

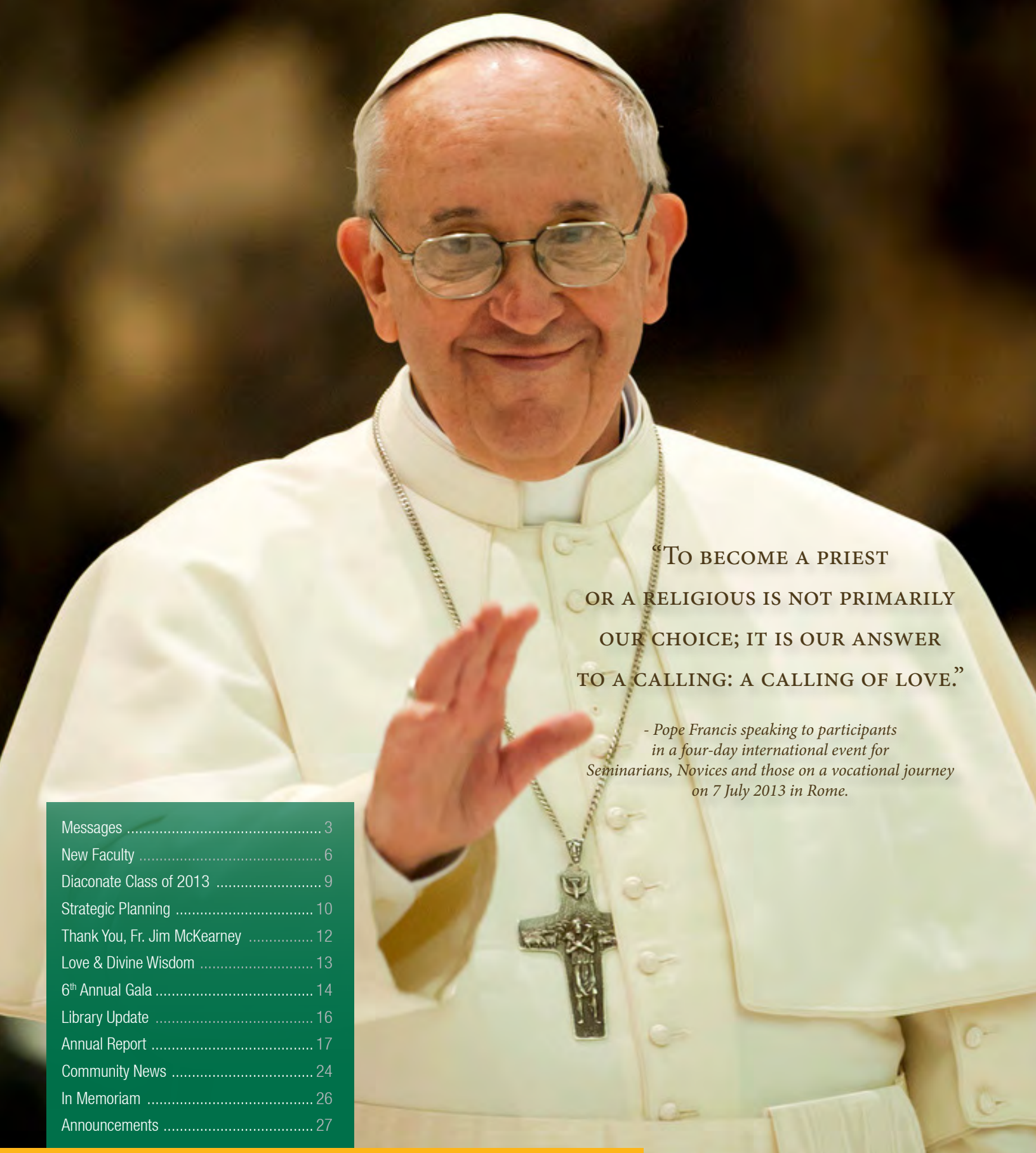
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OUR CHOICE; IT IS OUR ANSWER
TO A CALLING: A CALLING OF LOVE.”**

*- Pope Francis speaking to participants
in a four-day international event for
Seminarians, Novices and those on a vocational journey
on 7 July 2013 in Rome.*

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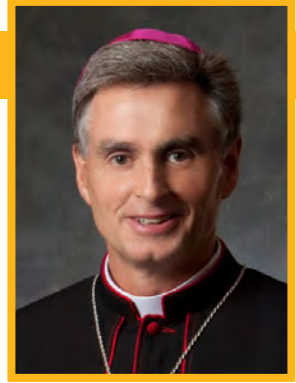
The holy people of God offer prayers and call upon the intercession of all the saints, as the candidates for ordination to the diaconate prostrate themselves before the Most Reverend Patrick J. McGrath, Bishop of San Jose, CA, as a sign of their total self-offering to God and to the Church. Assisting him are deacons from the Diocese of Orange, Rev. Mr. Charles Tran (L) and Rev. Mr. John Duy Nguyen (R), and acolyte from the Diocese of San Jose, CA, Khoa Vu.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT/RECTOR

Most Reverend Thomas A. Daly, D.D., is the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, CA. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of San Francisco in 1982; a Master of Divinity degree from St. Patrick's Seminary & University in 1987; and a Master of Education degree from Boston College in 1996. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1987 and is currently the Interim President/Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary & University.



ENRICHING THE CULTURE OF FORMATION

“We shall never contribute to anything greater than the making of good priests.”

As Interim President/Rector, I began my comments to the seminarians following Evening Prayer in mid-September with the above quotation from St. Vincent de Paul. Most Catholics today are aware of the many contributions this 17th century priest and visionary made in caring for the poor, the sick and the orphaned. Less widely known, however, is his dedication to the reform of the diocesan clergy through retreats to ordinands, Tuesday Conferences, and seminary formation. These efforts combined to help bring about a renewal in the Church as more priests strove for sanctity. Vincent's initiative might also be described as the first program of on-going formation for the clergy. He saw the need to educate good pastors who could administer the sacraments, listen attentively to and encourage holiness in parishioners, and preach and catechize with zeal, charity, and courage.

Jean-Jacques Olier, founder of the Society of Saint Sulpice, first met Vincent de Paul in 1630. The young man was discerning a priestly vocation and chose Vincent as his spiritual director. Following his ordination, Fr. Olier participated in the Tuesday Conferences and later, like Vincent, realized the need to assist parish priests to strive for greater holiness in their daily activities. Fr. Olier also chose seminary formation as the best way to help priests pursue lifelong holiness.

In the training of future priests, each founder approached prayer with practicality. St. Vincent focused on trusting in God's Providence, and Fr. Olier on the power of the Holy Spirit. However, both were practical and realistic. For this reason, in both Vincentian and Sulpician seminaries spiritual practices were paramount. Devout celebration each day of the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours, devotion to Mary, regular examination of conscience and Confession were essential practices in the formation of holy priests. Fr. Jean-Jacques Olier's and Fr. Vincent de Paul's contributions to priestly formation are

a legacy shared today at St. Patrick's Seminary and University. Faithful daily prayer is the practical way to holiness.

The legacy of Fr. Olier has to be newly appropriated and applied in novel circumstances. The challenges of seminary education take on new forms from decade to decade. Because of the ever-changing culture and growing secularism, the men first entering seminary formation often reflect this reality. Our faculty, advisers, and spiritual directors regularly reflect, pray and consult about the best methods to form the young men entrusted to us. Seminarians are encouraged to cooperate with the graces that come from the Holy Spirit and those formators privileged to teach, guide, and direct them during their years at St. Patrick's.

The secular culture has changed, and so has the initial experience of most newly ordained. When I completed my seminary training, I was assigned as a transitional deacon to St. Pius Parish in Redwood City. Along with the pastor, Msgr. Pete Armstrong '54, there were three other priests in the rectory. Following ordination, I was the second associate in a parish with Msgr. Jim Keane '45 as pastor and Msgr. Tom Kennedy '41 in residence. Saturday night dinners with the priests of Marin County parishes were regular occasions to experience priestly fraternity. Our common bond was certainly our vocation as priests, but most of us were also “men of Menlo.”

Today, things are much different. Although the newly ordained will initially be assigned to a parish with a pastor and perhaps one other priest, this friendly sharing of experiences with other priests won't last long. Appointed to serve as pastor after only a few years, the young priest may very well live alone in a rectory most of his priestly life. Gone are the days when the associate pastor had ten, fifteen, or even twenty years of experience prior to receiving his first pastorate. Observing different styles of leadership and personalities of pastors (some kinder than others), a young priest had the practical knowledge that came from first hand experience and fraternal mentoring.

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Now when a recently ordained priest is appointed pastor, he has to learn to work hard with little supervision and, in many cases, little affirmation from fellow priests. For this reason, our priests have to be even better formed today than thirty years ago in spiritual and personal discipline. What Vincent de Paul and Jacques Olier deemed absolutely essential for priests to remain faithful and grow in holiness has taken on new forms for modern priests. Priests are invited to participate in days of recollection, support groups, annual retreats, and spiritual direction. Seminarians are blessed to have these opportunities throughout their years of study but, once ordained, they must become more proactive in holiness. They have to take advantage of what is offered in their dioceses to priests and also launch their own initiatives. Moments, weeks, or years of weakness or discouragement occur in the lives of all priests. St. Patrick's has to make sure our seminarians are fortified with a strong prayer life, solid religious practices, and complete trust in God's grace and mercy. These practices need continued nourishment in the lives of priests who strive for holiness.

All dioceses need holy priests who can be shepherds after the heart of Jesus Christ. Saints and sinners alike (Pope Francis reminds us that all Christians are sinners in need of repentance and mercy), they must be men who lead, guide, and inspire the people of God in a time of great challenge. To be able to share

in the ministry of seminary formation is truly a blessing for me. Perhaps, St. Vincent said it best: "To devote oneself to making good priests and to cooperate to this end—is to fulfill the very task of Jesus Christ. Our Divine Lord, during his life on earth, seems to have taken it as his very special work to train twelve good priests, his apostles; with this end in view, he designed to stay with them some years to instruct and train them for this sacred ministry" (*The Way of Saint Vincent: A Rule for Servants of the Poor*, chapter 1).

I thank my rector, vice rector, and dean – Fathers Howard Bleichner, Gerald Coleman, and Larry Terrien, respectively – for their leadership in holiness. During my years at St. Patrick's they provided outstanding example and admirable support. I also request the prayers of the alumni priests of St. Patrick's Seminary and the prayers of all who are committed to helping St. Patrick's prosper in its work of training holy men to lead our holy people.

+ Thomas A. Dwyer

FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

Rev. Anthony E. Giampietro, C.S.B., is the Executive Vice President, Academic Dean and Director of Advancement of St. Patrick's Seminary & University. He has an undergraduate degree in Mathematics from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, an MA in Philosophy and an MDiv in Theology from the University of Toronto and a PhD In Philosophy from Fordham University.



INTELLECTUAL EXCELLENCE

For the past eleven years, I have been a professor of philosophy at the University of Saint Thomas in Houston, Texas. From 2008 to this past June, I served as chair of the department. While I loved my time at Saint Thomas, wonderful university that it is, I feel privileged to have been invited to St. Patrick's to be the academic dean and director of advancement. St. Patrick's is a beautiful place. I am deeply impressed with our seminarians, and with our faculty and staff, who outdo one another in their concern to help the men develop into holy and committed priests.

I am a member of the Congregation of Saint Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers. Founded in France in the early nineteenth century, we trace our origins to ten diocesan priests who committed themselves to the formation of young men for the priesthood and to the education of those seeking a good Catholic Liberal Arts education. The Basilian Generalate is now in Toronto, and we have schools and parishes in Canada, the United States, Mexico, and Colombia. A small but vibrant community remains in France.

This is an exciting time to be Catholic. Fifty years after Vatican II, the Church of the World Youth Days, and of our seminaries, is young and dynamic. With a rich tradition, and with the intellectual and pastoral vitality of our recent popes, the Church is poised to be of service to all of humanity. Of course, there are

real challenges, in North America and throughout the world. On matters having to do with justice, human life, sexuality, immigration -- among many others -- the Church has an understanding of the human person that can serve a deeper and more liberating understanding of human rights, religious freedom, and authentic human happiness.

Our commitment at St. Patrick's is to form men with a substantive philosophical and theological understanding of what is true about the world, about human beings, and about Jesus Christ. We are equally committed to enhancing the ability of our future priests to communicate well with people from a variety of backgrounds and interests.

The ability to preach Christ in love, in season and out of season, requires great gifts and great preparation. We are blessed at Saint Patrick's with an outstanding faculty. Standing on the shoulders of wonderful Sulpician professors and formators, our professors are dedicated and joyful men and women. Their commitment to the formation of our seminarians is a blessing to behold. My role is to serve the faculty who serve the seminarians who will go out to preach Christ by their words and by their lives. As academic dean I will be looking for ways to improve our programs, especially as we seek to understand and to serve the people of God. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to participate in the mission of St. Patrick's.



MEET OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

DR. KAREN C. CHAN was born and raised in Cupertino, CA. When she was a child, her family attended St. Joseph's Parish, where they were fortunate to have been ministered to by many St. Patrick's alumni. Dr. Chan received her Bachelors degrees in English Literature and Philosophy from the University of San Francisco and her PhD in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. Her areas of specialization are the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas and Moral Philosophy. Dr. Chan teaches Philosophy in the Pre-Theology Program and serves as a formation advisor. She is blessed with a wonderful husband and two beautiful children.

"As a Professor of Philosophy, it is my joy to guide our seminarians in appreciating the beautiful and complementary relationship between faith and reason, as affirmed by the richness of our Catholic intellectual tradition."



REV. DANIEL DONOHO is a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and alumnus of St. Patrick's Seminary & University (1986). He spent his years growing up in Indianapolis and in Southern California. Fr. Donohoo graduated from the University of San Diego and also holds degrees from the Catholic University of Louvain and Butler University. He is an avid sports fan and studied the martial arts for a number of years. In addressing his current position as Pastoral Year Director, he stated:

"This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to a seminary that gave me so much. It is my hope that the men here continue in the tradition of being prepared so well for pastoral ministry."

DR. KRISTEN KEARNS is originally from Washington, D.C., and completed her Masters in Religion in the Arts at Yale University and her PhD in Theology at the University of Chicago. She has previously taught religious studies and writing courses at Phoenix College, Arizona State University, and the University of Chicago. She lives in Half Moon Bay with her husband, three active young daughters, and her faithful running companion, her dog Coal.

"I really enjoy the spirit of community at St. Patrick's and am continually inspired by the students' dedication to their faith and willingness to pursue the challenge of responding to the call to serve God through the Church."



DR. BARRY HAYES has a dual career as a psychologist and teacher. After some years in the seminary, he discerned that he was not called to the priesthood. In 1959, he entered the University of Portland and earned a PhD in Clinical Psychology. After returning to the Bay Area, he worked in the public sector for a number of years before starting a private practice in psychology. He has spent over 35 years teaching in the Graduate Division of Counseling Psychology at Santa Clara University. He continues to teach at Santa Clara University today in its offshoot – the Center for Professional Development. Dr. Hayes is married and has three adult children and five grandchildren.

"I am here to give back a little to a St. Patrick's that gave me a lot."



REV. JEROME A. MAGAT, S.S. (candidate), comes to us from the Diocese of Arlington (Virginia) with over 11 years of parish experience, having earned an MDiv and an MA in Theology from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD in 2002. During his years of parish ministry, Fr. Magat served as an auditor in his diocesan tribunal and as Master of Ceremonies for his bishop. In addition, he founded the Guadalupe Free Clinic - the first free medical clinic for the poor in his diocese. Presently, he teaches Third Year Homiletics and serves as the Director of Liturgy at St. Patrick's. He is an avid tennis player and golfer.

"I'm excited to contribute to the integral formation of future priests in the Sulpician tradition here at St. Patrick's. It is both an honor and a serious obligation, considering the impact these men will have in the Church for generations to come."

SR. PAULA JEAN MILLER, F.S.E., is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. She received her licentiate and doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Lateran University through the John Paul II Institute in Washington, D.C., in 1990 and 1993, respectively. She then taught and did formation advising at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary from 1993 to 1999. From 1999 until this past June, she was a Professor of Moral Theology and Director of Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. The author of several books and articles, Sister Miller was privileged to attend the October 2013 Synod on the New Evangelization as a theological expert at the invitation of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

"The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist are delighted to participate in the ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Sharing in the Eucharist, daily life and meals with the seminarians from so many Western dioceses is a wonderful way of participating in this local church. We are very grateful."



REV. SERGIO OVANDO is a priest of the Diocese of San Jose, CA. Born in Argentina, he studied and received Holy Orders there. Immediately after ordination, he was missioned to the former Soviet Union for almost ten years. He obtained his Doctorate in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome) in 2012. He is now the pastor of Saint Martin of Tours Parish (San Jose, CA).

"I hope that I may be an instrument through which the seminarians can know the Scriptures, that knowing the Scriptures they will come to know the living Word of God: Jesus Christ."

MS. LEELAMMA SEBASTIAN is the Director of Alumni Relations and Associate Director of the Pastoral Year program. Born in Kerala, South India, she worked for the Diocese of Honolulu in Hawaii where she earned her advanced degree in Counseling Psychology. Before coming to St. Patrick's in 2012, she worked for over eleven years at El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, CA. In addition to her roles in the Advancement and Pastoral Year programs, Ms. Sebastian serves as a formation advisor.

She talks about her work here as *"God's work - God's ministry - and I am available for God to work through me."*



REV. SAMUEL F. WEBER, O.S.B., is a Benedictine monk and priest of St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. Growing up in Chicago, Fr. Samuel graduated from St. Meinrad College (1970) and holds degrees from St. Meinrad School of Theology (MDiv), Collegio di Sant' Anselmo, Rome, Italy (STL) and the University of Colorado (MA). Although from the south side of Chicago, he is an avid Cubs fan, a condition for which, he is told, there is no known cure.

"My Irish grandmother often said: 'There are two things worth doing in life: to know the truth and to be in love.' She was a wise woman."



FROM THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Stephen Akers is a seminarian for the Diocese of Monterey currently in his third year Theology. Before seminary, he studied Mechanical Engineering at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 2006. He spent the past year on pastoral internship at Cristo Rey Catholic Church in Salinas, California. He is presently the Student Body President of St. Patrick's Seminary & University.

SERVICE IN COMMUNION

As this year's Student Body President, I am grateful to my fellow seminarians and to the faculty for this opportunity to serve the entire seminary community and its mission. Please pray for me as I undertake this work because, beyond the organization of the day-to-day activities and special events, student government here at St. Patrick's serves a higher end.

Describing the seminary, Blessed Pope John Paul II pointed us to the "apostolic community gathered about Jesus." Just as the twelve apostles were gathered around Jesus as his disciples, we seminarians gather here at St. Patrick's to follow Christ in the discipleship of priestly formation. Seminary community life is not merely a welcome break from our formation, but is often precisely where the deepest formation takes place. In taking some share of responsibility for the seminary community as Student Body President, I am actively engaged in my own formation and in the formation of my classmates. The Program for Priestly Formation states, "The general demands and the rewards of life in community expand self-knowledge and self-control and cultivate generosity of spirit." Living alongside other people with their own distinct tastes and perspectives, talents, and struggles is often joyful, sometimes challenging, but always an opportunity to grow in Christian maturity. In this way the seminary is like a family, the first school of virtue. It also resembles the parish communities we are preparing to serve. Our education in community living is crucial because

our conversion as individuals, parish renewal, the renewal of families, and the renewal of the Church are like boats in a tide: they all rise together.

More than a house, the seminary is an intellectual community as well. Studying alongside one another, we are awakened and enlivened by our Catholic tradition and the joy of learning. Especially when opinions differ, we hold one another accountable to the truth so that we can engage in their full weight and depth the complex issues that the Church and the world faces today.

Our Catholic faith is essentially ecclesial. This is to say that no one can follow Christ alone but everyone needs the Church as a place to live out discipleship. Archbishop Cordileone has referred to the seminary as "the heart of the Church." This is a fitting description because here God is at work in us to form our lives in holiness and service, which also happens in the Church. So as Blessed Pope John Paul II said, the seminary is "an original experience of the Church's life." The crowning of our community life at the seminary, the higher end, is being pastorally formed to build up the communion of the Church – in the communities of the parishes we hope to serve and in the families, the "domestic churches," within them.

Again, I ask for your prayers for myself and for this seminary community. Please be assured of ours.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

by Rev. John Piderit, S.J., Vice President for Administration and Vicar for Finance

Corporations and educational institutions draw up and implement plans. A strategic plan is a comprehensive blueprint stating goals and objectives the institution wishes to achieve over the next four or five years. It is a mechanism that helps focus the activities of the institution upon some central goals, and it is also a management tool, because it requires administrators to draw up timetables specifying the dates by which particular objectives will be reached. When the timeframe for one strategic plan elapses, the next strategic plan is usually not launched immediately. Rather the institution takes a year or two to develop another strategic plan, which sets the goals and objectives for the ensuing four or five years.

Is a strategic plan necessary? However one estimates the net benefits accruing to an institution as the result of a strategic plan, such plans are becoming increasingly necessary for educational institutions. In order to pass accreditation reviews, more and more accrediting groups require an institution to produce and generally adhere to a strategic plan. One of the accrediting organizations for St. Patrick's Seminary & University is the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), which accredits educational institutions located in California, Hawaii,

and U.S. affiliated territories in the Pacific west of Hawaii. WASC requires all institutions seeking reaccreditation to have a strategic plan. So, in St. Patrick's case, as it approaches a reaccreditation visit in March, a well articulated strategic plan is necessary.

The board of trustees of St. Patrick's endorsed the Seminary's strategic plan recently, and the board then mandated Bishop Daly, the Interim President/Rector, to implement the plan beginning on January 1, 2014.

A strategy is a plan to reach a goal, and in order to be effective, the strategies in the plan have to have a dual focus: external and internal. For the external strategy St. Patrick's has to consider what other seminaries in the United States are doing and recommend approaches that enable St. Patrick's to compete effectively with them. For the internal strategy the plan should articulate how new activities that are both reasonable and challenging to launch will help faculty, seminarians, and staff work more effectively. That is, the goals and objectives specified in the plan should not be too easy to achieve. The institution should have to stretch itself to realize the goals. Even with lots of stretching, every strategic plan envisions goals that can only be met with increased financial assistance. This means St. Patrick's Advancement Office will have to interest donors in supporting many of the new initiatives articulated in the plan.

A strategic plan is for the entire institution, and for this reason it is the governing board of the institution (the Board of Trustees) that mandates the development of the plan and then finally endorses a plan that conforms to their expectations. The board of trustees of St. Patrick's endorsed the Seminary's strategic plan recently, and the board then mandated Bishop Daly, the Interim President/Rector, to implement the plan beginning on January 1, 2014. The plan approved by the board is a four-year plan, which means it is effect from January 2014 until the end of December 2017.

Although the board of trustees approves the strategic plan, it does not directly develop the plan itself. Rather, a group of committees are formed to articulate goals and strategies for the Seminary. At St. Patrick's, in March of 2012, Fr. McKearney asked Fr. Piderit to marshal the formation of the strategic plan and he then assigned seven or eight people each to four committees, each responsible for a distinct sector of Seminary activities.

The committees met regularly in the course of the following year to formulate goals and objectives. During the past summer, using the input from the four committees, the executive committee



drew up the formal plan, structured according to goals and objectives.

A strategic plan is often made public, mainly because the institution desires all stakeholders of the institution to be aware of the plan and contribute to its implementation. In St. Patrick's case, the plan is being posted on St. Patrick's website in January so that donors, priest alumni, faculty alumni, and other friends of St. Patrick's can inform themselves of what is being planned.

Some strategic plans place a heavy emphasis on physical facilities. Not so with St. Patrick's plan. The focus is primarily on the academic and formation activities of the Seminary. A few examples highlight how St. Patrick's plans to position itself among other U.S. seminaries.

An area in which St. Patrick's seeks to improve itself is spiritual direction, an area singled out by the Sulpicians as the most important activity at Sulpician seminaries: "The ministry of spiritual formation holds first place in the Sulpician tradition" (Constitutions of the Society of the Priests of Saint Sulpice, 2003, Article 18). Why tinker with something already good? The reason is many other seminaries now seek to improve the quality of spiritual direction. Many alumni priests are familiar with the Institute for Priestly Formation located at Creighton University; it specializes in providing programs in spiritual formation, both for seminarians and formators. St. Patrick's has had two of their experts give presentations to seminarians and separately to the priests, to help them be more effective in their spiritual advising. Furthermore, as has happened in many academic disciplines, greater focus and expertise is being brought to bear on spiritual formation, with some priests and laypeople obtaining doctorates in the area of spiritual formation. St. Patrick's wants to be at the forefront of these developments.

A second focal area in St. Patrick's strategic plan is helping seminarians speak and write, correctly and fluently. From conversations with people at many other U.S. seminaries, senior

administrators at St. Patrick's know this challenge is widespread. It is a gift that so many of our seminarians are bilingual. At the same time, we must be realistic about what it takes to become proficient in speaking and in writing fluently in two or more languages, especially with the kind of versatility required of a priest. The plan identifies a number of activities designed to have seminarians speak and write more frequently and with more feedback.

The third challenge is perhaps the greatest challenge of all: ongoing formation for recently ordained seminarians. Priests who studied in seminary thirty years ago recall the long apprenticeship that led to becoming a pastor. For a period of between ten and twenty years the not-yet-pastor served as parochial vicar in a number of different parishes. This is the way he learned how to run a parish effectively, by observing different pastors in action. Now recently ordained priests are often made pastors within a few years of ordination. Furthermore, they may be assigned to run what used to be multiple parishes, each of which has become more complicated.

Another challenge for the recently ordained is Biblical understanding and preaching. Being able to preach knowledgeably and effectively on biblical texts is more challenging than ever. On the one hand, modern scholarship enables us to know much more about the Bible. On the other hand, people who read or listen to the Bible are much more influenced by secular perspectives. Since the course of studies for students at St. Patrick's is long and packed full of courses, most young priests need additional work in Biblical preaching. St. Patrick's has a plan to address these challenges effectively.

A strategic plan can be well formulated and pitched so as to require institutional effort. But everything depends on implementing the plan. Faculty and administrators at St. Patrick's need the prayers of friends and supporters in order to effectively implement our new strategic plan.

Graduating Class of 2013 (L to R): Rev. Thi Van Hoang (Oakland), Rev. Ernesto Madrigal (Stockton), Rev. Dat Luong (San Jose, CA), Mr. Dean Mbuji (Seattle), Rev. Arnold Parungao (Sacramento), Rev. Michael Syjuco (San Jose, CA), Rev. Samuel Moses Brown (Santa Rosa), Rev. Leonard Marrujo (Oakland), Rev. Peter Hoang (Portland), Rev. Antonio Silveira (San Jose, CA), Rev. Benedict Pradit Wonganant (Oakland), Rev. Richard Kidd (Agana), Rev. David Mendoza-Vela (Oakland), Rev. Thomas Martin (San Francisco), Rev. Mendie Nguyen (San Jose, CA), Rev. Ace Racela (Sacramento) and Rev. Ronald Torres (Sacramento)

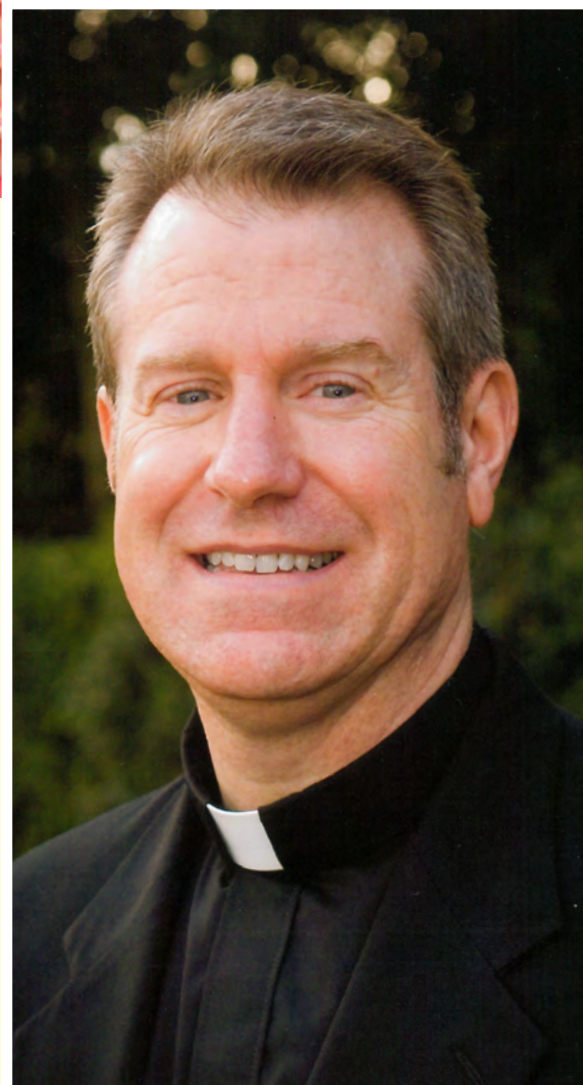


THANK YOU, FR. JIM MCKEARNEY



Father Jim McKearney, S.S., joined St. Patrick's Seminary & University in 1999, bringing with him a great commitment to ministry in the Church and to the pastoral care of the students he would serve. Even as a Sulpician Candidate, he became fully engaged in the life of the seminary as formation advisor, professor, and spiritual director. Appointed Dean of Students soon after arriving, Fr. McKearney brought an exceptional level of musical skill and love for liturgical music, excelling in piano and organ performance. Through his hard work, he cultivated in the seminarians an interest in music, developing their musical gifts, and he elevated the overall quality of liturgy at St. Patrick's.

After his admission as a full member of the Society of Saint Sulpice, Fr. McKearney began studies at the Gregorian University in Rome. Completing his Doctorate in Sacred Theology, he returned to St. Patrick's. In 2009, he became President/Rector. His warm and engaging personality earned him the respect and affection of his colleagues, faculty, and students, as well as of the parishioners of the parishes in which he served. Fr. McKearney's many contributions to the quality of the formation experience at St. Patrick's will live on in the seminarians who will serve their communities as priests for years to come. We are grateful for his years of service to our community. We keep him in our thoughts and in our prayers, wishing him Godspeed in his next ministry to the Church.



LOVE & DIVINE WISDOM

by Rev. Gladstone Stevens, S.S., Vice Rector and Dean of Men
Adapted from www.stmarys.edu/news/LoveandDivineWisdom.pdf

When Scripture speaks of Wisdom, it does not mean abstract or theoretical knowledge. It also does not intend Wisdom to mean simply utilitarian information. Something far deeper is intended by the term. Wisdom is something painfully garnered, not something that can be experienced by the passive observer. The logic of the scriptural vision of wisdom is that the purification of understanding and of love are intimately related, something understood well by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. According to him, love has to undergo purification to reach its destination.

What does desire look like without purification, that is, in the absence of wisdom? For Augustine, man is made for God. Our hopes, dreams and aspirations can find their consummation only in the infinite. This is the human dilemma: we are finite yet we long for the infinite; temporal, yet directed toward the eternal. We seek infinite satisfaction in limited, created things. We strive to make ephemeral entities yield eternal happiness. Longings seem to go unfulfilled and life appears to take on a futile quality.

What saves us from an absurd existence is that our desires are met by divine agape. In the teachings of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, our human ascending quest for the infinite is encountered by a descending divine quest for us. Agape is what allows for love's purification. It is in the mystery of God's radical love that we find the definitive form of wisdom.

For the Holy Father, the newness of the Gospel lies in the proclamation that God's love has taken human form and divine activity is realized in one who is fully human. What we find in Christ is not just a union of natures but a union of loves.

In Christ, the human desire is fully united with divine agape. Divine Wisdom, the Logos, expresses itself through human words, inviting a human response.

The mystery of the Incarnation discloses to us how to make this response. The union of loves basic to Christ's own being must be the defining element of our existence, but this cannot

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His life is the outpouring of divine love for our sake. In Christ, agape meets us as radical, self-emptying love, a love which holds nothing in reserve and is willing to endure all for the sake of the beloved.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI recognized the intimate link between the doctrine of the Trinity and the proclamation "God is Love." This revelation of the truth of God and the meaning of love is given on the cross. For us the sign of the cross, the names of the divine persons, and the truth of love are inseparable. It is on the cross that we find that wisdom which purifies our love and releases it so that it may reach its destination. We find wisdom in what others view as foolish and scandalous.

How are we to live with scandalous and foolish wisdom? What does discipleship in a paradoxical faith look like? A young, uneducated, unwed mother who lost a child named Wisdom. The image of Mary holding her dead Son, an image of the Sedes Sapientiae. Wisdom lost and Wisdom received. These are the dialectics by which wisdom is purified and love made perfect.



6TH ANNUAL GALA: CELEBRATION UNDER THE STARS



by Linda Asti, Gala Event Coordinator

On September 14, 2013, St. Patrick's Seminary & University hosted its sixth annual Four Pillars Gala on its beautiful seminary grounds. Three-hundred and sixty guests attended this year's festivities which began with Solemn Vespers in the Main Chapel.

A social hour followed with entertainment provided by two of our seminarians. Following the Social and before dinner was served, Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, blessed our new Sedes Sapientiae (Mary, Seat of Wisdom) statue, which was lovingly donated to the seminary. The new statue will hold a special place of honor at the entrance of the seminary, welcoming all those that enter these holy grounds.

At this year's Gala we honored our seminarians and their families, alumni, benefactors, friends, parish supporters,

faculty and staff. Without the generous support of our honorees, St. Patrick's would not be the house of formation that it is.

Among the honored guests for the evening were Most Reverend George H. Niederauer, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of San Francisco; Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire, Bishop of Stockton; and Most Reverend William J. Justice, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

This evening was also an occasion to remember a very special man, a dear friend to the seminary for many years, Father Eugene J. Konkel, S.S., who died on September 14, 2012. He taught at seminaries in Baltimore, Louisville, Kentucky, Honolulu, as well as at St. Joseph's College in Mountain View. He was best known at St. Patrick's for his ministry as a spiritual director for more than thirty five years, and for his connection

to the Vatican II Institute located on the seminary grounds, where he served as director from 1976 until 2012.

The dinner was prepared by Continental Caterers of Palo Alto. As in past years, our seminarians assisted in a variety of ways, from setting up the area to welcoming guests, waiting tables, tending the bar, taking photos, managing the silent auction, leading tours, and cleaning up at the end of the evening. Without their generous volunteer efforts, this event would not have been possible. We honor and thank our beloved seminarians.

At the close of the evening, the seminarians were introduced by diocese and gathered on the steps of the seminary to serenade our guests by singing the *Salve Regina*, as a fitting end to a beautiful evening.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 7th Annual Gala that will be held on September 13, 2014 at St. Patrick's!



SULPICIAN PRAYER

O Jesus living in Mary,
come and live in your servants,
in the spirit of your holiness,
in the fullness of your power,
in the perfection of your ways,
in the truth of your virtues,
in the communion of your mysteries;
Overcome every oppressing force
in your Spirit, for the glory of the
Father, Amen.

- *Father Jean Jacques Olier*
Founder of the Sulpician Fathers

THE LIBRARY: WHERE TECHNOLOGY AND HOSPITALITY MEET

by David Kriegh, MLIS, Library Director

We are privileged to have an inviting and dynamic library here at St. Patrick's. Traditionally the library represents the Intellectual pillar of formation at the seminary. We collect books on a variety of theological and philosophical topics, which can instruct, inform, entertain and challenge our community. However, the library is much more than the "place with the books." The librarians and the seminarians supporting them go out of their way to make our patrons feel at home. We provide comfortable furnishings, beautiful displays and ample room for lively fellowship and quiet study, making the library a true "Four Pillars" experience.

Over the past few months we have been stepping up our technological initiatives, with the goal of making the library not just a hospitable place, but a efficient and responsive one as well. On the opening day of the fall semester, we unveiled a new circulation system. In addition to knowing what they have checked out and when materials are due, our patrons can

now place holds and renew their books online through our catalog. To ensure we are here to help during this time of transition, we have expanded our open hours, including most weekday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Our catalog and databases, as well as other library services, can all be accessed from our recently-redesigned website: <http://www.stpatrickssseminary.org/gellert-memorial-library.html>. Although you won't see any "under construction" signs, we are working hard to add additional content, including research guides on a multitude of practical and academic theological topics, many of which will correlate directly with courses offered at the seminary.

We have also expanded our periodical databases, adding six new databases. These databases have instantly expanded the number of theological and philosophical journals available to the community by the hundreds and streamlining research through powerful and exhaustive indexing of theological literature. These databases available at

any time to anyone on the seminary grounds through our website with no password required.

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Of course none of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors. We have been blessed to receive generous gifts of many both inside and surrounding the seminary community. The Corbalis family's donation to the library has funded much of our new technology and was essential to managing the transition to our new databases. Many donated books to the library, which greatly augmented our spirituality and pastoral theology collections.

As for the donated books we could not add to the library's collection, we are sharing them with the seminarians and faculty here at St. Patrick's, as well as shipping many excellent titles to St. Dominic's Major Seminary in Zambia.

Finally, we want to reach out to our alumni. Our website and catalog are available anywhere in the world with Internet access. We encourage those who cannot make it to the library to browse our titles and contact us with titles they are interested in reading. We can ship materials free of charge. We carry a number of titles that are of great interest to the newly and recently ordained and we want to be a part of your ongoing formative experience. I encourage everyone to discover what the library can do for them!



David Kriegh, the Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Library Director, instructs the seminarians in the effective use of library resources.



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God bless you!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

THEY ARE BACK!

We welcome our returning Pastoral Year seminarians who have so much to share in terms of their fruitful and grace-filled parish experiences in their respective (arch)dioceses. Pictured: in the first row, left to right, Edwin Sanchez (Portland),

Ommar Solis (Monterey), Cesar Martinez (Stockton), John Carillo (Oakland), Peter Nguyen (Oakland), Jeremy Santos (Sacramento) and Patrick Summerhays (San Francisco); in the second row, Manuel Becerra (Portland), Huong Le (Oakland), Jason Simas (Monterey), Steve Akers (Monterey), Manolito Jaldon (San Francisco), Cameron Faller (San Francisco) and Michael Nufable (Oakland). Not pictured: Eric Flores (Sacramento) and Roger Gustafson (San Francisco).



HERE THEY ARE!

Presenting the 11 new seminarians for the Fall term: in the first row, left to right, Hector Jauregui (Sacramento), Anh Vu (Honolulu), Ryan Francisco (Sacramento) and Ernesto Jandonero (San Francisco); in the second row, Joshua Keeney (Sacramento), Patrick Klekas (Reno), Jesus Hernández (Sacramento), Clayton Baumgartner (Sacramento), Michael Rocha (Stockton), Arturo Bazan (Oakland) and Francis Kalaw (San Jose, CA).

OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014 WITH THE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LAST AUGUST 24, 2013





COMMUNITY DAY 2013

The sun beat down on a recent Friday afternoon at the seminary as teams made up of classes together with faculty members competed against each other for the title of Community Day Champions. A day of no classes and team games designed to increase camaraderie, the day began with Mass and Morning Prayer before moving onto various relays, trivia games, soccer shootouts and ended with a round robin water polo tournament with a slight assist from inflatable rings. In the end, the title went to Theology Three class who enjoy the spoils of their victory: a statue of the Sedes Sapientiae for their class chapel and a paid class dinner.

SAN LORENZO FEAST DAY 2013

In the presence of newly appointed Interim President/Rector Most Reverend Thomas A. Daly, the Filipino community at St. Patrick's organized the community in a celebration of the martyrs who brought the faith to the islands of the Philippines.

First gathering together for a community procession while praying the rosary, the procession continued into the chapel for the celebration of Mass with recently ordained alumnus, Fr. Ace Racela from the Diocese of Sacramento, presiding.

After Mass, the community was treated to a sampling of culinary delights from the Philippines and a demonstration of traditional dances. The entire night was dedicated to honor the Filipino graduates of St. Patrick's who serve all across the western United States.



INSTITUTION OF NEW ACOLYTES 2013

Making his first visit to St. Patrick's Seminary & University after being named the 4th Bishop of the Diocese of Orange, Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann instituted twenty-two (22) of St. Patrick's seminarians to the ministry of acolyte. The ministry of acolyte is especially directed towards assisting at the celebration of the Eucharist and bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Bishop Vann delivered a powerful homily reminding the men of the joy and the gravity of their new responsibilities. The community celebrated the new acolytes and their guests with a social afterwards. *Turn to the back cover page for a photo of the newly instituted acolytes with Bishop Vann.*

IN MEMORIAM



Father John (Jack) Olivier, S.S.

was a beloved liturgist, musician, chant director and companion on the spiritual journey to so many both inside and outside the halls of St. Joseph's College, Mountain View, CA where he taught from 1947-1965 and of St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park, CA from 1965-1969.

Fr. Olivier retired in 1993 to live in a one-bedroom, hundred-year-old farmhouse at the Pinnacles Ranch of his great friends, Peggy and Stuart Kingman, in Paicines, CA. In 2000, he moved from this "hermitage," as he called it, to the Sulpician retirement community at St. Charles Villa in Catonsville, where he died peacefully slightly before midnight on April 12, 2013.

Peggy recalled the words of a popular song, "Almost Home," that she shared with him the last time they visited only a few years before he died. They seem appropriate now, too:

*"I'm not running,
I'm not hiding,
I'm just falling into the arms of the Great Wide Open.
Gonna pull my soul in
And I'm almost Home."*

One of Fr. Olivier's favorite poems was "A Psalm of E=MC² Easter" by Edward Hays. Its final stanzas capture Fr. Olivier's spirit and spirituality:

*In your infinite design
nothing dies; it only changes form,
until it finally and forever changes into your form,
into the energy of the light of love divine.
Take hope, my heart, be firm my feeble faith,
for the matter of the flesh and bone I call me
will also become an Einstein Easter Event.*

He will be missed by the Sulpicians and so many friends in the East and West.

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