"The seminary study of theology, because it begins in faith and ends in faith, must also flow from prayer and lead to prayer."

- Program For Priestly Formation, Paragraph 163
DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. PATRICK’S:

On August 25, 2014, I was formally installed as the sixteenth President-Rector of St. Patrick’s Seminary & University. The Installation was a very special event and I would like to express my profound gratitude to the staff, students, faculty, and the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest, who worked so hard to make both the Liturgy and reception a success. I was greatly inspired by the presence of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone (San Francisco), Father Daniel Moore, S.S. (First Consultor of the U.S. Province of the Society of St. Sulpice), my family, and many local bishops and priests. I would also like to thank the members of the Order of Malta and the parishioners of the Church of the Nativity, St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside, the Immaculate Heart Monastery of the Poor Clares and the Religious of the Sacred Heart for their prayers and presence.

During the installation ceremony, I once again made my Oath of Fidelity. A key section of the text of the Oath reads: “I shall preserve the deposit of faith in its entirety, hand it on faithfully, and make it shine forth.” Thus, I committed myself to three actions relative to the truth of our Catholic Christian faith: I am to hold it, give it to others, and radiate it outwards. These promises are not exclusive to me as Rector, as all candidates for Holy Orders and all faculty members make this same Oath of Fidelity. Indeed, the Seminary as a whole is committed to these promises and is renewed by them every time this Oath is taken.

St. Patrick’s must be a place where the truth is preserved in love. We must bear in mind that for us, Truth is not simply a body of concepts or propositions, but a Person. Our Lord tells us that He is the Truth and thus, love of Christ and love of Truth are coextensive. The Truth that is handed on to others is far more than just facts or information. We are called to transmit nothing less than Christ Himself as the saving light who banishes the darkness of our fallen state.

Preserve, hand on, shine forth. This is what I want of our seminarians. St. Patrick’s must be a privileged place dedicated to this three-fold task. The priest of today must devote himself, heart, mind, body, and soul to fidelity to Christ’s words. He must be passionate about sharing these words with others. He must make our Redeemer a compelling and beautiful light to his brothers and sisters.

This is an enormous undertaking and yet I feel nothing but joy in being called upon to assume it as Rector. I could not have asked for better support from my colleagues, students, and all those who love St. Patrick’s and believe in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new ministry and be assured of my prayers for all of you.

Fr. Gladstone H. Stevens, S.S., received his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Marquette University. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Louisville in 2000 and has been with the Society of St. Sulpice since 2002. For six years he taught Systematic Theology and Philosophy and served as Vice Rector and France Merrick University Chair at St. Mary’s Seminary & University in Baltimore Maryland. Since Fr. Stevens moved to California in 2008, he has been an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Systematic Theology at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park. He served as Vice Rector and Academic Dean until 2013. For the academic year 2013-2014 he served as Dean of Men. He now serves as the President-Rector of St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park, CA.
As Academic Dean of St. Patrick’s Seminary and University I have special responsibility for intellectual formation in the seminary. I am not using the term intellectual in an “ivory tower” sense because intellectual formation for priests is not meant to remove them from real situations but to enable them to truly know the Catholic tradition and the historical and social contexts that have shaped it. This is essential in order to be true to that tradition and to be rooted in it as we respond to the realities of today’s world.

I would like to promote a more intellectual Church for both the ordained and the laity because I think it is essential for us in order to effectively carry out the mission Christ has handed on to us. I have often thought that formation according to the four pillars should not be restricted only to those preparing for the priesthood, but is a good way of thinking about the development of all Catholics.

I was amazed by the parallels between The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Pastores Dabo Vobis. The introduction to the RCIA (paragraph 75) outlines a fourfold approach for the development of Christians. First there is catechesis that leads “not only to an appropriate acquaintance with dogmas and precepts but also to a profound sense of the mystery of salvation in which they desire to participate.” That sounds like intellectual formation to me.

Then there is human and spiritual formation: “Thus formed, the newly converted set out on a spiritual journey. Since this transition brings with it a progressive change of outlook and conduct, it should become manifest by means of its social consequences and it should develop gradually during the period of the catechumenate.” Finally there is pastoral formation: “Since the Church’s life is apostolic, catechumens should also learn how to work actively with others to spread the Gospel and build up the Church.” This formation is meant to engage the whole person and to be expressed socially in the way one relates to individuals and society. Both the ordained and laity are called to follow this fourfold path in seeking truth.

As a sociologist, I also believe the theory and methods that we use in sociological inquiry can help us to be a more intellectual Church.

C. Wright Mills described the Sociological Imagination as “A quality of mind that will help (people) use information and to develop reason in order to achieve lucid summations of what is going on in the world and what may be happening in them.”

Daniel Levitin, a cognitive neuroscientist who is author of The Organized Mind (2014) writes that given that our minds were designed before writing and reading were invented, and certainly before social and mass media, the capacity to evaluate the quality of claims and their sources needs to be taught and learned; we cannot assume that it is part of our standard human equipment. Mr. Levitin notes that: Though today’s college students are thought of as “digital natives” who are inherently skilled with computers and the Internet they have trouble distinguishing between media outlets and websites that try to report news and facts objectively and those that are deliberately partisan or ideological. This capacity to discern between solid claims, backed by data and interest driven infomercials is important for all of us. If we as a Church do not do this well, we will be manipulated and used by those who want to be cloaked in our institutional legitimacy.

In the pursuit of truth we must evaluate our own ideas. Are they the result of serious thinking or the product of emotions going around masquerading as thoughts? Do we use language that is precise or do we make vast generalizations? I tell my students, if someone makes a vast claim, to be credible they must back it up with data that equals the size of the claim.

We recently concluded the Book of Job in our daily Mass readings. At the end of the Book I was impressed that Job significantly reduced the size of the claims he made because he realized he did not know as much as he initially thought he did.

*Now that is intellectual formation.*
It is a tremendous honor to serve St. Patrick’s Seminary & University as Student Body President. I am thankful for this service to the community and I humbly ask for your prayers as we endeavor on another vocational journey with Christ this year.

In the Gospel of St. Luke, we read, “After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest’” (Luke 10:1-2). We are not alone on this journey, but in communion with each other. I know that I cannot do this alone. It has pushed me to be actively involved in not only my own formation, but that of my brother seminarians as well. It serves a higher purpose in that it is the engagement in each other’s journey towards the priesthood and love of God. I thank God for the formation I have experienced in the past five years. Our community is like one Christian family where we pray, discern, grow, fail, laugh, cry, succeed, argue, and even eat together. Being formed together, we experience self-knowledge, service, sacrifice, trust, grace, love, and generosity. God wants us to experience all these things. We learn how intricate it is to strive for holiness. Being part of this community gives each of us a chance to grow as a person and as a Christian.

A Transitional Deacon once told my class, “The time here at seminary is very precious because it is a special time where we can continually develop that relationship with Jesus Christ. We need him. Without him, we have nothing.” There is a world that is in need of knowing God and what it means to be Christ-like, an abundant harvest with few laborers. Being active in our formation and community helps us to understand how to be active in the parishes we will serve when we are ordained to the priesthood. More importantly, we learn how to bring Jesus to the people in our future ministry.

The Program of Priestly Formation emphasizes four pillars – Academic, Pastoral, Human and Spiritual – which encompass the totality of not just seminary life, but Christian life. These are integral tools to nurture us in our endeavor to become parish priests in the midst of the complex issues the Church and world face today. Reflecting on each of these pillars in our formation is a balancing act. We trust in God’s grace to help us grow in each, not letting one falter because we have neglected the other.

The same goes with our community. We are called to live in communion and work in spreading the Gospel message to the world – to labor for the harvest. We hold one another accountable by supporting and assisting each other with God’s help, not letting a fellow brother or sister falter. I humbly ask you to pray for us here at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University. We hope that we can labor in communion to bring Jesus to you. May God bless you and keep you all your days.
TRIBUTES

MOST REV. THOMAS A. DALY

Bishop Thomas A. Daly served as Interim Rector and President of St. Patrick’s Seminary and University for only one year yet touched our community in ways that will never be forgotten. His warm and gracious personality, combined with thoughtful leadership, served as the perfect formula during a time of transition.

Pope Francis said that “Christ leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others.” Bishop Daly gives witness to these words through his many years of service. From his ministry as vocations director for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, to his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, and to his various roles in service of the seminary community, he has been a true servant-leader.

Deacon Cameron Faller observed “as I come to end of one of my final semesters at St. Patrick’s, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bishop Daly for the many difficult sacrifices he must have made in order to serve as our interim rector last year while also maintaining his responsibilities as auxiliary bishop of San Jose. Bishop Daly definitely helped bring peace, stability, and a sense of humor during a difficult time of transition last year.”

New President-Rector Rev. Gladstone Stevens, S.S., remarked, “Although his tenure was brief as Interim Rector, I count my association with him as one of the great joys of my ministry. The people at St. Nicholas are blessed to have him as pastor.” Seminarian Eric Piczon added, “as the interim President-Rector, he lifted up our spirits and made the transition smoother for us. The ground became more solid.” Seminarian Manuel Rodriguez regards him as a role model for priestly formation.

Thank you Bishop Daly for drawing us ever closer to the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ, through his Most Immaculate Mother, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, Sedes Sapientiae”, added seminarian Kyle Faller.

At a faculty meeting, Bishop Daly reminded all of us that one of the key elements in being a good priest is to have a pastoral heart. We thank you Bishop Thomas Daly for sharing your pastor’s heart with all of us here at St. Patrick’s Seminary. Many blessings!

REV. ANTHONY GIAMPIETRO, CSB

The faculty, staff and seminarians were grateful for the presence of Fr. Anthony Giampietro, CSB, during his tenure as Academic Dean and the Director of Development. He came to us in June of 2013 from the Philosophy Department at the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

As Academic Dean he strove to improve class scheduling and collaborated with the faculty in curriculum development. He also restructured outreach programs as Director of Development. Fr. Anthony recognized the enormous potential of St. Patrick’s Seminary to expand its mission of nurturing vocations and forming priests in the western United States. He assisted the Serra Club with the promotion of vocations and hosted the Knights of Malta on campus.

As a Saturday program for seminarians to discuss evangelization and Pope Francis’s Evangelii Gaudium, Fr. Anthony invited Vancouver Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, as guest speaker. This past summer he also brought the Fides et Ratio Seminar to St. Patrick’s which brought academics from across the country to discuss Christian vocation, marriage and the priesthood through assigned Catholic texts.

While at St. Patrick’s, he enriched our community through many contributions. We wish him great success with his development work for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. We thank you for all that you shared with us, Father Anthony, and may God continue to bless you.
Ms. Anne Grycz joined the St. Patrick’s community in Spring 2008. At that time she was serving as Director of the Institute for Leadership in Ministry of the Diocese of San Jose (ILM), a bilingual three-year program to train and form leaders for the diocese.

Anne taught Introduction to Parish Ministry, a required class for second year Theology students before their Pastoral Year. In 2010 she teamed up with Fr. Gerald Brown to revamp the Pastoral Year program. Fr. Jerry and Anne became the ‘dynamic duo’ in modeling the concept of collaborative ministry: men and women, clergy and laity, academic and pastoral.

This spring Anne turned 70 and announced her retirement. Her work at St. Patrick’s was summed up by Fr. Dan Donohoo who said, “Everyone agrees that Anne has a passion to help seminarians become the priests they can be, living generous lives in their vocation”.

“I am grateful for Anne’s years of service to the community. I appreciated her optimism and enthusiasm about my experiences on my Pastoral Year and her continuing motivation for me as I approach priestly ministry,” adds Rev. Mr. Patrick Summerhays.

Anne currently gives presentations and workshops in parishes and does retreat work as a spiritual director. We wish you all the best in your new ministry.

Dr. Michael Neri came to St. Patrick’s in the fall of 1975 with his wife, Marilyn, and two children, following seven years of service in Sulpician institutions. Thus, he was immersed deeply in the Sulpician approach to priestly formation well beforehand.

Over the decades he has taught courses on the History of the Church and Multicultural Ministry. To augment his skills as a formation advisor, he returned to USF to earn a Master’s degree in counseling psychology. He used his extra training in courses as well, team-teaching innovative courses in Supervised Ministry and assisting in Pastoral Counseling. He team-taught Theology and Canon Law of Marriage for over twenty years with various professors.

In addition to teaching and formation advising, he served as Chair of the Pastoral Studies Department from 1979 to 2004, and as a member of the seminary administration from 2004 to 2013. Seminarian Chris Kanowitz (Pastoral Year) adds: “[Dr. Neri] has been a pastoral example to me…he and his wife exemplify the vocation of the laity that Vatican II spoke about.”

Reflecting on his time at St. Patrick’s, Dr. Neri says, “The heart of this work for me has been the gift of touching the future of the Church through serving future priests. Beyond the classroom and advising sessions, I have treasured the support and encouragement of my colleagues, and the vibrant faith and courageous discernment of the seminarians. These decades at SPSU have been a gift I will treasure always. I continue to pray for the seminary daily.” May God continue to bless all that you do.

Dr. Margaret Turek

Adapted from remarks given by Fr. Paul Maillet, May 16, 2014

Dr. Turek is remarkable in her dedication to theological education and formation. As a professor, she animates the classroom with her intense style of teaching. She knows the material she teaches, and is not afraid to carry the class off into the richest mysteries of the faith.

She has also been a wonderful advisor, with an instinctive understanding of formation. She gives herself completely to the role of formation advisor, giving focused attention to the advisee. I witnessed her great dedication and sincerity in her input at faculty meetings.

Though eloquent on the Trinity and Christology, she also really knows her football. Her patience with the the Minnesota Vikings and Cleveland Browns is a testimony to her exercise of the virtue of hope.

Finally, Dr. Turek is a discerning disciple. One of her students wrote: “Dr. Turek models discernment with her own life. She never stops asking the Lord where he wants her, repeatedly hearing the Lord call her out of her comfort zone.”

After thirteen years of dedicated service to St. Patrick’s, she now moves on to the Diocese of Oakland to be Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization. We wish you all the best and will miss you dearly.
PROFESSOR STEPHEN CORDOVA  Professor Cordova joins St. Patrick’s to teach Church History and Patristics. He has previously taught Theology for the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of San Francisco as well as at the University of San Francisco and at St. Mary’s College in Moraga. “I am thrilled and excited to work with men who are going to be priests who will serve the whole Church,” he says.

FR. JOSEPH FOX, O.P.  Fr. Fox teaches Eucharist and the Sacraments and is also the new Director of Advancement. Hailing from Michigan, he is the second of ten children. Prior to joining St. Patrick’s, he taught at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Fr. Fox enjoys the company of the seminary community and, as the Director of Advancement, “looks forward to pumping up the support of the seminary.”

FR. GREGORY HEIDENBLUT, O.S.A.  Fr. Heidenblut, of the Order of St. Augustine, joins us from Villanova Men’s College of the West in Santa Barbara, where he served as President for six years. He teaches Sacred Scripture, specializing in the Synoptic Gospels and Pauline Corpus. Fr. Heidenblut looks forward to “the ability to share with the men in formation, to help them, and to dialogue with them about my experience in the priesthood to be good priests in the future, Holy men, with the understanding of service.”

SR. MARY ROBERTA CONNORS, FSE  Sr. Mary Roberta, a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, comes to us from the University of St. Thomas in Houston where she was a part of the campus ministry department. At St. Patrick’s, she will serve as the Associate Director of the Pastoral Year Program, and formation advisor. Sr. Mary Roberta looks forward to “helping form men to be very good priests.”

MELISSA TAMAYO  Melissa is the Executive Assistant to the President/Rector and the Director of Admissions. Before coming to St. Patrick’s, she worked in the Vocations office of the Diocese of San Jose for fourteen years, her first job out of San Jose State University, where she studied Sociology and Behavioral Science. In that position she was able to witness the ordinations of forty priests. Melissa most looks forward to continuing to “do the Lord’s work and helping seminarians get to where they ultimately need to be, in a parish bringing people to Christ.”
On August 25, 2014, Fr. Gladstone H. Stevens, S.S. was installed as the sixteenth President-Rector of St. Patrick Seminary & University. The main celebrant was The Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, the Archbishop of San Francisco. The principal concelebrants included: The Most Reverend Archbishop John R. Quinn (Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco); John S. Cummins (Bishop Emeritus of Oakland); Daniel F. Walsh (Bishop Emeritus of Santa Rosa); Stephen E. Blaire (Bishop of Stockton); Michael C. Barber, S.J. (Bishop of Oakland); Ignatius Wang (Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of San Francisco); and Thomas A. Daly (Auxiliary Bishop of San Jose and former interim President-Rector of St. Patrick Seminary & University). The Society of St. Sulpice was represented by Rev. Daniel F. Moore, S.S., Provincial Consultor and Director of Discernment and Admissions.
Archbishop Cordileone offered the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a customary Mass setting chosen for the beginning of the academic year. In his homily, the Archbishop reminded the seminarians that Jesus Christ must be the very identity of the priest. The priest must personify Christ with his very life. Every spiritual shepherd must suffer the loss of bodily life so that he may care for God’s people with authority and love.

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The Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco

After the Archbishop’s homily, Fr. Stevens made a Profession of Faith and took the Oath of Fidelity, two acts made by any person assuming an ecclesiastical office, especially those who teach in the name of the Church. During the Rite of Installation, Archbishop Cordileone reminded Fr. Stevens to be a loving father, a gentle shepherd and wise teacher. The Archbishop said, “…the seminary administration, faculty and staff will assist you in the pastoral care of this seminary. Share this ministry in a spirit of mutual trust, common prayer and genuine concern. The members of the Board of Trustees and my brother bishops will share with you the responsibility for the seminary’s institutional affairs. Share this responsibility with them in a spirit of collegiality and mutual trust. The members of the student council are the voice of your students. Always be attentive to the needs they express.”

Among those who participated in the Mass included two of Fr. Stevens’ sisters, Ms. Sandra Stevens and Pamela Stevens-Courtney, as well as many Bay Area Catholics associated with the seminary, and friends of the new President-Recttor. After the Mass of Installation, attendees enjoyed a banquet in the seminary refectory.

The Stevens family shares a joyful moment with the archbishop during the banquet following the Installation Mass. (L-R): Sandra Stevens, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Fr. Gladstone Stevens, S.S., and Pamela Stevens-Courtney.
20 Years!

2014 marks the 20th anniversary of the residency of the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest at St. Patrick's Seminary. Rector Fr. Gerald Coleman, S.S. petitioned then Archbishop John R. Quinn to invite the order here in 1994, and through the power of the Holy Spirit they began their service on June 15 of that year. The Oblates are a congregation of women dedicated to future priests through prayer and service in seminaries and houses of formation. Sr. Margarita Garcia, the Mother Superior, says that the best part about being at St. Patrick’s is “being able to live out our mission; to be a part of the formation of priests.” If you have enjoyed a meal in the refectory, then the Oblate Sisters have touched your life through the food they prepare every day to nourish the community.

Thank you hermanas and we look forward to the next 20 years!

A Brief History

St. Joseph’s College Seminary was built and opened in 1924 in Mountain View, California. Its program included four years of high school plus the first two years of college education, preparing candidates for admission to St. Patrick’s Seminary.

Under the direction of the Sulpicians, St. Joseph’s grew to become one of the largest college seminaries in the United States, adding two more college years in 1968. The high school program, however, was discontinued in 1980. The seminary was gravely damaged by the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and closed on June 30, 1991.

Passing on of the Gavel. Joined by members of the board, outgoing St. Joseph’s - St. Patrick’s Alumni Association President, Kevin Connolly passes the gavel to new President, Jack Sutcliffe. (L-R) Sitting: Jack Sutcliffe and Kevin Connolly; Standing: Denis Ducey, Bob Gorman, Frank Brady, Don Carroll, John Brennan, Dan Collins, Rev. Joe Gordon, Tim Goode and Chuck Smith. Photo was taken on Sept. 25, 2014.
On October 14, 2014 St. Patrick’s Seminary welcomed Archbishop Telesphore George Mpundu of Lusaka, Zambia.

At the invitation of the US Province of the Society of St. Sulpice, the archbishop is visiting Sulpician seminaries and other institutions where Sulpicians minister as part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Sulpician priestly formation ministry in Zambia.

His Grace was accompanied on this visit by the Very Rev. Thomas R. Ulshafer, S.S., Provincial Superior of the US Province, Fr. Cornelius Hankomoone, S.S., Regional Superior of Sulpicians in Zambia, and Fr. Daniel F. Moore, S.S., First Consultor & Provincial Secretary, US Province.

His Grace was the presider and homilist at a special community Mass in which over 40 guests attended; prominent among them was Cardinal William Levada, retired, former Archbishop of San Francisco. The Schola Cantorum provided the chant for the evening’s liturgy. The homily highlighted the Gospel’s theme in which Jesus condemned the legalism of the Pharisees who had scoffed at him for not observing the ritual hand washing before a meal. Among his insightful, pastoral comments, Archbishop Mpundu explained that rules alone are not the ultimate end of religion but it is faith that leads to love which is the most important.

A community social and dinner followed the Mass. The Archbishop spoke on the anniversary of the Sulpician mission stating that “the Sulpicians came first and foremost to share their faith by forming priests which is their charism.” He affirmed that their ministry is done on behalf of the Church and shared joyfully.

“...first and foremost to share their faith...”

The Most Reverend Telesphore George Mpundu, Archbishop of Lusaka

Archbishop Mpundu was born on May 21, 1947 in Kasama, Zambia. He was ordained a priest on December 17, 1972. From 1974-1977, Father Mpundu served as a faculty member at the Lubushi Regional Minor seminary. He completed post graduate studies at the Divine Word Centre, London, Ontario, Canada in 1978. From 1983 until 1987, Father Mpundu served as the Secretary General, Zambia Episcopal Conference, Lusaka. As Bishop of the Mbala-Mpika (1987-2004), he was appointed as the Bishop Director of Seminaries. He welcomed the Sulpician Fathers to Zambia in 1989. In 2004, Bishop Mpundu was appointed Coadjutor, Lusaka Archdiocese and Apostolic Administrator of Mpika. He became the Archbishop of Lusaka in 2006 and took Canonical Possession of the Archdiocese.
Father Brian Snyder

Fr. Brian Snyder was a wonderful priest and will be greatly missed at his parish, St. Stephen the Martyr in Renton, Washington. He was kind, loving, gentle, and compassionate, with a terrific sense of humor.

Following ordination in 1979 and a year-long assignment in a parish, Fr. Snyder served for over 25 years as a hospital chaplain. In 2005, he began his service to the community of St. Stephen the Martyr where he remained until his diagnosis with lung cancer and subsequent medical decline. After over a year of treatment and a truly valiant fight, he passed away on May 14, 2014.

Walter “Walt” Harrington

Walter Harrington left St. Patrick’s at the end of his third year of Theology study, but his heart never completely left the seminary. While there he built the Cur House, a project that endures to this day as a refuge for seminarians. In 1980, he co-founded the St. Joseph’s-St. Patrick’s College Alumni Association, which is sustained in part by his generosity. He also answered the call of the President-Rector of St. Patrick’s, Rev. Gerald Coleman, S.S., to form a Board of Regents to help the Seminary financially.

Harrington passed away in San Francisco on August 2, 2014, survived by his wife, Erishka, and four children. His vigil was in the main chapel of St. Patrick’s, officiated by his classmate, Fr. Dan Cardelli. Fr. Coleman was the main celebrant and homilist at the Mass of Christian Burial at Nativity Church.

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[Mrs. Terry Murphy, R’64 for helping with this list.]

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On September 13, 2014, St. Patrick’s Seminary & University hosted its Seventh Annual Four Pillars Gala. 450 guests gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Sanchez-Corea for their work, dedication, and time given to St. Patrick’s over the years.

The evening began with Vespers, celebrated by Rev. Gladstone Stevens, S.S. A reception and dinner followed, catered by Continental Caterers, who were assisted by our seminarians.

The highlight of the evening included an award presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sanchez-Corea. As Cardinal Levada stated in his address, “Tony and Lucille have contributed time and treasure to their parish, to the Archdiocese, and have been particularly helpful in two causes dear to any bishop’s heart: our cathedral and our seminary.”

Honored guests in attendance included His Eminence William Cardinal Levada, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco; Most Reverend Michael Barber, S.J., Bishop of Oakland; and Most Reverend William J. Justice, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Following dinner, Fr. Stevens introduced the seminarians by their dioceses. They gathered on the steps of the seminary to serenade guests with the Salve Regina, a fitting end to a beautiful evening.

Fr. Stevens claps as Cardinal Levada presents Anthony and Lucille Sanchez-Corea with the statue of Sedes Sapientiae, Mary Seat of Wisdom.
St. Patrick’s Seminary, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in East Palo Alto, and Guadalupe Associates of San Francisco have combined spiritual, intellectual, social and financial resources to establish NanoFarms, an effort to promote economic development through job creation. Fr. Larry Goode, the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi, and Fr. George E. Schultze, S.J., a member of the St. Patrick’s Seminary Faculty, began to discuss the creation of work for East Palo Alto residents through a worker-owned, social enterprise in 2013.

Fr. Goode organized meetings with local East Palo Alto leaders to promote an association that would provide work and, ultimately, build capital for other worker-owned initiatives.

Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., the founder of Guadalupe Associates and Ignatius Press, offered help with seed funds and development expertise, and Mr. Brendon Ford brought management skills to the parish’s initial effort.

After further meetings, the participants settled on a small start-up based on double-dug and raised-bed vegetable gardens that are common in Europe. The worker-owners will market their organic produce to local restaurants and farmers’ markets and make their services available to homeowners who want help in the planting and care of “backyard” vegetable gardens. Ernesto, Marcela, and Dario Jasso, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners, planted and harvested the first garden in the area between the seminary entrance and the Menlo Park Fire Station.

Kneeling amidst their handiwork, Ernesto Jasso and Fr. George Schultze, S.J., show off the first crop of pumpkins from NanoFarms.
Next year my grandfather will turn 104. I have often wondered, as many do about centenarians, what his secret to longevity is. If it’s not the pot of coffee he brews on Monday morning and ferments in the fridge for the rest of the week, it must be his passion for lifelong learning. When we discussed moving him closer to my parents, he was absolutely insistent that any new home of his had to be within easy walking distance of a public library.

What’s so great about libraries? Wasn’t the Internet supposed to wipe them out? I think the doomsday prophecies for libraries were wrong and continue to be wrong because they don’t take into account all of the ways that libraries impact our lives. While libraries traditionally fill the role of research center, they do so much more. They provide the space for exploration and possibilities and a forum in which to discuss and synthesize new ideas. Libraries allow us to savor the richness of intellectual life.

All four of the Pillars of Priestly Formation are at work in the library, not simply the Intellectual. In terms of human formation, what we learn from books makes us more conversant in an expansive array of ideas. Reading great books enters you into the great dialogue.

The library also supports pastoral formation. Some of our books may not be the kind used in a research paper, but are phenomenal resources to aid pastoral work. Finally, there is spiritual formation. Difficult to describe in tangible terms, I would describe the spirituality of making a connection to the printed word as a profound experience. While not every book is a life-altering experience, if one reads widely and often, one will inevitably find that special book.

Although we didn’t succeed in getting Gramps to move closer to us, he’s still living independently, making his daily trips to town, which, incidentally, has a public library. Last year I gave him a tour of the seminary grounds, including, of course, the library. Outside of college football, he is a man of few words, but I think he was suitably impressed by the treasure of a library we are blessed to have here at St. Patrick’s.

Library Director David Kriegh encourages seminarian Brandon Dang to read widely and often during his time at St. Patrick’s and beyond.
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COMMUNITY DAY
In the spirit of fellowship, the St. Patrick’s community took part in a day of activities on September 19. Kyle Faller (Theology 1) served as the leader of this year’s Community Day. This event is a day when the entire seminary—students and faculty—comes together to focus on community. Teams were divided by class, assigned a color, and named after a particular saint.

The day kicked off with “Ultimate Capture the Flag”, played across the entire campus. The slightly calmer picture-drawing competition followed, which required each team to recreate a given photograph from memory through drawing. The games concluded with a water polo tournament. Colorful flotation devices ensured the safety of all participants.

Following Evening Prayer in the Main Chapel, the winners were announced. Theology 2 took first prize: $300 and a statue of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, to be kept in their class chapel for the year.

WEEKEND PROGRAMS: ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP
On September 27, professional etiquette coach and Consider Etiquette founder Holly K. Rauser hosted an engaging seminar for the men of St. Patrick’s. Holly covered some of the finer points of healthy communication, such as the importance of having a firm “web-to-web” handshake, showing teeth when smiling, and wearing a nametag in the proper position. Other topics included email protocol, cell-phone etiquette, and fine dining guidelines. However, for Ms. Rauser, a code of etiquette is not an end in itself: the chief aim of practicing good manners is to build and foster relationships. Holly included a discussion on the “Golden Rule” in her presentation. Student body president Brandon Dang (Theology 3) was fascinated to learn that etiquette involves going outside oneself and “respecting the individual.” Holly has given presentations on cruise lines, at churches, and on television, and she counts 49er Vernon Davis among her clients.

HISPANIC DISCERNMENT RETREAT 2014
On September 26-28, St Patrick’s Seminary and the Vocations Office for the Diocese of San Jose hosted 13 Spanish-speaking men who are discerning priesthood. Fr Joe Kim (‘10), newly appointed Director of Vocations for the Diocese of San Jose, led the retreat with a team of seminarians and priests, including presenters, Fr Hector Basanez (‘10, San Jose), Fr Roberto Gomez (‘09, San Jose) and Fr Steve Kim (‘11, San Jose). In collaboration with the Office of Hispanic Apostolate, the retreat aims to be an annual discernment event for the growing Hispanic populations of Northern California.
FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ 2014
On Friday, September 26, 2014, the Community of St. Patrick’s and over one hundred guests celebrated the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz and his companions. The evening began with a Rosary procession around the front of the seminary, which led into the chapel for mass presided by recent St. Patrick’s alum Rev. Jeff Fernandez. After Mass, a dinner was held in the refectory featuring Filipino cuisine. After dinner the Filipino seminarians of St. Patrick’s presented a video, followed by demonstrations of different cultural dances by a local group.

Born in Manila, San Lorenzo Ruiz is the patron saint of the Philippines and of the Filipino people. He and his companions went as missionaries to Japan in the 17th century, but were met with persecution for their Christian faith. They refused to renounce their faith and were martyred. His last words before his death were: “I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for the Lord; Had I a thousand lives, all these I shall offer to Him.”

NEW SEMINARIANS 2014
The St. Patrick’s community welcomed nine new men into their ranks this past fall. Some of these seminarians are experiencing seminary formation for the first time, while others have attended seminary elsewhere and are continuing their formation here at St. Patrick’s Seminary and University. We welcome them, and we ask you for your prayers for them as they discern their vocation and grow in formation. (L-R) Back Row: Benjamin Rosado (San Francisco), Mark Tannehill (Oakland), Zachary Alspaugh (San Francisco), and Robain Lamba (San Jose); Front Row: Gerardo Vazquez (San Jose), Cameron Pollette (San Francisco), Peter Lawongkerd (Oakland), Romple Emwalu (Honolulu), Thomas Lancaster (San Francisco)

KOINONIA CUP 2014 CHAMPIONS
A group of seminarians took part in the Annual Koinonia Cup held in Vallejo on Saturday, September 6. Κοινονία is the greek word for fellowship, and fittingly Koinonia Cup is a Catholic Young Adult Fellowship Event where young adults join together in prayer, network with other Catholic young adult groups, and battle in friendly competition.

The seminarians participated for the first time this year, competing skillfully and with great vigor. When all the dust settled, they emerged from amongst the 12 other teams as the 2014 Koinonia Cup Champions. For more information about Koinonia Cup visit: www.koinoniacup.org (L-R) Ryan Francisco (Sacramento), Anh Vu (Honolulu), Joshua Keeney (Sacramento), Jeremy Santos (Sacramento), Manny Rodriguez (Sacramento), Mario Rizzo (Oakland), René Juáregui (Sacramento), and Anhvu Nguyen (Oakland); Not pictured: Victor Trinidad (San Jose) and Joshua Sia (Sacramento).
INSTALLATION OF NEW ACOLYTES 2014
On Thursday, October 16, 2014, fifteen men were installed as Acolytes during an evening Mass. These fifteen second year Theology seminarians were installed as Acolytes, which means they are now able to serve at mass, preside Lauds or Vespers, give reflections during Vespers, expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament and take Communion to the sick and homebound. This is one small step in the overall formation for priestly ordination. Congratulations to these men. Let us continue to pray for them. (L-R) Back Row: Jesus Hernandez (Sacramento), Clayton Baumgartner (Sacramento), David Lopez (Fresno), Patrick Klekas (Reno), Francis Kalaw (San Jose), Edgar Elamparo (San Jose); Middle row: Wilberto [Eric] Piczon (San Jose), David Ramirez (Monterey), Joshua Keeney (Sacramento), Arturo Bazan (Oakland), Anh Vu (Honolulu); Front row: Anhvu Nguyen (Oakland), Ryan Francisco (Sacramento), Rev. Gladstone H. Stevens, S.S. (President-Rector), Most Rev. William Justice (Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco), Mario Rizzo (Oakland), René Juáregui (Sacramento), Justin Liu (San Francisco).

ALTAR FOR THE DEAD
As part of the celebration for All Souls Day, the Hispanic community arranged an Altar for the Dead for the departed loved ones of the seminary community. The Altar of the Dead is more than a mere tradition rooted in the Pre-Hispanic Mexican Culture. It is an opportunity for communion, awareness, and prayer. After attending Mass and visiting the cemetery, families get together around the altar, built before All Hallows Eve, to remember their loved ones who have left this earthly life. In this sense, the altar is a sign, a reminder that this life is temporal, and that we must be ready for the end of this earthly pilgrimage. But most importantly, the altar is an invitation to pray for the souls of all who have gone before us, asking God, the giver of life, to forgive their earthly sins and grant them eternal rest. Sister Celina Cruz Benitez, OJS, is pictured with the altar below.

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WHEN?
From 12:00 p.m. on Friday, to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

WHERE?
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320 Middlefield Road
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All meals (including dinner on Friday) and lodging are provided.

WHO?
To register, you must be a single male, 21 years or older, and sponsored by a parish priest or recommended by a Diocesan Vocation Director.

HOW?
For more information, contact the Discernment Retreat Office by phone: (650) 325-9132 or email: executiveoffice@stpuc.org

Called to Teach
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Called to Lead
A popular tradition has developed at St. Patrick’s seminary. Just about every Friday afternoon any number of seminarians, all decked out in their cleats and shin guards, meet up at the sports field to play soccer, one of the most popular sports in the world. For the seminarians, this is a time for fraternity, exercise and of course, a little friendly competition. Chased by Deacon Edwin Sanchez and Quyen Truong, Anhvu Nguyen dribbles the ball down the field during a recent Friday soccer game as Mario Rizzo and Ronnie Manango look on.

LET’S PLAY SOCCER!

Brothers share in fraternity, exercise and competition