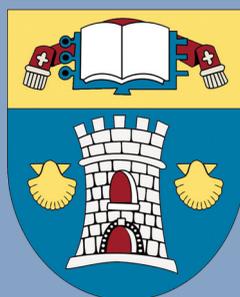


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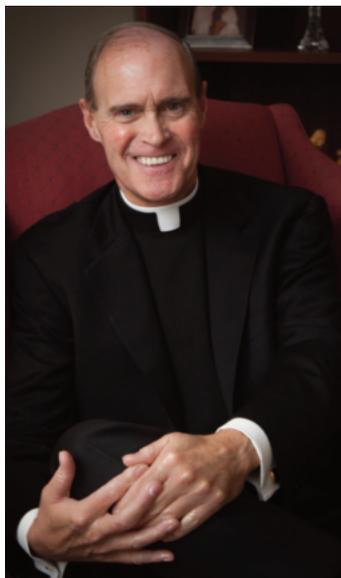
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FROM THE RECTOR



As we prepare to conclude another year at Pope St. John, we are excited about the upcoming Ordinations of our future priests. It seems like only yesterday that these men were arriving in Weston and now, four years later, they are about to embark upon the greatest journey of their lives. I am humbled by the privilege that has been ours to have accompanied them on their journey towards the Sacred Priesthood and am excited about the new life that awaits them as Priests of God. May Mary, the Queen of the Clergy, enfold these men in her maternal embrace and inspire them by her example of generous service to the Incarnate Word and her confidence in the providential care of God.

Things have been very exciting around the Seminary over the past few months, especially as we have welcomed so many important visitors. Among these was the new Archbishop of Boston, the Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, who made his first official visit in late January. The Archbishop was able to meet with the Formation Faculty, spend some time with the seminarians from Boston, celebrate the Liturgy with us, and then have lunch with the community. It was a pleasure to be able to introduce the Archbishop to his new Seminary family and the Seminary family to our new shepherd. Hopefully, as our Archbishop and Chairman of our Board of Trustees, he will feel at home and be a frequent visitor to our holy house.

On a more personal note, one of our most valued former employees died recently. Mrs. Janet Gieselman died in April after a long illness. Janet was a fixture at the Seminary for almost 20 years and she was the first person that many encountered upon entering the building. Janet greeted each person with a warm and inviting smile and made everyone feel welcome. As we celebrate the victory of Christ over death at Easter, may Janet rest safely in His loving arms and know the fullness of joy and peace forever.

I am grateful to all of you for your prayers, your unfailing generosity, and constant support. I know that we could not fulfill our unique mission of forming older men to serve as priests of Jesus Christ without you and I pray each day that God will reward you because I know that we never could.

With my love and prayers for your continued good health and happiness, I remain,

Faternally yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Brian R. Kiely

On the cover: Archbishop Richard G. Henning celebrates Mass at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

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Seven Men Become Acolytes

On February 19, 2025, Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely, Rector, and the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary community warmly welcomed The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA and current President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), to preside at the Ministry of Acolyte where seven men were officially instituted and received into this special ministry in the Church.

As an Acolyte, the man's primary role will be assisting the deacon and priest during Mass, with a focus on ensuring the altar is prepared. They may also serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass and bring Holy Eucharist to the sick. They will also participate in various tasks as needed, while aiding the priest and deacon during liturgical celebrations.

Join us as we congratulate and pray for the following men who achieved this milestone:

Alexander J. Baugh, Diocese of Venice in Florida; **Michael J. Cattelan**, Archdiocese of Hartford; **Terry P. Gastauer**, Diocese of Venice in Florida; **Russell J. Grafrath**, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City; **Peter J. Jiménez**, Archdiocese of Boston; **Paul V. Otieno**, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City; and **Michael P. Salice**, Archdiocese of Hartford.

The Mass is available for viewing on the PSJS XXIII YouTube channel.



PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS



Through the pastoral experiences here at Pope St. John XXIII, the seminarians will gain an understanding of the key dimensions of priestly ministry, and by extension the work of Jesus as teacher, priest, and leader. These experiences align the seminarians with the mission of Christ, who came to serve and not to be served.

One of the many diverse pastoral assignments in which seminarians participate as part of their formation program is Prison Ministry. Gerard J. Usher '28 from the Diocese of Orlando, John A. Ippolito '26 from the Archdiocese of New York, and Paul L. Landi '26 from the Diocese of Beaumont together experienced their pastoral assignment at Northeastern Correctional Center in Concord, Massachusetts. The Northeastern Correctional Center is a minimum security/pre-release state prison that opened in 1932. NCC sits on 300 acres of farmland and provides many inmates with work opportunities prior to being released from prison.

Finding Dignity, Purpose and Christ in Prison

Paul L. Landi, Seminarian for the Diocese of Beaumont, Third Theology

As a young man, I never gave much thought about those who were “in the pen,” and when they did cross my mind, I would think to myself, “they are getting what they deserve.” Then I would dismiss them from my mind, never giving it a second thought. I never thought about forgiveness, the corporal works of mercy, or Jesus’ words, “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me,” (Mt. 25:40).

It’s amazing how God changes a person. When I first began the prison ministry I was scared and wasn’t all too thrilled to be going, but that soon changed. I began to understand why Jesus preaches to us about not judging, because we truly do not know the “big picture,” the circumstances that led them to be in prison. I’m not making excuses for their crimes, and yes, justice is being served, but I now have a better understanding, and I have mercy for them.

Although we do not discuss the circumstances of their situation, I have come to know some of these men well and have learned some interesting things about their life. I have also found out that these men are literally at the bottom of the barrel, which for some of them, was the best thing that could have happened to them. Because of this,

there are many who are truly searching for Christ. Many have a deeper relationship with him than I do! I am learning more and more about what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God, and how we all share the same dignity, the same worth, regardless of our situation.

I began this ministry believing I was going to bring Christ to them. I soon found out they were the ones who brought Christ to me. Pray for those who are incarcerated, they too need our prayers. If you desire to know Christ on a deeper level, on a more intimate basis, join the prison ministry. You will find Him there.

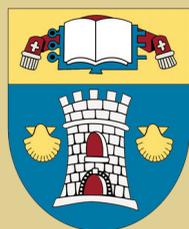


John Ippolito '26, Paul Landi '26, Chaplain Dcn. Tom Anthony (Field Ed Supervisor), and Jerry Usher '28



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DEACON PATRICK BRUEN

Archdiocese of Detroit

Ordination Date: June 7, 2025



One of the more impactful takeaways from my pastoral assignments that has prepared me for ministry would be the experience of being with the people of the parish and how welcoming they are and how much love they have for the faith. Looking back at my overall experience at PSJS XXIII, I can say that the regimen of the schedule was very helpful to me. Additionally, the men in formation with me were a huge blessing, and the faculty is helpful and is invested in your success. So many good things!

As I prepare for ordination, I am looking forward to the parish work and being of service to people through the sacraments and the Word. This is why we're here.



DEACON W. PATRICK LONG

Diocese of Venice

Ordination Date: July 12, 2025



The Pastoral Formation area of study in its entirety was sound. The opportunity to serve in different capacities within my pastoral assignments has brought practical experience that I believe will be helpful in future ministry. Overall, I believe the intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human formation at PSJS XXIII has helped prepare me for future ministry in the diocese.

Once ordained, as a beloved son of the Father and called to be His priest, I hope to promote the encounter between man and God through the celebration of the sacraments, preaching, teaching and imitation of Christ.



DEACON JOHN WILLIAMS

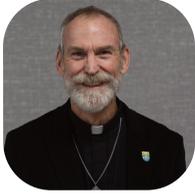
Diocese of Springfield

Ordination Date: June 21, 2025



My pastoral assignment at The Elizabeth Seton Residence made me acutely aware of the need for more pastoral care and sensitivity to the seniors in our communities. They are still part of our parish, even if they cannot join us for regular worship. They are also very holy men and women who have a lot of faith and wisdom to share. A great experience at PSJS XXIII was when our class did an escape room once for a class trip. We had to crack a code for an enigma machine on a submarine. It was completely ridiculous but incredibly fun at the same time. We saw a side of each other outside the normal seminary context and bonded well through the challenges.

As I approach ordination, I look forward to serving the holy people of God, especially by bringing them the Word and the Sacraments. As the youngest of 15 kids, I have the greatest respect for the myriad of challenges that families face today. I want them to know the Church stands in solidarity with them.



DEACON ROBERT HENNEKES

Archdiocese of St. Louis

Ordination Date: May 24, 2025



In my pastoral assignments, it has been impactful learning that being a priest is to be persona Christi in all that we do. Parishioners are at all kinds of different places in their life with Christ. Some are devout and just want to learn and experience more, some like being around good people and they come to church, some simply want to fulfill their required duty, some are seeking God for the first time and want to learn all they can. It is therefore impossible to please all and make all happy. So, the only right choice is to love God, trust God and follow God in all that we do, and God will allow us the chance to be what others need. The best part of the PSJS XXIII experience for me is just being with my brothers and joyously moving to whatever God desires. I have never been in a place like this where everyone is pointed in the same direction. Here, we all have God and our NorthStar and we follow him and his love for us through his Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

As a priest, I am looking forward to celebrating the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. I wish to help people, and doing this through our beautiful and fulfilling sacraments is an experience I look forward to and will treasure for all my life. As this happens, I will get to see God’s love and grace working in the lives of those receiving these beautiful gifts.



CLIFTON MASTRAN

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Ordination Date: TBA



It was the unplanned, unscripted moments that were impactful for me, where you are able to be an instrument of the Lord to the people of God “out in the field.” For example, saying or doing the right thing at the right time for exactly what that person or the situation called for, be it in providing spiritual counseling, prayers, a loving presence, etc., in which it is clear that what unfolded was under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is so wonderful and exciting to be allowed to participate as an agent of God’s grace! Additionally, I am so grateful for the private Adoration Chapel and the ability to do all of my Holy Hours in Adoration of the Lord! I am also grateful for the relationships with the wonderful people (faculty, staff, and seminarians) that have been a part of my time here, and I look forward to maintaining those relations down the road, even if that will mostly be done remotely!

I cannot wait to be allowed to participate as a minister of God’s grace through the Sacrament of Holy Orders as his priest within his priesthood. I look forward to bringing the Sacraments to the people in an intimate encounter with Christ and helping everyone I meet to grow closer in understanding and love for our Lord and each other, united in Christ! I will strive to be a good shepherd and one who brings the love and mercy of our Lord out to our wounded world!



DEACON JORGE REYES

Archdiocese of Miami

Ordination date: May 10, 2025



The pastoral assignments were very helpful in preparing me for my ministry by showing me the different aspects of parish life. From preparing homilies and setting up for Mass, to dealing with the parishioners and their ministries. I had great experiences with several types of worship, such as a healing Mass, and retreats that were held in the parish. The best overall experience would have to be living among these men who are pursuing a call to the priesthood. Many of us are from different walks of life and come from different parts of the country, yet we are all pursuing the same call. The classes are inspiring and informative without being too overwhelming, and the professors are great; the majority are clergy, and the lay professors are really involved in the faith and show it in what they teach and how they teach it.

What I am seeking most in my ministry is getting out there, serving God's people, and bringing them into an encounter with the Living God. I am looking forward to living in a Parish and growing with that new spiritual family. I am also looking forward to returning to this Seminary as an alumnus and a priest to participate in the famous Lawn Party.



DEACON GERARDO TLATELPA

Diocese of Brooklyn

Ordination Date: June 28, 2025



There have been many impactful experiences from my Pastoral Assignments that have prepared me for my ministry. For instance, visiting the sick at St. Joseph's Manor, experiencing the face of Jesus in each one of the patients. Listening to their stories has touched my heart and it has inspired me to live a more simple and humble life. Moreover, by caring for them as individuals, I have realized that I am called to see Jesus in each of them. Finally, serving as Deacon at Most Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston has helped me to be a spiritual father for many people who have approached me for spiritual counseling. Giving homilies and visiting many of the parish groups has also been a very beneficial experience for my ministry. My best overall experience at PSJS XXIII has been the academic formation. Most of the assignments directly relate to what we are going to be doing as future priests. I also loved the spiritual formation that was emphasized in our daily lives. Consequently, I spent almost one hour every day in prayer. This has been very helpful as a seminarian, and I am sure that as a future priest I will continue praying so I can always be close to Jesus. Laying this foundation, I will have a fruitful ministry. Finally, I would say that the students and faculty are exemplary. Here in the seminary, we are all family.

In ministry, I am most looking forward to serving God's people by being the priest that lives by example. I have been in formation for nearly ten years, and I am sure that by the Grace of God I will be sharing His gifts that this seminary has given me throughout all these years of formation.



DEACON CHARLES TUPTA

Congregation of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri

Ordination Date: June 6, 2025



This last year I have been assigned as deacon to Holy Name Parish in West Roxbury, a neighborhood of Boston. One of my responsibilities is to preach at the Family Mass. I invite all of the children to sit with me on the stairs of the altar during the homily. Preaching to children and adults at the same time has reminded and taught me just how simple and at the same time how powerful is the Word of God. At Pope St. John XXIII, what makes it so unique is the age range (decidedly older) and diversity of the staff and seminarians. These are seasoned individuals with diverse lifestyles, careers and spiritual journeys. It makes for a wealth of wisdom, knowledge and experience; everything from a cloistered monk to a corporate attorney. The answer to life's questions and issues are not always easy. My best times, in the chapel, classroom, dining room or over a drink, have been with loving and dedicated individuals who have found Jesus Christ in everyone and every detail of our lives. Most importantly, in His mystical body, the Church.

I am looking forward to going home to my community. I have been away from my Oratorian brothers and the people we serve for four years. The Rock Hill Oratory is primarily a community and house of ministerial priests with now only one special brother who tries to keep the priests honest and humble. It is in humble service that we grow in the love of Jesus Christ. The Church in the Carolinas is blest with significant growth. In spite of my age, I will be a "baby priest" with a lot of growing to do.



DEACON BRIAN DELANEY

Archdiocese of Boston

Ordination Date: May 17, 2025



There were so many wonderful pastoral experiences, however, three immediately come to mind. My visits to Regina Cleri, the Boston Priest Senior Community, and being enriched with their personal stories of Parish life and the history of the archdiocese; Prison Ministry, I never thought I would find the face of God within prison walls, quite a profound and enjoyable experience; and my experience in the Parish as a Deacon, working towards Spiritual Fatherhood, knowing and growing with God's people, an absolute blessing. As I was nearing the end of my first year in seminary, I realized I was home, a confirmation that this is what God had called me to. So, I sold my condo and gave away most of my possessions. I gained an even larger family of all brothers. Pope St. John is a wonderful atmosphere, filled with compassion, acceptance, understanding, fraternity and charity.

I am looking forward to being a good and holy shepherd for God's flock, to be the best example of Christ for His people; to share my love and experiences from my previous forty years as a biological father and leader, transforming to a Spiritual Father with the help of the lay faithful and the Holy Spirit.



DEACON JOHN KIM, OCSO

St. Joseph’s Abbey of The Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance
Trappists
Ordination Date: TBA



During my formation at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, I had the privilege of serving at St. Elizabeth Seton Residence and St. Patrick’s Manor as part of my pastoral assignments. After being ordained a deacon, I continued my ministry at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hopkinton. Each time I brought Holy Communion to individuals in hospitals and care facilities, I felt a profound warmth in my heart, as if God’s presence was tangible in the midst of their suffering and turmoil. These encounters deepened my understanding of Christ’s compassion and the sacredness of bringing His presence to those in need. Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary is dedicated to late vocations, meaning it serves as a home for men who feel called to the priesthood later in life. Because of this unique characteristic, I immediately felt welcomed and was able to find a sense of home, even while being away from my monastic stability. PSJS XXIII not only provides excellent academic formation but also offers strong fraternal and spiritual support for each seminarian. This nurturing and encouraging environment has been my best experience at the seminary.

As a Trappist monk living within the enclosure of the monastery, I do not anticipate having a specific external ministry. However, embracing my new vocation as a priest in service to my community, St. Joseph’s Abbey, fills me with great anticipation. I look forward to participating in the priesthood within my monastic life, particularly in the liturgical and sacramental aspects. Above all, bringing God’s presence to my brothers through the sacraments is now my deepest desire and greatest joy.



DEACON WILLIAM BURNS

Diocese of Orlando
Ordination Date: May 24, 2025



In each of my seminary pastoral assignments I have had the opportunity to work with and minister to beautiful, faith-filled people. They have often, in their own ways, taught me how to be a better Christian. I am always amazed at the love and generosity people are capable of sharing. My classmates and I, since our first year in seminary, have made a point to experience the history and culture of the greater Boston area and New England. These experiences became great opportunities for us to build fraternity and friendships that I trust will last us long past our time at PSJS. Building relationships with men in priestly formation of similar backgrounds is one of the unique and distinct advantages of being part of the PSJS community.

St. Paul calls us to “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15), which is the nature of pastoral ministry – to be present with people where they are in their lives and communicate to them the love of Christ. A priest also has the special privilege of being able to communicate to the faithful the grace of God through the Sacraments, and I am very much looking forward to celebrating the Sacraments with the people of God.

AROUND THE SEMINARY



→ A visit from Archbishop Patrick Michael O'Regan of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, Australia. Pictured with Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely, Rector.

A visit from Cardinal Arthur Roche. Cardinal Roche is a British cardinal of the Catholic Church who served as prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome. Pictured here with Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely and faculty member Msgr. William P. Fay.



Encouraging Vocations...



Msgr. William P. Fay and seminarians Alexander Baugh '28 and Christopher Aubrey '26 coordinated a table at the **Worcester Catholic Men's Conference** at the DCU Center for participants to learn more about Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary.



Msgr. Fay, Deacon Brian Delaney '25 and Max Muenke '27 coordinated a table at the **Boston Catholic Men's Conference** at the Boston Marriott in Quincy where participants learned about formation at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary.

We welcomed the CatholicTV film crew who were here to record a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, with Exposition and Benediction, with Bishop Robert Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston and President of the television network CatholicTV.





Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary enjoyed a spot on the television show *This Is The Day* on CatholicTV. Deacon Pat Bruen '25 and Deacon Brian Delaney '25 represented the Seminary. They sat down with Bishop Robert Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston and President of CatholicTV, to discuss their experiences. Included topics were their preparations for ordination to the priesthood this spring, what a delayed vocation is, their journeys to the priesthood, and advice to other men who might be considering the priesthood later in life.

Lenten Catholic Social Justice Series...



Seminarians and staff took a "Mission Trip" to the City of Lawrence to participate in outreach to the poor and homeless through direct Works of Mercy.



Rev. Vin Daily, head of spiritual direction at PSJS, speaking about "The Conversion and Spirituality of the Servant of God, Dorothy Day."



Msgr. Bryan Hehir, Secretary of Health and Social Services for the Archdiocese of Boston, giving a talk on "Gaudium et Spes at 60."



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary is the Recipient of the **2025 Lantern Award** from the Knights of Columbus Massachusetts State Council. Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely received the award on behalf of the Seminary. The award is presented at the Patriot's Day Dinner each year in April.





Michael Salice is in formation for the Archdiocese of Hartford in Connecticut. Prior to entering seminary, Mike spent over twenty years in the asset management industry. He holds a B.A. in Economics from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. from New York University's Stern School of Business. He began to more seriously discern a vocation to priesthood after the start of the COVID pandemic, as the quiet of a work-from-home environment presented opportunities for self-reflection and greater clarity of thought. He took time to talk with us about his first year in the Seminary.

1. How has your first year been going? How have you been adjusting to the living quarters and the rhythm of the days at the seminary?

Any meaningful change in life poses challenges, but the acclimation process has been much more manageable than I originally feared. Having lived on my own for many years, I was initially concerned that the transition from independent to communal living, the consolidation from a house to a single room, might prove overwhelming. To my surprise, the adjustment has been fairly seamless, undoubtedly aided by an underlying tone of mutual respect and conscientiousness in the house. And, rather than a burden, I have found it liberating to pare down what's in my room to only the necessities. Adjusting to the schedule, however, has proven more difficult. A confessed night owl, I've had only limited success in amending my bedtime to account for early morning prayer and Mass!

2. Has there been a particular moment that stands out to you that has had an impact on your first-year experience?

We hit the ground running upon arrival last August, with various panels, presentations, and information sessions commencing our very first evening in the house. Though eager to share our vocation stories and get to know the dozen or so strangers that converged on our campus from across the country, the impulse to unpack and settle into our new seminarian schedule took precedence. To shake things up, however, the faculty organized a trip to Worcester during our second week of orientation, where we

saw the Triple-A WooSox take on the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Something about the casual and relaxed ballpark atmosphere enabled us to get to know each other in a deeper and more expedited way than either the chapel or the classroom could offer. For me, that was a real turning point, the moment when strangers became friends, and the campus began to feel like home.

3. What are you looking forward to as your formation continues at Pope St. John XXIII?

The First Theology class was installed to the Ministry of Acolyte in February, opening opportunities for us to serve Mass during the Spring semester. I am looking forward to enhancing my knowledge of liturgical movement and proper decorum. I am also looking forward to taking on my next pastoral assignment, which I am told will involve hospital ministry. Having worked in the Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection thus far in my first year, this next experience of offering support to the sick and suffering should help further develop my pastoral skillset.

4. What would you tell a man that is discerning God's call for him but has not yet taken the next step?

Prayer, reflection, and a willingness to engage in honest conversation with a priest, vocation director, or seminary faculty member is the logical next step for anyone contemplating a vocation to the priesthood, and one I wish I had made sooner in my discernment process. I think many of us incorrectly assume we should reach perfect clarity before responding to God's call and remain unwilling to

leave a career we enjoy or a lifestyle we have become accustomed to unless we can be absolutely certain it is the right path for us. Unfortunately, that is not always a realistic expectation. With guidance from priests and vocation directors, I came to realize that the discernment process does not end the day you enter seminary – in fact, in many

ways, it merely begins at that point. So, stop by for First Friday Holy Hour, attend one of the 3-day Discernment Retreats, and continue having conversations with priests and seminarians. Much anxiety and uncertainty can be overcome by a willingness to ask questions.



Above (L to R): Mike Salice was instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte in February, Mike participating in the outreach project for those experiencing food insecurity in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and helping promote vocations at the Hartford Men's Conference in Connecticut.



Photo: Abbot Isaac Murphy, O.S.B., Brother Joseph Wencis N.O.S.B. and Msgr. William Fay, Professor of Philosophy and Theology at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary.

On Thursday, March 20th, Nicholas Wencis was received into the novitiate at Saint Anselm Abbey in Manchester, NH and clothed in the monastic habit. Abbot Isaac Murphy O.S.B. gave him his religious name, Brother Joseph. Brother Joseph's patron is Saint Joseph, earthly father of Jesus and patron of the Universal Church.

Brother Joseph is a native of Atkinson, New Hampshire and was a seminarian at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary for two years. Please pray for Brother Joseph as he begins this year of formation, and God willing, he will return to the Seminary in 2026.

In Memoriam



Janet Gieselman was called Home to the Lord on Sunday, April 6th. Janet had served our Seminary for over twenty years as the Receptionist and as the Assistant to the Director of Pastoral Formation. Janet was the first person one encountered when they came through the doors of Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. Each visitor was greeted with a warm and inviting smile that put them at ease and helped them to appreciate the unique character of the Seminary. The hospitality that Christ described in the Gospels was on full display through her many kindnesses and her gracious manner. May Janet rest safely now in the loving embrace of God and know the fullness of joy and peace forever. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Words from the Rector on the Papacy



It was with great sadness that we received the news on April 21st that His Holiness, Pope Francis, had died. Throughout his entire life, but especially during his 12 years as Pope, Francis dedicated

his ministry to serving our Lord Jesus with special attention to those people on the margins of our world who are often overlooked and neglected.

It is with gratitude to Almighty God for this courageous and ardent servant of the Gospel that we commend his soul to the Risen Lord and pray that God will reward him for his wonderful ministry of kindness and love. May Mary, Salus Populi Romani, to whom Pope Francis was especially devoted, bring him safely to her Divine Son.

May he Rest In Peace.



With countless joy and gratitude, we celebrate the election of our new Holy Father, POPE LEO XIV! At this moment, as we learn more about the former Robert Cardinal Prevost, we are united with the entire Church

throughout the world in our prayers for him and pledge to him our love and loyalty.

Let us now give thanks to God for the gift of our new Shepherd and pray God's abundant blessing upon him. May Mary, Mother of the Church, enfold him in her maternal embrace and strengthen him with her example of complete trust in God's Providence.

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