations. My greatest desire is to be a priest to strengthen the Catholic faith in communities and to be part of a Church that listens to and includes all people. Bishop Frank Dewane has sent me to Pope St. John XXIII to continue my priestly formation."*



Stained glass window at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross



# Welcome New Seminarians



**DEACON  
ROBERT  
(BOB)  
HENNEKES**  
Archdiocese of St. Louis  
2nd Theology



Prior to entering seminary, Bob had a 33-year career as a chemical engineer in the oil and gas industry, followed by 8 years of teaching science and engineering at St. Dominic High School in O'Fallon, Missouri. He became a permanent deacon in the St. Louis Archdiocese while teaching at St. Dominic.

*"I heard God's call while in reconciliation. God is wonderful and he let me know that he wanted me to do more and serve him as a priest. With my level of age and experience, Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary is the perfect spot for me. The seminarians here are mature, loving and ready to serve God. All of us have experience working in the secular world and now share the joy to work in the spiritual world. The campus is a perfect fit of grace and beauty that makes it easy to feel the peace and serenity needed to learn to love God in all things and get the education we need."*



The trolley arrives in Boston!



**PAUL  
LANDI**  
Diocese of  
Beaumont  
1st Theology



Paul began his career as a firefighter/paramedic at 20 years old. He has a 24-year-old son, and two stepdaughters, 30 and 24. He retired from The Bellaire Fire Department as a Captain in June 2022, after 31 years of service.

*"In 2018, I joined the RCIA and Youth Confirmation ministries with my parish and from there I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to something greater. With the help of my spiritual advisor, I felt I was being called to priestly formation and began discerning this call. I was accepted into priestly formation in March 2022. Bishop David L. Toups is very fond of both the staff and program here at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, and after only a few weeks, I feel the same. I am truly blessed to be here!"*



**THOMAS  
MCKINLEY**  
Diocese of  
Paterson  
1st Theology



Tom grew up in Hawthorne, NJ, and attended Villanova University (BA), the University of London (MA), and Montclair State University (MAT). He has been a professor of English at colleges in China, Thailand, and New Jersey, and also spent several years working in publishing in the Philippines, where he discovered a passion for charity work and served as president of a Rotary Club.

*"God's call came to me in the midst of helping the poor. I saw how hard life is for so many people, and how the messages of Christ can bring peace and joy to those who give and to those who receive. When I visited PSJS upon the recommendation of my diocese, I saw that it was a place in which Christ's messages are an integral part of daily life."*



# Welcome New Seminarians

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**MARC MORANO**  
Diocese of Paterson  
Pre-Theology



Marc has always worked in the factory industry, most recently in a pharmaceutical vitamin factory in the shipping and receiving department in New Jersey. Marc has five course certificates in Theology from Catholic Distance University online. He explored the monastic life before deciding upon diocesan priesthood as a way to serve the Church. Marc has one daughter.

*"I have felt the call of God upon my heart since I was a child but did not have good direction and no practicing Catholics in my family to help direct me. I attended university and joined the workforce, but I knew there had to be more to life. And the call of God became much stronger. Discernment brought me to an Episcopalian monastery, two Trappist monasteries then finally to my diocese to apply for the priesthood. My vocation director, Fr. Ed Rama, is a graduate of PSJS and recommended I study here. In just my few weeks here, I've never met such supportive, wonderful men and faculty in all my life. Lord willing, I'm finally on the right path and aim to stay that way."*

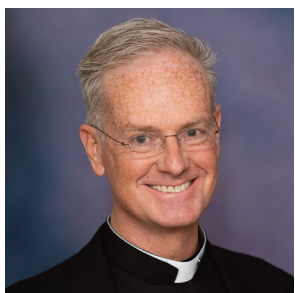


**THOMAS RASHID**  
Archdiocese of Boston  
1st Theology



Prior to entering formal discernment, Thomas worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Industrial Accident Board as an administrative court magistrate. For years, he also worked as a freelance and feature writer with the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. Thomas earned his master's degree from Northeastern University and has a certificate of course completion from Harvard Medical School's Longwood Seminars.

*"Truly, my vocation took a circuitous route. As the poet Tennyson wrote: 'I am a part of all that I have met, much is taken, much abides.' I have known several priests who by their quiet witness and unsung example, gave me a glimpse of what priesthood means, including the tangible effects it produces in the lives of those they serve. After flirting with the idea of a vocation, finally I made the call to the vocation office which, in time, brought me here. I would like to thank Cardinal O'Malley and the many wise priests who shepherded my vocation journey to PSJS. It is both humbling and refreshing to find that kind of affirmation."*



**ROBERT (BOB) ROONEY**  
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas  
1st Theology



Before Bob entered the doors at Pope St. John XXIII, he practiced civil law for thirty years, as a litigator and trial lawyer. He practiced out of Kansas City though the practice was national in scope. The last 15 years of his career was focused on the defense of cases in the areas of environmental law and toxic tort.

*"My first real sense of a call that made me consider the priesthood came when I was a sophomore in college in 1986. At that time, I was attending school in Rome and was blessed to have an opportunity to encounter and speak with Pope John Paul II. He had a profound impact on me. Through the years, I started seminary studies on two prior occasions, but didn't complete formation. When I reapplied to the Archdiocese of Kansas City in 2021, I was invited to apply to PSJS XXIII."*



# Welcome New Seminarians

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**DUNCAN  
CLARENCE  
TIEMEYER**  
Archdiocese of  
Oklahoma City  
Pre-Theology



Before he entered PSJS, Duncan was pursuing a career in the field of psychology. He was working on his master's in clinical psychology, with the hope of becoming a counselor.

*"I still have a desire to finish that (Masters in Clinical Psychology) to use as a priest, if the Lord permits it. I've come here to further discern God's calling with a dedicated group of men known for their strong formation program."*



New men on the steps at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross



**JOZEF  
UKAJ**  
Diocese of  
Bridgeport  
3rd Theology



Jozef has experience working in the grocery, restaurant, and luxury apartments industries. In 2015, he entered seminary for the Archdiocese of New York and continued his formation with them until recently switching to the Diocese of Bridgeport.

*"I am the youngest of 4 children and was born in Europe. I moved to the States when I was 12, settling in New York. I was baptized Catholic as an infant but did not really practice my faith growing up. In my early twenties I had a conversion experience which transformed my life. A few years after that I felt that I was being called to the priesthood, and after a period of struggle I accepted God's invitation, which brought me much joy. I am very excited to be, God-willing, serving God and his Church as a priest in the near future."*



**NICHOLAS  
WENCIS**  
Diocese of Manchester  
Pre-Theology



Born and raised in Atkinson, NH, Nicholas spent the first 10 years of his professional career living in Boston where he worked in the Finance and Technology industries. In 2021, through a combination of health and work-related events, he endured a year of trials and tribulations. It was during this difficult time that he encountered the Lord through a profound religious conversion and heard a call to the priesthood.

*"A pivotal point for me in my discernment process, was when right before a Zoom job interview, I heard a voice that didn't come from me say, 'You'd rather do this than work for me?'. There is no doubt in my mind that God was speaking to me. This event, combined with many others, further solidified my calling to be a priest. I was drawn to Pope Saint John XXIII due to the fact that it's built for late vocation priests such as myself. I am very excited to study with people who have had similar paths in the professional world, and ultimately who have experienced a conversion or specific calling to the priesthood."*



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Seminarians, formators and alumni keeping busy outside the classroom setting...



Seminarians Br. Charles Tupta '25 & Sinclair Cushmore '25 gifting St. Patrick's Manor flowers from the Annual Lawn Party for residents to enjoy



Fr. Vin Daly, Faculty member and Spiritual Director, praying with Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, the founder and mother servant of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, at Lourdes



Alumnus Msgr. Kevin O'Leary '94 (center) concelebrated Mass with Cardinal Adalberto Martínez Flores at San Giovanni a Porta Latina, the Church assigned by the Pope to the new Cardinal for his Church in Rome



Sightseeing at Woodman's Seafood Restaurant in Essex, MA



Gerry Foley '26 took this photo of Bob Hennenkes '25, Kevin Gulig '26 and Thomas Rashid '26 during a recent visit to view the autumn leaves in the White Mountains of NH

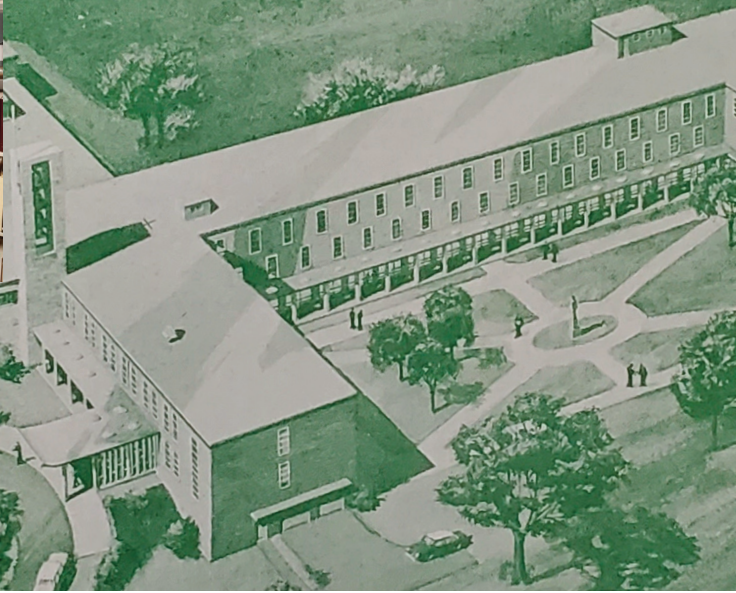
## They're playing basketball!

On Sunday, October 23rd, 2022, players from the St. John's Seminary basketball team visited PSJS so that both teams could prepare to compete in the DeSales Invitational Basketball Tournament, taking place in St. Francis, WI, in February 2023. Fraternal charity dominated throughout the competition, and the Relics of Pope St. John XXIII took the first game 11-2! The event proved to be an enjoyable afternoon for all involved, as many of the PSJS seminarians, faculty, and staff turned out to watch the competition. The results of the hard work that was put in by many members of the PSJS community both on and off the court were highly visible, and the Relics looked like they will be ready to give the competition a run for their money in Wisconsin next semester! - Paul McDonald '25





# POPE JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY



*"You have not  
chosen Me, but  
I have chosen you..."*

*The divine call may  
come at any age.*

**An Appeal for  
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## SEMINARIANS GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST AT ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By John Williams, Class of 2025, Diocese of Springfield

Seminarians toured the archives of the Archdiocese of Boston in October. In addition to viewing historic documents and artifacts, the seminarians learned the importance of maintaining sacramental and parish records for posterity's sake.

The seminarians were greeted upon their arrival by Bishop Peter Uglietto, Vicar General for the Archdiocese, and rector of Pope St. John XXIII from 2005 to 2010. Thomas Lester, Director of the Archives, and Violet Hurst, Archivist, gave a tour of the shelves, research library, and display cases.

"I was surprised to see a document signed by King Louis XVI of France granting a retainer and teaching faculties to a French priest" said Thomas Rashid class of 2026, from the Archdiocese of Boston. Other highlights on display included the papal document establishing Boston as a separate diocese from Baltimore

in 1808, a ledger recording the personal contribution of President John Adams for the construction of the first Catholic church in New England, and vestments worn by Pope St. John Paul II on his first pastoral visit to Boston in 1979.

Gerald Foley, '26 in formation for Diocese of Brooklyn, offered this assessment: "The tour reminded me of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s observation that we are not the makers of history; rather, we are made by it. The noble and necessary work of safeguarding universal and local Church history is passed to us all."



(L) 1895 Chalice and  
Pope St. John Paul II  
zucchetto

(R) Montstrance  
(France 1898)



## UPDATE FROM THE KAPARU MISSIONS

by Fr. Michael Bova '18, SMA (Society of African Missions)

*The following is an excerpt from a letter to the Seminary from alumnus Fr. Michael Bova. This specific excerpt highlights the wonderful way in which PSJS alumni support one another and call on their previous life experiences to enrich their work as priests for God. To read the full letter, visit [www.psjs.edu](http://www.psjs.edu)*

As an ordained Catholic priest, you never know where your spiritual journey will take you. It was a long circuitous route to end up in Kaparu Missions in Zambia when I think back 10 years ago when I was in the pharmaceutical industry leading a drug discovery group. Kaparu Missions is situated on over 100 acres of property in a rural area. It is a bit of a dust bowl even in the rainy season...



On my first day of arrival after surveying the property, I said to myself, we need a primary school here. Three weeks later we broke ground and were laying a foundation. It is the nicest school in our district....

As a missionary priest, one of my many hats is to visit sick people in the outstations, evaluate them, and pray with and for them after Mass.

Often times I see some Ophthalmology cases. In Zambia, Ophthalmology is a subspecialty that is not practiced too much. My recourse is to take a picture of their eye using my I-phone and to send to an Ophthalmologist in the USA. I had two patients that I had seen recently. I parked at an internet hotspot on the

side of a gravel road deep in the Bush and remembered that Larry Love, a PSJS seminarian brother (Class of 2014), was a retired Ophthalmologist. I hadn't kept in touch with him but remembered he was from Texas and had heard that he was quickly placed in a role as pastor.

I called and it was early morning in Texas and the Parish Administrative Assistant answered. Initially she was hesitant to get Fr. Love; but after I said it was Fr. Michael Bova from PSJS Seminary she immediately got him, and I caught up and chatted with Larry for a few minutes about the cases. I sent him the pictures and he emailed me the diagnoses and we had a follow-up conversation the next day.

One patient needed a corneal transplant which was probably not going to happen in Zambia and with the second patient Larry indicated that it was not serious and we discussed some medications that could help her. The second patient responded well to medication and is doing well. With late vocation priest-hoods, you never know when your background will help you in your ministry. I hope to catch up with Larry under more relaxed circumstances another time, but will certainly do so when my next round of Ophthalmology cases arises...

*Fr. Michael Bova is a member of the Society of African Missions (SMA) and is currently on assignment in Africa.*





Cardinal Seán O'Malley pictured at the Annual Lawn Party, Sept. 28, 2022

## *Call to Action...*

*"For the younger demographic, it's easier; you have the university setting, and the youth clubs, and schools, and different things like that. But for the men to come to Pope John, we really rely on pastors to be able to say, 'There's someone in my parish who could possibly be a candidate for this seminary.'"*

*Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston and Chairman of the Board at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary has issued a challenge to all the parish priests, asking that over the next six months, they each look for one person to recommend to their Vocation Office for formation at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary.*

*"That would be a great service to the Church," Cardinal O'Malley said.*

A photograph of a group of men in white robes, likely seminarians, walking in a church. They are holding candles and looking down. The background shows other people in white robes and a church interior with pews and a altar.

*"The response to the Divine Call  
may come at any age."*

*— Pope St. John XXIII*



## IN MEMORIAM

Reverend William Mark Brantley '17  
Diocese of Dodge City, KS

Reverend Tom Corcoran '97  
Archdiocese of Boston, MA

Reverend Kurt Fohn '01  
Diocese of Charlotte, NC

Reverend Richard Jakubauskas '99  
Diocese of Worcester, MA

Reverend Raymond Kiley '96  
Archdiocese of Boston, MA

Reverend Daniel Magni '78  
Archdiocese of Boston, MA

Reverend Tom Powers '94  
Archdiocese of Boston, MA

Deacon John Scott '15  
Diocese of Antigonish, N.S.

Reverend Casimir Stanis '01  
Diocese of Scranton, PA

Reverend Martin Carter '75  
Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*





### **DR. JOHN F. MILLARD**

**Margarete and John McNeice, Jr. Chair of Pre-Theology**

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary was, and continues to be, saddened by the passing of beloved faculty member Dr. John F. Millard in May of 2022. Fr. Brian Kiely wrote to the faculty, staff, and seminarians a notification of his death, and also shared his remembrances of John:

*May 25, 2022*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*It is with a deep sadness that I share with you the news that DR. JOHN F. MILLARD died yesterday, May 24th, in Rhode Island.*

*Pope St. John Seminary has been so blessed by the many years of faithful and generous service that Dr. Millard rendered as a member of our Faculty and our Seminary family. Dr. Millard was a wonderful example of a devout Catholic whose love and understanding of our Faith permeated all that he said and did. We who were privileged to collaborate with him in the formation of men for the Priesthood, appreciated his wise counsel and keen insights as well as his delightful sense of humor. John's infectious laughter brightened many meetings and reverberated throughout the Seminary whenever he was in the building. His love of learning was so obvious in the manner in which he shared his vast knowledge with his students and enriched their intellectual formation with his insights and observations. Dr. Millard loved God and the Church and his enthusiasm for teaching about both was reflected in his desire to impart that same love to those privileged to learn from him.*

*However, the memory that I will remember most about John was the deep love, dedication, and devotion that he had for his wonderful wife Maria who now survives him. I would often encounter John in the back of the Chapel in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as he asked the Lord for the graces to help him take care of Maria as her health declined. John was such a faithful husband and friend to Maria and their marriage exemplified what the Lord intended when He said that "two shall become one." Please keep his precious Maria in your prayers as she endures this final testimony to her love for John by graciously letting him go home to the Lord even as she grieves his loss.*

*With my love and prayers for you and my thanks for the many ways in which you enriched John's life by your love and care for him, and asking for a remembrance in your prayers as well, I remain,*

*Fraternally Yours,*

*Fr. Brian Kiely*



## Dedication of a New Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Tom Fallati '25



Monday, October 31st, was a special day at the Seminary, with the dedication and blessing of a new Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Situated on the ground floor in what was previously designated as a prayer room, the new chapel includes a tabernacle in which the Blessed Sacrament will be continuously reserved. At any time of the day or night, any member of the Seminary community desiring quiet time can go to the Chapel for private Adoration and prayer.

The community selected the Feast of All Saints as a fitting time to dedicate the new chapel. For the vigil of the feast on Monday evening, the Seminary celebrated Solemn Vespers and a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament in the main chapel. Fr. Brian Kiely, Rector, then led a procession of the Eucharist from the main chapel to the new Perpetual Adoration Chapel, while the community followed singing the Eucharistic hymn "Pange

Lingua." Fr. Kiely then 'enthroned' the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and blessed the new chapel.

In the midst of our Seminary life, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen reminds us, "Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with Him in Adoration." The Perpetual Adoration Chapel offers the Seminary community such a place of encounter, a place to help "keep us in love with Christ."



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## Next Step Achieved - Ordained a Transitional Deacon

Ernesto Alonso '23 took one of his final steps toward priesthood for the Diocese of Brooklyn when he was ordained as transitional deacon by Bishop Robert Brennan on Nov. 4 in the chapel at St. Joseph Seminary in Dunwoodie, New York. Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Rector, Very Rev. Brian Kiely traveled to the Ordination along with alumni and seminarians.

Deacon Ernesto is a native of Cuba who immigrated to the United States in 2007. He settled in Astoria, New York, where he became active in St. Joseph's Parish as a catechist. In Cuba, he had attended seminary and decided to further pursue his dream here by enrolling in Pope John XXIII National Seminary.

Deacon Ernesto will complete his fourth year of seminary studies and assist in parishes as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood in the spring.



*Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely, Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn, and Deacon Ernesto Alonso '23*






## FOURTEEN MEN ADMITTED TO CANDIDACY

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022, Pope Saint John XXIII Seminary was blessed to have the Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane of the Diocese of Venice, Florida, preside over the Admission to Candidacy of fourteen of our current seminarians. Each of these seminarians has been approved by their respective Bishops and will continue in their studies to become Catholic priests. Each man publicly expressed his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and his resolve to fully invest himself to that end.



The fourteen men are: **Fritz Alexandre Anacreon**, Archdiocese of Boston; **Christopher Anthony Aubrey**, Diocese of Worcester; **Giris Yousset Azize**, Archdiocese of Boston; **Stephen Louis Baruffi**, Archdiocese of Boston; **Thomas Gerald Foley**, Diocese of Brooklyn; **Carlos Andres Galeso**, Diocese of Venice; **Kevin Scott Gulig**, Diocese of Saint Augustine; **Paul Licce Landi**, Diocese of Beaumont; **Thomas John McKinley**, Diocese of Paterson; **Marc Joseph Morano**, Diocese of Paterson; **Ahmad Thomas Rashid**, Archdiocese of Boston; **Robert Gerard Rooney**, Archdiocese of Kansas City; **Jozef Peter Ukaj**, Diocese of Bridgeport; **Nicholas Edward Wencis**, Diocese of Manchester.

Please pray for these men, and all who are answering God's call.

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In May 2022, The Fran and Stephen Rowan Memorial Golf Tournament and Silent Auction raised over \$115,00 for our Formation program.



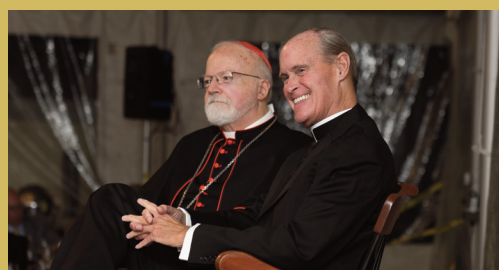
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On September 28, 2022, over 300 guests gathered in the Mary Courtyard to celebrate the formation of priests at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. His Eminence Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and Chairman of the Board, hosted the evening and Ms. Christine Roessel was the Lawn Party Chair for the second consecutive year. Cardinal O'Malley reminded all in attendance how important and impactful it is to have a Seminary for the mature learner, where the work done at Pope St. John XXIII echoes throughout the world.



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Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among  
women and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of  
God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of  
our death. Amen.



The Pope St. John XXIII Community recites the Rosary every Monday and Thursday.  
Join us virtually by following the Chapel Livestream link found on our website:  
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