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# President/Rector's Letter

By Reverend James L. McKearney, S.S.

I hope this edition of the Patrician finds all of you well and that 2010 so far has been blessed. The days of the New Year have been good to St. Patrick's in large part to the wonderful spirit of cooperation among the seminarians and staff. We are also grateful for the outstanding work of our faculty and staff. For example, the work of our Academic Dean and Vice Rector has helped our seminarians and students achieve a new clarity about their academic progress and their program as a whole. The work of Fr. Jim Myers, our Vice-President and interim director of Advancement, and his assistant Mrs. Mary Verducci has provided us with new vision, clarity and focus towards reaching our much needed development goals. Thanks to the work of our staff and our supporters' goodness we have begun to experience an improvement in our appeal which went out before the Christmas holiday. Please join us in prayer for the success of these renewed efforts of our Advancement office in union with the work of the Board of Regents. The various measures spearheaded by our team and our Regents are crucial this year as we continue to experience the pressures and difficulties of the recent economic crisis. Nevertheless, as we heard proclaimed in our recent celebration of TET, the celebration of the Asian New Year, we live in expectation that the days ahead of us will remain bright and prosperous.

I am very happy to report to you all that we had one of our more successful discernment retreat weekends in recent times. We welcomed forty-six men of various ages and cultural backgrounds to ponder the Lord's call in their lives. Those of us responsible for activities during the weekend were able to see that there are

many prospects for the Fall 2010 entering class. We are grateful to the many individuals and seminarians who volunteered to welcome these potential candidates. We are thankful in a special way for the presence of Archbishop Niederauer who was on campus on Saturday for many hours and addressed the group during the day. It was wonderful to see many of the members of the local Serra clubs and I am grateful for the leadership and guidance of Fr. Vincent Bui, S.S., the Dean of Students of the Seminary, who was largely responsible for the success of the weekend.

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St. Patrick's, the Serra Club, and St. Anthony's Parish in San Francisco were the regional hosts for the January Walk for Life in San Francisco. Some seventy-plus seminarians from Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, and St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver came to the events for the

weekend. The events served as a wonderful opportunity for St. Patrick's to become better known in the Catholic world. At evening prayer on Friday I was able to address our guests as the Rector of St. Patrick's during the homily. We owe a debt of gratitude to our student body president Steve Kim (San Jose), Thomas Martin (San Francisco), and the many seminarians who worked so hard to make the occasion so meaningful and effective. I even heard from two seminarians from the other houses of formation who mentioned that they hoped they would be transferred to St. Patrick's in the years ahead! Their dioceses and current seminaries shall of course remain nameless! Seriously though, St. Patrick's continues to be an important institute of theology in our region and for that we shall remain grateful to God and ever vigilant that we provide the absolute best for our men and especially for the people of God they will serve in the future.

St. Patrick's was also pleased to welcome the participants in Segment One of Mantle of Elijah. Offered through the Vatican II Institute for Clergy Formation, Mantle of Elijah is designed to prepare seasoned and well-integrated priests to serve as effective mentors for newly ordained priests, first-time pastors, and priests new to the country. Eighteen priests from seven California dioceses participated in the program.

In short, our young 2010 is off to a wonderful start. There will be many events in the coming months including our GALA in September, which we are happy to announce will take place at the Seminary this year. For information on all of the events to come, please check our website.

As we enter the Lenten and Easter seasons and those followed by the season of priestly ordinations, let us remain united in grateful and joyful prayer for all our priests and our Church. Many thanks for all you do in support of our priests and St. Patrick's Seminary & University.







## Called to Teach, Called to Heal, Called to Lead: Men Discerning the Priesthood

By Seminarian Andrew Spyrow

St. Patrick's Seminary & University was proud to host its annual Vocation Discernment Weekend January 15-17, 2010. Forty-six men representing seven (Arch) dioceses and the Missionaries of the Divine Mercy attended this retreat. These men were invited to better understand a vocation to the priesthood. The weekend included various presentations and discussions aimed at providing the tools needed to help discern whether God might be calling them to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Father Vincent Bui, SS, and Seminarian Andrew Spyrow, who is studying for the Archdiocese of

San Francisco, co-chaired this event.

Sister Kathleen Bryant, RSC, led the men in this discernment. She provided an opportunity for these men to step back from the busyness of their lives and see where God may be calling them. She provided the tools of discernment, some rules for discernment, meditation, and prayer. Following each presentation, there were small group discussions facilitated by seminarians. The retreatants had the opportunity to listen to "vocation stories" from a panel of seminarians and priests who shared their stories. The retreatants found this to be very insightful in their own discernment.



Andrew F. Spyrow  
San Francisco

Archbishop Niederhauer's visit made the evening very special. His stories and words of

wisdom were very much appreciated. The men had the opportunity to meet Fr. James McKearney, S.S., President/Rector. Fr. McKearney shared his experience, insights and answered many questions.

The men were very thankful to St. Patrick's Seminary for providing this opportunity for discernment. They found the entire experience quite worthwhile and beneficial to their discernment process. One retreatant commented, "To see so many men going through the same discerning is incredible."

A special thanks is due to the local Serra Clubs for their support in making this weekend a success. The retreatants were most appreciative for the Serra gift baskets and cards upon arrival and especially enjoyed meeting the Serran Officers at the evening reception.

## Students Rally for Walk for Life



By Seminarian Tom Martin

**S**eminarians from four Western seminaries joined together as a force at this year's January 23rd Walk for Life West Coast. The idea for inviting seminarians from Saint John, Camarillo, Saint John Vianney, Denver and Mount Angel, Oregon is credited to Saint Patrick's seminarian, Justin Weis. Together with a dedicated group from Saint Patrick's, we were able to secure housing for our guests as well as transportation and lunches for all those seminarians who walked.

The morning began with a most im-

pressive Liturgy presided over by Archbishop George Niederauer and was joined by several bishops and more than three dozen clergy, including Fathers Gladstone Stevens, SS, and Jeffrey Hubbard, SS. The seminarians sat together as a group at the Mass and seminarians from San Francisco and Orange served as acolytes. An estimated 2,300 people attended the Mass.

Special thanks are due to our sponsors whose generosity made this event so special. Father Paul Perry ('67) along with two anonymous donors from Saint Anne's and Saint Cecilia's in San Francisco provided financial support. Fathers James

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Garcia of Saint Anthony's and Father William Lauriola, OFM from Immaculate Conception in San Francisco kindly and enthusiastically hosted our guests. Peter Pecavar (Church of the Nativity, San Francisco) and owner of Fountain Café gave a generous discount for the excellent lunches. Seminarians Steve Kim, Justin Weis, Jesus Beltran, Moses Brown, Andrew Ginter, Leonard Marrujo, among others, gave generously of their time to ensure a welcoming and smooth time for all.

One young man from Marin Catholic College Prep, upon seeing so many seminarians walking together, stated, "This is the kind of thing that inspires young people to become priests and enter religious life."

## Archdiocese of San Francisco Approves Second Collection for St. Patrick's Seminary

**T**he Council of Priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco passed a resolution in December 2009 approving an annual collection to support St. Patrick's Seminary

and University. In 2010, every pastor is to find a suitable date to take up the collection in his parish between January and July. Effective 2011, the Archdiocese will establish a common date on which the collection is

to be taken. The newly approved second collection is a clear sign of the Archdiocese's support for the Seminary and provides an opportunity to promote the mission of St. Patrick's Seminary at the parish level.

# Seasons of a Seminarian: Joseph H. Kim

By Amy Yamamura and  
Seminarian Joe Kim

This year St. Patrick's Seminary & University will say farewell to Joseph Kim. A native to San Jose and a son of immigrant parents, Joe graduated with an engineering degree from Cal Berkeley and shortly after, in 2005, entered the Seminary. This June, Joe will be ordained a priest of the San Jose Diocese and the first Korean-American priest ordained in Northern California.

Recently Joe gave a well-received homily on the Lunar New Year titled "Our Fortune is in Honoring our Father." In his homily he shared his reflections on the seasons of priestly vocation, from childhood, adulthood and old age. Now moving through a season at St. Patrick's, we know Joe will waste no time continuing to offer himself in honoring our Father and others and his 'zeal' will shine throughout his seasons.

There are 365.2425 days in a year. A little less than a quarter of the world's population count these days by the moon's orbit around the earth using a system developed by the Chinese nearly five thousand years ago. For those born in 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, and 1938 this is your year, the year of the tiger. Depending on what website you go to, your year may be a good one. What you can depend on as with all those Asian peoples who celebrate the Lunar New Year is that your fortune, your luck, prosperity, happiness, blessing depends on the honoring of ancestors, parents and older relatives.

The Chinese wish their elder relatives "xi Nina kuai le" and the fortunes of their year are headed in the right direction with some red envelopes. These red envelopes have the character 'fu' which translates blessing, fortune or luck. In addition to their new year wish, the Vietnamese spend days tidying up their home awaiting the first

visitor of the new year who they wish to be rich, happy and prestigious (don't worry if the first person who visited your door today wasn't all three, we still have a couple weeks before the New Year). Koreans brave the traffic (imagine the population of CA in half the territory all trying to go to the other side) to return to their hometowns to visit the grave sites of their family and to wish their elderly relatives blessings on the new year in the form of a prostrating bow. In Thailand the honoring of older relatives comes in the form of a cool bath prepared for them in the blistering heat. They in turn pour some of that water over their children as a sign of renewal and well-wishes for the new year. Tourists have taken this to the next level and everybody gets soaked in the Songkran Thai water festival.

Whatever their tradition, the peoples of these Asian cultures have the profound belief that honoring their ancestors and living family has a direct impact on their fortunes. Those who honor parents and ancestors will be brought honor, blessing, happiness, or fu. Older relatives, especially parents, are recognized as authentic givers of blessing, honor, fortune. What children do all year in many various forms of honor for parents, they do in a formal, ceremonial and festive way this one day a year.

The Lunar New Year is a providential occasion for us who count the days of year by the earth's orbit around the sun to remember that our fortune is also inextricably tied with the honoring of our family, principally the head of our family, God our Father. He is the God of all fortune of all time, the authentic giver of all blessing, grace, charis, and hesed; who "shines his face upon us and gives us his peace" not because we deserve it, nor because we honor him, but because He is God, a Good God.

How can we honor our Good Father? We look no further than the greatest gift of our God—His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



We look to the Son on how to honor the Father. His life was consumed with zeal for the Father even unto death. In every situation He looked not to do His will but the will of the Father. His fortune, His destiny was the carrying out of the will of His Father—the ultimate honor offered in His self-sacrifice which is made present today on our altar. Jesus honored the Father through His faithful attending to the will of the Father—that was His identity as Son.

We who are sons and daughters of God through the Son, must honor our Father lest we deny our own identities. We who aspire to be called 'Father,' who aspire to be configured to Christ in the way of priesthood, must in life be configured to the Son in a more radical way. "This is my body which will be given up for you" must not be merely words of consecration in liturgy but must translate into a life offered for others outside liturgy. Faithful vigilance to the will of the Father through the offering of life for others is how the



Son honored the Father and that is how we honor our Father. We ought to “be like servants who await their master’s return” “ready to open immediately when He comes and knocks” even through the “second and third watches” of the night.

To live a life completely for others day in day out, a life completely vigilant and attentive to the will of God is a serious challenge for sure, especially in the individualist, consumerist culture we live in. This is the core challenge that I believe these years of seminary formation addresses. St Gregory of Nazianzus interprets the three watches of the night that our Lord speaks of in today’s passage as childhood, adulthood and old age. I would offer that a priestly vocation can be broken down along the same lines.

In the childhood of a vocation, it is cute to be a priest. It landed me first prize and a chocolate cake for dressing up like John Paul in kindergarten. As one Sulpician priest told me, seminarians are like little puppies, everybody loves them. This initial support and love from the faithful is necessary and a gift for a man who leaves so much behind to follow the voice of God within. Yet with all this attention it is easy to focus on yourself—my vocation, my priesthood, my

time, my cake. It is easy to lose the attentiveness and faithful vigilance to the will of God that got us here in the first place.

In the adulthood of the priestly vocation, one becomes more aware of the real difficulties in the priestly life—the most serious being our own habits that lead us away from God. Yet the lure of childhood—of having everything our way—is still very strong and the habit of turning to God in all things weak. It is through providential experiences like being thrown in a hospital room of a gangster shot and unconscious with his family expecting consolation, or appointments on pastoral assignments that pop up in the middle of my personal time, that our weaknesses meet us square in the face and the only place to turn is our Father. Adulthood in the priesthood is the moment when we realize that my vocation is not mine alone, my priesthood is not mine alone, but rather the initiative of God and sustained by His power. These challenges, many of which are beyond our control, help us to remain faithfully vigilant to the will of God.

The old age of a vocation is the habitual act of turning to the Father in all things. It is easy to spot and beautiful to see a priest who is single-hearted in his

devotion to God and God’s people. Priests like a Fr. Larry Goode, who can manage to run circles around us on the basketball court and be a beloved pastor in one of the toughest neighborhoods in the country. The old age of priesthood is when seeking to honor God through self-sacrifice for others consumes all our personal ambitions—when human need is not a hindrance but rather an opportunity to love and honor our Good Father.

St. Cyril of Alexandria said of the three watches, “Of the first watch, however, [Christ] makes no mention, for childhood is not punished by God, but obtains pardon; but the second and third age owe obedience to God, and the leading of an honest life according to His will.” So wherever we are in this spectrum—whether childhood, adulthood or old age—let us take serious the letter of James who exhorts us this day to waste no time in abandoning all presumption, all selfishness. Let us turn to the Son and implore Him to teach us and give us the power to be obedient to the will of God and offer ourselves for others. This is how the Son lived and honored the Father. This is how we ought to live and honor our Father. Our fortune, our destiny, our vocation depend on it, every single day of the year.

## Welcome New Students

### Honolulu

Makana W.J. Aiona

### Orange

Brandon L. Dang

Robin Y. Joo

Joseph Jang

Nicolaus D. Thai

Charles M. Tran

Nyeo Jae “Pius” Youn

### Oakland

Gepaul A. Carpio

Gerald D. Pedrera

Alberto Perez

Michael N. Pham

### Portland

Edwin L. Sanchez

### Sacramento

Steven L. Iway

Arnold P. Parungao

Ronald V. Torres

Jose Alberto Enriquez

### Monterey

Jason Simas

### San Francisco

Roger Gustafson

Andrew Ginter

Roger G. Gustafson

Tony S. Vallecillo

### San Jose

Michael D. Syjueco

Michael E. Gray

Shawn X. Nguyen

### Seattle

Br. Wankie

(Dean) Mbuzi

### Stockton

H. Andres Carmona

### Yakima

Harold Ramirez

# The Life of a Seminarian – Letters From the Inside

By Seminarian Tony Vallecillo

I began my seminary journey to priestly ordination at Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon in September 2005. The time has flown by which proves a good sign of how well things have gone so far.

## HALFWAY!!!

I am halfway done with my priesthood formation: four and a half years down and four and a half years to go. Praise God! What a journey it has been! As always, thank you for your stellar and invaluable support. Continually thanking God for all His Graces in my life, this past fall I completed my first semester at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California, studying theology, and it was a wild ride. My seminary experience/priesthood formation included healing, heresies, space pods, and boxing.

① As I get closer to priestly ordination I begin to go through the various stages/levels that lead to it. This semester, I

undergo the first level which is installation as lector which means, in the capacity of a seminarian, I will be able to read Scripture at Mass, aside from the Gospels, which is exclusively reserved for priests and deacons. In my second year of Theology study, I will be installed as an acolyte (being able to assist as a server at Mass). In my fourth theological year, I will be ordained a transitional deacon (transitional in terms of transitioning to priesthood). A very positive sign of discernment is these levels bring excitement for me rather than any type of nervousness.

② Another big step forward to priesthood occurs this semester as I begin to formally study preaching. This area of priesthood particularly excites me as one of my top goals is to be an excellent preacher who conveys to people how

God can truly work in and change their lives. Church documents I have read on preaching confirm that preaching is one of the most important things a priest does.

③ Discernment as to whether God calls me forward to the priesthood means being open to whatever transpires. As I mentioned before, the most unexpected and rewarding things in seminary have been the various pastoral ministry experiences I have had in teaching and serving people. That continues this year as my assigned pastoral ministry is being part of a team at a nearby parish instructing people interested in converting to the Catholic faith (called Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA). However, the most powerfully intense experience I have had in my four and half years in seminary occurred this past October, and though it involved pastoral

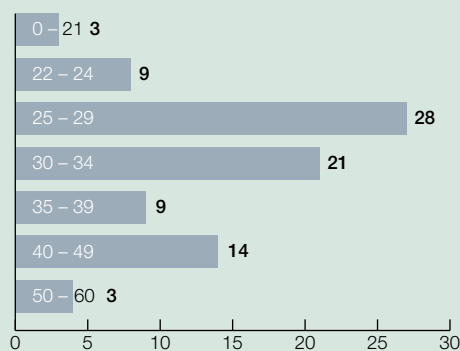
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## Admissions Reports

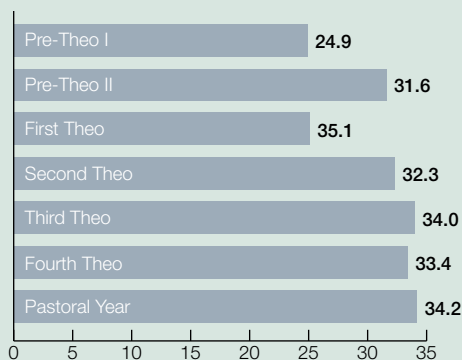
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New Students Only



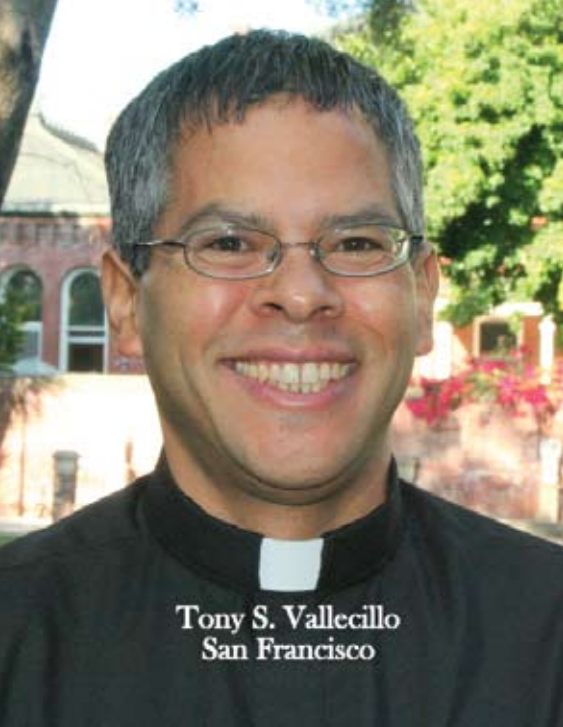
**Student Body by Age Group**  
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**Average Age by Class**  
2010







ministry, I participated more as an observer. On my spiritual director's advice, in my capacity as a seminarian, I attended a Rachel's Vineyard weekend healing retreat for women and men dealing with past abortion trauma. Through the course of this amazing weekend, I witnessed God's Grace in action through small/large group discussion, guided Scripture meditation, experiential healing techniques, these brave individuals accepted not only forgiveness

from God, but from themselves. I was shattered by God's Mercy as I saw these individuals heal significantly and gain hope all within 48 hours! Truly, praise God! If being a priest means being able to help people heal and gain hope, then I want to be a priest.

4 By far my most rewarding class last semester was Church History which focused on the beginnings of the Church to the 1300s. I became thoroughly engrossed in the drama of spreading the faith, conversions, persecutions, acceptance and constant heresies that threaten to undermine everything. The teacher taught the subject from the perspective of "pastoral wisdom": by knowing the history of the constantly evolving Tradition of the Faith, we understand not only the past, but it helps to illuminate the present so we can serve people better now, as the same issues perpetually come around (a good example is the Arian heresy which believed Jesus was not divine and thus God is not with us on this

earth, not a part of our lives). My classes this semester, in addition to Homiletics, include the second part of Church history (Reformation to present), Moral Theology (to prepare me to hear confessions), Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke), and Christian Anthropology.

5 I am discovering that God will utilize everything from my past in the most surprising ways. My two deepest interests before I entered seminary were literature and movies. I suspected God would utilize my knowledge of various gifted writers such as Dickens, Melville, and Henry James for my priesthood studies in terms of their writing styles and ideas; such as been the case. However, I thought Hollywood movies would not fit into my education; such is not turning out to be the case. At God's prompting I began this semester to take a look at some my favorite Hollywood classics from a priesthood homiletics/

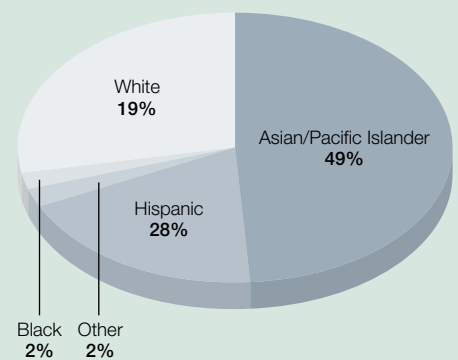
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### Profile of Students Spring 2010

Country of Origin	Non-Residents	Perm Res/ U.S. Cit	Total
Colombia	4	0	4
Costa Rica	1	0	1
El Salvador	2	0	2
Guam	0	1	1
Korea	0	5	5
Mexico	10	8	18
Nicaragua	0	1	1
Philippines	16	5	21

Country of Origin	Non-Residents	Perm Res/ U.S. Cit	Total
Poland	1	0	1
Thailand	1	0	1
United States	0	18	18
Vietnam	1	16	17
Zambia	1	0	1
Other	0	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>93</b>

### Ethnic Background Profile Spring 2010



sermons perspective. I have found that their themes reflect many profound aspects of the universal human condition. Perhaps the most unusual example has been the 1956 sci-fi/horror classic, *The Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. Despite the lurid title, this intense compact movie about space pods from outer space taking over people's bodies and disposing of their souls while they sleep speaks profoundly about the horrors of dehumanization and the constant struggle to maintain our humanity at costs. Thus God demonstrates that all aspects of my past can be used to His Glory.

7 Finally, I discovered the physical and psychological benefits of boxing of all things! In my last year at Mt. Angel Seminary, out of curiosity, I participated in a boxing match. The result was a TKO in the 2nd round and ringing ears, but I discovered what a great workout boxing was. I had never been so exhausted in my life. So here at St. Patrick's, I use the boxing equipment not in the ring, but to work out. Punching the punching bag for several minutes provides not only excellent cardio benefits but lets out much frustration, not that yours truly, being such a peaceful spiritual child of God remotely has any frustrations! Thanks to John Paul Shea, now at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, for introducing me to the splendors of boxing as exercise.

So, as you can see, through God's Grace it is all progressing forward positively. Thank you for your unceasing prayers and support.

**HALFWAY!!!**

## St. Patrick's Alumni in the News

In 1982, when he was a young seminarian, Maryknoll Father Richard Bauer's first assignment was at a San Francisco hospital already overwhelmed by the newly recognized AIDS pandemic, that had even professional health care workers in a state of panic. It was seminarians and other Catholic volunteers who did much of the hands-on work with AIDS patients, Bauer reports, bringing them food trays, bathing and washing them, and bringing what comfort they could. "It was Catholic pastoral care that was needed then as it is now," said the 51-year old missionary. "I am proud of the fact that today it's the Catholic Church in East Africa that has been in the forefront of AIDS education, as well as the treatment and care of the people infected. I think we're making a difference."

Bauer has served in Africa since joining Maryknoll in 1996 — first as a priest associate from Utah's Salt Lake City Diocese before officially joining the mission society and taking his final oath in 2005. He headed pastoral services for people with AIDS in the Dar-es-Salaam Archdiocese, Tanzania, before being transferred to Namibia, where the national bishops' conference put him in charge of Catholic AIDS Action (CAA), the Church's AIDS outreach ministry.

Catholic AIDS Action, with 100 full-time employees and some 2,000 volunteers, provides help and support to 7,500 people living with AIDS and helps care for 17,500 orphans whose parents have died from the disease. The program also provides preventive education to about 10,000 young Namibians every year.

The rate of HIV infection is going down, especially among teenagers and young adults, Bauer says, noting that as of December 2008, the official figure for HIV prevalence was 17.8 percent, down from 22 percent six years ago.

Increased testing and immediate treatment clearly play their part in slowing the disease's spread. But perhaps an even greater contribution comes from the intensive outreach CAA and its partners organize to educate Namibians, especially the young, about the disease. Changing people's behavior seems possible and is happening right before the organizers' eyes.

Individuals who test positive are quickly put onto treatment regimes that employ antiretroviral medication, which is increasingly available in Namibia. Josephina Nambala, a CAA child services coordinator, recounts the case of a young boy named Mawaya whose mother had died from AIDS but whose father was reluctant to have him tested. "He was afraid to know the status of the child," says Nambala, recalling that the boy was sick and had skin rashes. When she eventually persuaded the father to have his son checked, Mawaya tested HIV positive. He was put on antiretrovirals immediately, and now, says Nambala, his skin is clear and he's concentrating in school. "Every time you see Mawaya, he is smiling," she says.

Father Bauer was born in Santa Barbara on August 1, 1959, where he attended St. Raphael grammar school, graduating from Bishop Garcia Diego High School in 1977. A graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif. (1981), he holds a Master of Divinity degree from St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif. (1984). He received a master's degree in clinical social work from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City (1990), in educational psychology and neuropsychology.

*Tereshchuk, David. "Reining in the Pandemic." Maryknoll. 24 March 2009. Web April 2009. <<http://www.maryknoll.org/magazine>>.*

## Four Pillars Gala

San Francisco's Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption was the setting for St. Patrick's Four Pillars Gala to honor the Most Reverend William Justice, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The Four Pillars award recognizes individuals who have con-

tributed to the excellence of seminary formation by embodying and promoting the four pillars of formation; Human, Pastoral, Intellectual, and Academic.

The second annual event included a silent art and wine auction during the cocktail reception. Seminarians, Michael Ritter, Julio Isaza and Victor Solis provided

musical melodies. Knights Catering of San Francisco presented the five-course cuisine. Msgr. Harry Schlitt of the San Francisco Archdiocese was our auctioneer, and St. Patrick's President/Rector Fr. James McKearney was the emcee for the evening.

The event attracted dignitaries such as Archbishop Niederauer, Bishop Wang, Msgr. Cox of St. John's Seminary and several members of our Board of Regents.

St. Patrick's will open its doors to host next year's Gala on our own campus.



Save the Date!

Four Pillars Gala

Saturday, September 18, 2010

St. Patrick's Campus

## Sems vs Revs

On Friday, February 5th, people from all around the Bay Area gathered at the Leavey Center at Santa Clara University to cheer for their favorite priests and seminarians. This is a very entertaining event — where else would you see our Sisters start the wave! After a prayer, led by Bishop Patrick McGrath, the 4th annual Revs vs. Sems began with the crowd cheering, "Go Sems! Go Revs!" The Revs dominated the game early on and never looked back. Our very own Fr. George Schultze, SJ, professor at St. Patrick's Seminary, had a fabulous game and showed up many of his students scoring basket after basket. Seminarian Brandon Dang received MVP honors for the Sems but the Revs took the trophy for the third time in a row. Thanks to all those who came to support the Revs and Sems.

All proceeds benefit San Jose seminary formation. For highlights (or lowlights) of previous years, check out <http://dsj.org/vocations/vocations-office/revs-vs-sems-basketball-challenge>.





# A Calculated Trap for Meditation: Literature in Seminary Formation

By Reverend Jeffrey A. Hubbard

When thinking about possible courses offered at a seminary, one might not first think of literature. Yet a course entitled Catholic Fiction is a mainstay in the Pre-Theology Dept. at St. Patrick's Seminary and University. In this course, the seminarians have the opportunity to examine how theology often appears in literature and gives the seminarian a chance to see how theology is a lived experience through the characters and themes found in poems, novels, and plays. Catholics may not realize it, but they have a very distinct vision of the world. It is this vision that a course like Catholic Fiction seeks to find and analyze.

The priest and poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, said that poetry is "Speech framed for contemplation," and Swiss theologian and philosopher, Denis de Rougemont, called literature "A calculated trap for meditation." Both sayings point to the similar concept that art, in general, and literature, in particular, are not meant simply to evoke emotion, but rather they

are meant to lead one to reflection. For example, on the surface, Graham Greene's whiskey priest in *The Power and the Glory* is scandalous, but if the reader moves from an emotive response to a reflective one, the reader finds something else. He or she finds God at work in the life of the whiskey priest and he or she finds God still working through the whiskey priest despite his brokenness. While at the end of the novel the whiskey priest thinks he is a failure, the reader may not think the same.

Christ himself used stories to illustrate what the Kingdom of God is like and this tradition continues as others tell stories that convey the same eternal and divine truths. Priests are part of this tradition as preachers and teachers of the Living Word of God found in Scripture. A course like Catholic Fiction assists these future preachers and teachers by giving them a chance for reflection on how others have told the story of God at work in the world.

Perhaps literature is not the first subject one thinks of as being part of a seminary curriculum, but it is one that should not be underestimated.



## Reading List for Spring Semester

**Death Comes for the Archbishop,**  
Willa Cather

**The Power and the Glory,**  
Graham Greene

**The Man Who Was Thursday,**  
G.K. Chesterton

**Brideshead Revisited,**  
Evelyn Waugh

**A selection of Poems**  
by Francis Thompson, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and T.S. Eliot

## New Web Launch

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We launched our new website in December. Many resources are available online now such as Library links, an e-store to purchase St. Patrick's apparel, and a calendar of our events.

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**for up-to-date news, events and current happenings at St. Patrick's Seminary & University.**



# News in Brief: Happenings at St. Patrick's Seminary & University

## St. Patrick's and Fuller Seminaries Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

St. Patrick's Seminary and University and Fuller Seminary – Northern California held an ecumenical prayer service on Tuesday evening, January 19 in the seminary chapel to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Father Jose Rubio, S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Director of Liturgy at St. Patrick's Seminary, presided at the service. Dr. Kevin Murphy, a Fuller Professor and Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Walnut Creek, gave the homily. The St. Patrick's Seminary choir led the hymn, psalms, and gospel canticle. Fuller Seminary – Northern California has been located on the St. Patrick's campus since 1996.

## Vatican II Institute Offers Successful Programs of Ongoing Formation of Priests

The Vatican II Institute for Clergy Formation, the ongoing formation arm of St. Patrick's Seminary and University, offered three successful ongoing formation programs during the Fall 2009 semester.

Twenty-five recently ordained priests from five dioceses attended Continuing Formation from the Beginning on August 31 – September 3. Continuing Formation from the Beginning is a 4-day workshop offered each year designed to assist recently ordained priests as they move toward an assignment as pastor. The topic of the 2009 workshop was "Pastoral Leadership in Multicultural Parishes: Models and Issues." Ken Johnson-Mondragón of the Instituto Fe y Vida in Stockton was the principal presenter. Fr. Gladstone Stevens, S.S., Vice-Rector and Academic Dean of St. Patrick's Seminary and University, and Fr. James Myers, S.S., Director of the Vatican II Institute, also offered presentations. The 2010 workshop, "Church and Culture: Spiritual Leadership for a New Millennium," will be held on August 30 – September 2.

The Vatican II Institute inaugurated a new program for newly ordained priests on September 8-11. Good Beginnings was

## Alumni Day 2010

St. Joseph's-St. Patrick's College Alumni Association and St. Patrick's Seminary and University will celebrate their Twenty-Eighth annual celebration of Alumni Day on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at St. Patrick's Seminary.

Special recognition will be given to the 50th Anniversary Class, Rhet 1960, 40th Anniversary Class, High School 1970 including College Class of 1974, and the 25th Anniversary Class, College 1985 including High School 1981. We will also be honoring the 60th Anniversary Class, Rhet 1950.

Rev. John G. Pedigo, College 1985, will be the Presider at the Alumni Day Mass; Rev. Jerrold F. Kennedy, Rhet 1960 will be the Homilist. The Day will be coordinated by the Steering Committee from the Rhet Class of 1960: John Van Hagen, Chuck Smith, Rev. Jerry Kennedy, Don Ahlback, Brian Cahill, George Doub and Rich Laveroni.



designed to gather newly ordained priests to engage in reflection upon their first year(s) of priestly life and ministry and to encourage their continuing development and integration of a healthy and holy priestly identity and spirituality for the sake of Gospel mission. Fr. Jack Stoeger, Director of the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles, and Fr. Myers co-facilitated the program. The eleven priests (five dioceses) who participated in Good Beginnings evaluated the program very favorably. Good Beginnings will be offered again on September 7 – 10 and is open to priests ordained in 2009 or 2008.

The Vatican II Institute also welcomed 20 priests to its distinctive three-month sabbatical program. Priest-participants, both diocesan and religious, came from various regions of the United States and from five foreign countries (India, Pakistan, Zambia, Uganda, and Australia). The sabbatical program began on September 16 and concluded on December 12.

## Study Week for Year for Priests

The Vatican II Institute will be offering a Study Week for Priests on June 7 – 11, 2010. The topic will be "Reclaiming and Renewing Our Mission: A Pastoral

Think Tank for Priests." Father Louis Cameli, principal author of The Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests, will be the presenter.

Developed in response to the proclamation of Pope Benedict XVI of the Year for Priests, the workshop is designed to engage priests in exploring the pastoral challenges they face in today's world and in identifying the resources and choices required to meet those challenges. The kind of mission questions to be addressed include: Do we continue to move in the direction of what has been called "massive Christianity" or do we focus on a more intentional and deliberate Christian commitment? How will we engage our culture; by accommodation or by resistance? How shall we respond to the movement of peoples, ideas, and goods? In what way can we not only offer moral direction today, but also offer people a supportive moral infrastructure?

The Study Week is open to all St. Patrick's and Vatican II alumni and to all interested priests. For more information about the Study Week and other Vatican II ongoing formation programs, please visit the seminary website, [www.stpatricksseminary.org](http://www.stpatricksseminary.org), and click on "Vatican II Institute," then "programs."



# In Memoriam

Robert W. Amick, R'51 • June 17, 2008

John J. Lynch, R'42 • Dec. 4, 2008

Rev. Patrick J. Keane, R'45 • January 20, 2009

Rev. Richard C. Fry, R'52 • Feb. 24, 2009

Rev. John S. Ward, S.S., Prof. • Feb. 25, 2009

Rev. Joseph C. Martin, S.S., Prof. • March 9, 2009

Rev. William E. Duggan, R'47 • March 19, 2009

Ernie Bailly, Maryknoll in late 50's • May 31, 2009

Matthew Boyle, R'62 • 2009

Michael W. Kennedy, R'66 • June 3, 2009

Rev. Edward M. Cleary, R'50 • July 7, 2009

John J. Conneely, R'63 • July of 2009

Thomas McInerney, R'45 • August 7, 2009

John F. Monagle, Ph.D., R'48 • August 10, 2009

Msgr. Bruce Dreier • August 10, 2009

Andrew P. Kelleher, R'64 • August 10, 2009

James B. McGinnis, R'62 • August 13, 2009

James M. Austin, R'51 • September 7, 2009

Cornelius P. De Groot, R'50 • September 14, 2009

Oswald Rodolari, R'49 • September 25, 2009

Rev. John A. Coughlan, R'39 • Sept. 25, 2009

Rev. William V. Macchi, R'58 • October 9, 2009

William Boyle, R'45 • November 1, 2009

Msgr. Peter G. Armstrong, R'48 • Nov. 17, 2009

Msgr. John P. Heaney, R'47 • January 29, 2010

Daniel Fitzgerald, R'61 • January 18, 2010

## My Black History Month Experience

By Seminarian Dean W. Mbuzi

It was such a blessing to be part of the Black History Month celebration this year. This celebration gives African-Americans the opportunity to sit and look back at their heritage. It is a time to not only reflect on their past, but the present and future as well. Being an African, from Zambia, this celebration has made me appreciate my heritage even more. The excitement of our African-American guests and the pride that was exhibited during the Mass was very inspirational and it stirred up something in me. I was humbled when I was asked to be a part of the preparation and to contribute my ideas for the celebration. This Black History Month commemoration has made me more aware and appreciative of my roots and I have discovered how we are all connected as God's children despite our differences in color and culture. I look forward to future celebrations and thank God for having been given this chance to be a part of such a rich heritage.

Thank you to Fr. James Matthews and Mr. Leonard Pete as well as the wonderful St. Benedicts Gospel Choir and Da' Young People's Choir who participated in the celebration Mass. We would also like to acknowledge our chefs; Leonard Marrujo, Charles Dixon, and our own Oblate Sisters who prepared delicious soul food cuisine.





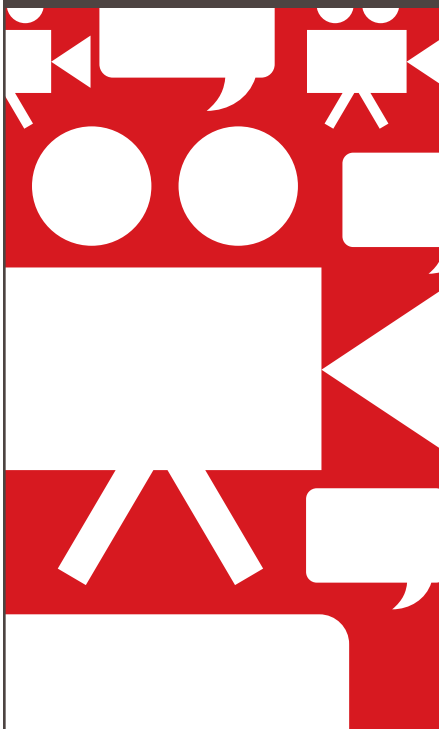
## Appreciation Day – The Oblate Sisters

**O**n Tuesday February 8, 2010, the community at St. Patrick's honored the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest. The Oblate Sisters have, for many years now, been praying for vocations and supporting the seminary and the Vatican II Institute programs. This annual celebration gives the administration, faculty, staff and seminarians an opportunity to thank the Sisters for their presence and ministry. Following Mass, the seminarians prepared a meal and offered tokens of thanksgiving. For more information about this extraordinary congregation, please log on to our website, [www.stpatricksseminary.org](http://www.stpatricksseminary.org). We would also like to offer a special word of congratulations to Sister Guadalupe Lopez as she approaches the 25th anniversary of her religious profession. Thank you dear Sisters for all you do!



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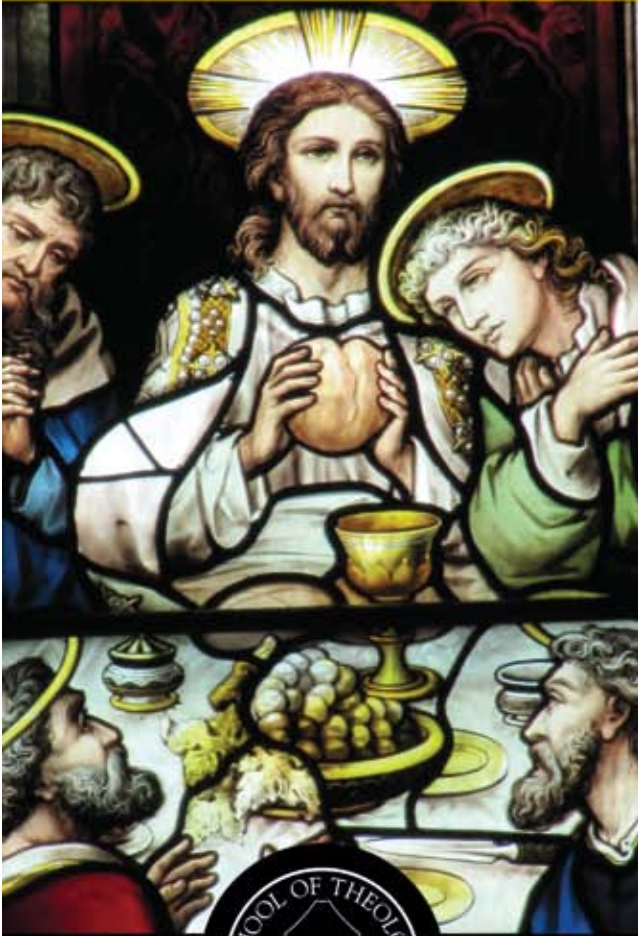
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# THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

2009-2010



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## Year for Priests

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a “Year for Priests” on the 150th anniversary of the birth of St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, the patron saint of parish priests. This celebration began on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 19, 2009, and will continue until the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 2010. The pope’s letter proclaiming this worldwide celebration is a rich meditation in which he briefly summarizes the story of John Vianney and then reflects on him as a model for priestly service in our day.

His purpose for this year is to encourage priests in their “striving for spiritual perfection on which, above all, the effectiveness of their ministry depends” and to highlight “the importance of the priest’s role and mission in the Church and in contemporary society”.

To do this, the Holy Father calls us to a renewed focus on the centrality of Christ in our lives and in the Church and that “brings with it the correct appreciation of the ministerial priesthood, without which there would be neither the Eucharist, nor even the mission nor the Church herself”.

May it be a year of religious and of public celebration which will bring the people – the local Catholic community – to pray, to reflect, to celebrate, and justly to give honor to their priests. In the ecclesial community, a celebration is a very cordial event which expresses and nourishes Christian joy, a joy which springs from the certainty that God loves us and celebrates with us. May it therefore be an opportunity to develop the communion and friendship between priests and the communities entrusted to their care.

The pope’s full letter can be found online at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).





## 2009-2010 Ordinations

### Priestly

J. Jesus Ballesteros  
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Wade E. Bjerke  
Fredy Calvario  
Francisco F. Cancino  
Edilberto S. Castanas  
Michael S. Cox  
Rafal P. Duda  
Michael J. Estaris  
Mauricio Hurtado  
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Martin Munoz  
Matthew T. Oakland  
Carlo R. Perez  
Alexander Quiros  
Hector Basanez  
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### Diaconate

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Angelo David  
Malek K. Eman  
Joseph L. Kim  
Steve J. Kim  
Duy T. Le  
Jerome M. Murphy  
Tammylee Aw. Ngo  
Andrew C. Nguyen  
Dat D. Nguyen  
Nicolas T. Nguyen  
James Phan  
Jeffrey D. Wilson

## Archdiocese of Military Services Discernment Weekend

By Seminarian Matt Oakland

Since its inception in 2006, St. Patrick's Seminary has annually hosted a discernment weekend for service men which is run by the Archdiocese of Military Services. From March 11-14, over 20 men from around the United States came to consider the call to the priesthood and, in particular, to the chaplaincy. The weekend included

daily Masses, prayer and socials with the seminarians and talks by priests and chaplains on prayer, discernment and the priesthood. Since the retreatants are located on bases around the United States, they are often isolated. The weekend not only gives them the opportunity to deepen their own discernment and prayer life, but encourages them by meeting others also considering a vocation to the priesthood.

## Peace and Social Justice Committee's New Idea for Lent

By Seminarians Moses Brown and  
Charles Tran

The Lord always calls us to a greater conversion during Lent. Most especially, we respond by the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They go hand in hand as all three are important. We decided this year to go with something new regarding our almsgiving. We wanted a meaningful way of including everyone in the seminary without overburdening them. We also wanted to keep in mind the terrible suffering that many people endured this last fall in South-East Asia, particularly the Philippines, Viet-nam, Thailand and Cambodia. Nearly half of our seminarians are from that region of the world and some of their families were devastated during the consistent hurricanes that flooded many areas, ruined whole villages and killed many people.

We decided that a way to help them practically would be to purchase a water buffalo. Water buffalos are labor animals, which allow a person to plant four times as much rice as a farmer can do by hand. Furthermore, the milk is a great source of protein and the dung can be used as fertilizer for the fields. One water buffalo can make a tremendous difference in the food supply for an entire village of people. These animals are very expensive for a

person to buy in these nations; however, they are not so expensive by American standards. Our hope is to raise enough money gradually, over the forty days of Lent, to purchase one water buffalo.

We will dig up spare change and donate the money we might spend on food (since we are fasting). It's a wonderful and creative way to help these people who have suffered so much and are now trying



to rebuild their lives. St. Patrick's priestly formation addresses academics, spiritual concerns and also pastoral issues. Our well rounded formation helps us to realize the need for social justice causes such as this. We want to be attentive to God's voice in the cry of Isaiah: "This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless."



## Did You Know?

### Chancery Archives

The Chancery Archives is the repository for historical records for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Researchers are welcome. The Archives is open to the public Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 4pm, and by appointment. To contact the Archives call 650-328-6502 or email [sfarchiv@concentric.net](mailto:sfarchiv@concentric.net).

Fr. Jim McKearney, S.S., President-Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary and University, and Fr. Jim Myers, S.S., Director of the Vatican II Institute for Clergy Formation, are members of the Provincial Council of the U.S. Sulpicians. Fr. Myers was elected as a consultant by the delegates at the January 2009 Provincial Assembly. Fr. McKearney was selected by the Council to complete the term of Fr. Tony Perez, whose sudden and untimely death left a vacancy on the Council. The Provincial Council meets 6 or 7 times a year to provide leadership for the activities of the U.S. Province and its houses and to see to it that unity of spirit and of action is maintained in the exercise of the mission of the Society. Consultants serve a six year term.

### Vatican II Institute

The Vatican II Institute hosted an Inter-Diocesan Task Force on the Welcome, Orientation, Support, and Integration of International Priests on February 22-24. All 16 Dioceses of the San Francisco and

Los Angeles Provinces participated in the Task Force gathering.

The aim of the Task Force was to generate thoughtful discussion on the best practices and areas of need within our dioceses with regard to international priests and to identify two or three particular areas of common need that would benefit from more effective or intentional inter-diocesan collaboration.

The Task Force initiative has attracted both strong regional support and national interest. The Institute was fortunate to receive a \$5,000 grant from Our Sunday Visitor Institute, which provided funds to hire a facilitator, secretary, and survey consultant, and to cover some of the expenses incurred by the Institute. Fr. Jim Myers, S.S., Director of the Institute, served both as Project Manager and as Facilitator.

The Task Force was authorized by the Bishops of the San Francisco Province. Mr. Bob Hurteau (Director of Region XI's Cultural Orientation Program for International Priests), Fr. Bob McCann (Chair of the Region Eleven Council of Priest Senates), Fr. Dan Danielson (Regional liaison for the National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy), and Msgr. Bob Silva (Diocese of Stockton) served with Father Myers on the Steering Committee.

### Catholic Telemedia Network

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### Vallombrosa Center

Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park is located on a ten-acre site that was originally the home of E.W. Hopkins, the nephew of Mark Hopkins. The Hopkins home, known as the Old Mansion, was built during the Civil War period. Originally a simple wooden structure, it was later expanded and decorated with its distinctive Italianate touches.

## 2010 Calendar of Events

**March 11 – 14** Military Vocation Retreat

**April 4** Easter Sunday

**April 24** Alumni Day: St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's College

**May 7** Student Graduation

**September 18** Four Pillars Gala



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Vallombrosa is situated on ten acres graced by trees from all over the world. The ginkgo tree of Chinese origin, located in front of the Old Mansion, is the largest of its kind in the area. The trees, and the interplay of the sun and shadow throughout the grounds, undoubtedly influenced Mr. Hopkins in naming his estate.

The name "Vallombrosa" means "shady glen," and refers to a beautiful forested area southeast of Florence, Italy. It was there in 1095 that St. John Gualbert established a monastery of Benedictine monks that survives to this day. At one point in his life, John Milton visited that monastery, and he wrote of the "shady glens of Vallombrosa" in his *Paradise Lost*.

Vallombrosa was purchased by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1947 to serve as a retreat house for

women. Over the years its mission has expanded, and while continuing to serve as a retreat house, the Center also sponsors and hosts a variety of seminars and programs of a spiritual and educational nature. Besides the Old Mansion, the present facility includes the chapel with its warm, prayerful atmosphere, and rooms opening onto patios. Completed in 1964, it reflects the spiritual sensitivity of the late noted architect, Shigenon Iyama.

The Vallombrosa Center is an ideal location for groups seeking a quiet and serene setting, with its beautiful grounds, comfortable accommodations, and friendly, helpful staff. It is also a gathering place for friends and neighbors to rest, to worship, to learn and grow.

To view upcoming retreats visit their website, [www.vallombrosa.org](http://www.vallombrosa.org).

## St. Patrick's Gives Back to Our Soldiers

The Community at St. Patrick's Seminary and University is in the process of adopting a soldier in Tikrit, Iraq. Our adoptee's name is SPC Carlos Warfield.

Carlos is discerning a call to the priesthood. He is assigned to C Co 701 Brigade Support Battalion, 4 Brigade, 1 ID. He does preventive medicine for the Troop Medical Clinic. Carlos was deployed for six of a twelve months tour of duty in Tikrit, Iraq.

If you are interested in joining in the adoption process, Carlos' requests are:

- Prayers
- Letters
- Healthy Snack Foods (beef jerky, chewing gum, breakfast/snack bars)
- DVD's

- Catholic Music CD's
- Anything else you think would be helpful.

If you wish to participate in this very special adoption, Carlos's address (send through standard United States Postal Service, regular postage) is:

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This is truly a wonderful way to support our troops. We will share any pictures, stories, details Carlos sends our way. May God bless him.





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In this Year for Priests, St. Patrick's Seminary & University celebrates its Sulpician Fathers.

Photo at left: A work of the French Sculptor Henri Bouriche (1826-1906), this statue of Mary Seat of Wisdom had become closely identified with the Sulpicians in the United States. The Sulpician logo, stands for Auspice Maria," meaning "Under Mary's Protection."