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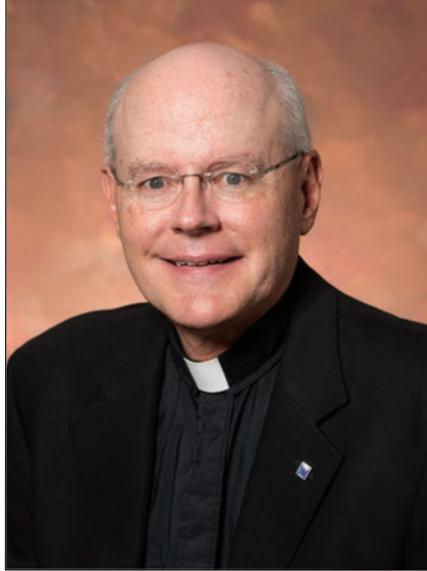
Above: DC Diaper Bank founder Corinne Cannon, left, explains the genesis of this charity and its volunteer-only operations to TC seminarians who recently delivered the largest shipment the Bank has ever received: 46,382 diapers.

Cover: TC seminarians on the National Mall during the March for Life.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SERVICE WITH APPRECIATION AND ANTICIPATION

It is a great honor to serve as the rector of Theological College as the seminary celebrates its centennial and enters into its second century as the national seminary of The Catholic University of America. As I reflect on this unique moment, two words come to mind: appreciation and anticipation. Generations of seminarians and priests have been served by the seminary during this century marked by historic cultural and ecclesial transformations. Theological College has always sought to remain true to the vision of Father Olier, the founder of the Society of St. Sulpice, to assist seminarians in their discernment and to cultivate within them an “apostolic spirit.” In the words of Father Olier, “If there are in the seminary three apostolic men filled with humility, gentleness, patience, zeal, charity, and a sense of poverty, with the knowledge and wisdom necessary for this Godly enterprise, they would be enough to sanctify the entire diocese.” The present generation of Sulpicians appreciates the guidance offered by Father Olier and the French school of spirituality, assuring all sending bishops that those under our care are ready to assume the extraordinary and heroic mission of serving as pastors upon ordination. Theological College also appreciates the generations of seminarians who have, with courage and integrity, engaged the challenges of the formation program with trust, talking with their spiritual directors and mentors while growing ever more transparent to themselves, others, and, ultimately, to God.

One of the Sulpicians whose witness and wisdom has affected generations of seminarians is Father Melvin Blanchette, P.S.S., the 14th rector of Theological College, who celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this year. Father Blanchette’s legacy, which I would call “The Blanchette Effect,” continues to be in evidence in the transformations of the seminary property which he guided. But even more importantly, his legacy remains a seminary marked by immense good will and a sharing of gifts, a community marked by trust and a willingness to give the process of formation a chance. He has catalyzed a remarkable unity in an environment that could easily become divided. As Father Blanchette celebrates his golden jubilee, Theological College expresses its heartfelt appreciation.



Father McBrearity, P.S.S.

At the same time, we look to the future with anticipation. Pope Francis has said that “formation of priests is a work of art, not a police action. We must form their hearts. Otherwise, we are creating little monsters.” Theological College’s Sulpician tradition perceives the ministry of priestly formation as an art, not as a police action. The American writer, Edith Wharton, wrote that “there are two ways of spreading light: to be a candle or to be a mirror that reflects it.” Jesus spread the light of his Father’s love both as a candle clearly illuminating the religious and political culture of his time and as a mirror becoming for everyone he encountered a sacrament, a reflection of the Father’s gentle and healing love. Theological College anticipates that it will continue to prepare men to be priests

who will spread the light of the Father’s love as Jesus did, serving as a candle casting a light on the culture of their time and serving as a mirror, a sacrament reflecting the Father’s love.

At the present moment, Theological College is known for its hospitality, its diversity, its concern for justice and peace, and its commitment to cultivate a contemplative awareness of God’s daily presence. Our seminarians reflect an interior restlessness for service, for diocesan involvement, and for that day and time when they will be able to preside and preach, to absolve, and to be available to God’s people in times of joy and of uncertainty or grief. This interior restlessness is a sign not only of a vocation to the priesthood but also of the fact that the seminary’s program is effectively assisting seminarians to become deeply committed servants of God’s people.

As Theological College enters its second century of priestly service, it expresses its appreciation for the heritage of service spanning the past 100 years, a source of inspiration and gratitude. At the same time, it anticipates with hope and joy all that the next 100 years will bring: generations of seminarians and priests, honest in their discernment and eagerly awaiting opportunities to proclaim the good news of God’s love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Gerald McBrearity, P.S.S. ’73
Rector

CELEBRATING 225 YEARS OF SULPICIAN SEMINARY FORMATION

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, there was a grand celebration to mark the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the Sulpicians in America and the founding of St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. His Eminence Cardinal Marc Ouellet, P.S.S., Prefect for the Congregation of Bishops, received an honorary doctorate of divinity degree from St. Mary's Seminary & University. Cardinal Ouellet delivered a talk titled, "Toward the Renewal of the Priesthood in Our Time," emphasizing the essentiality of the priesthood at the heart of the Church. The ceremony was attended by several of the United States' prelates: Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop Christophe Pierre (the Apostolic Nuncio), and over 30 bishops and archbishops. The Sulpician Province of the United States invited the seminarian communities of Theological College of The Catholic University of America, the other Sulpician seminary in the United States, and Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, founded by the Sulpicians, to join the seminarian community of St. Mary's Seminary & University for the special celebration.

On April 8, 1791, with the blessing of Father Jacques-André Emery, superior general of the Society of the Priests of Saint Sulpice, four priests and five seminarians embarked from Saint-Malo, France, on a chartered ship destined for the port of Baltimore. Upon their arrival, Father Francois Charles Nagot, the superior, and Fathers Antoine Garnier, Jean-Marie Tessier, and Michel Levadoux, were welcomed by Bishop John Carroll, the first bishop of the diocese of Baltimore — which at the time

encompassed the entire fledgling nation. Eight days after their arrival in Baltimore, the Sulpician community moved into a large building on Paca Street, just one mile north of the city center, which was to become the first Roman Catholic seminary in the United States. St. Mary's Seminary was officially opened on October 3, 1791.

Phillip J. Brown, P.S.S., the President-Rector of St. Mary's Seminary & University and former rector of Theological College, remarked, "The priests of the Society of St. Sulpice have been forming priests for diocesan service in the United States for 225 years. Theirs is a unique contribution to the life of the Church in the United States, as we represent the only religious community whose principal and virtually sole work is the initial and ongoing formation of parish priests. St. Mary's has formed more priests for service in the United States than any other seminary and can therefore justly be called America's 'cradle of pastors.'"

Mark Kowalski, president of the Theological College student government association, commented, "The 225th anniversary celebration in Baltimore was a great opportunity for us to gather with our brothers from St. Mary's and Mount St. Mary's and celebrate the Sulpician heritage of our seminaries. It was a blessing to meet Cardinal Ouellet, to celebrate his ministry in the Church, and to learn some of the history of the Sulpicians in the United States."

Parts of this article were excerpted from one which first appeared on the St. Mary's Seminary & University website.



From left, Rev. Thomas Burke, O.S.S.T., Dean of the St. Mary's School of Theology; Cardinal Marc Ouellet, P.S.S., Prefect for the Congregation of Bishops; Very Rev. Ronald Witherup, Sulpician Superior General; Rev. Phillip Brown, P.S.S., now President-Rector of St. Mary's Seminary & University; Very Rev. John Kemper, P.S.S., Sulpician Provincial Superior; Rev. Gerald McBrearity, P.S.S., Rector, Theological College; and Monsignor Andrew Baker, Rector, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary.

REV. MEL BLANCHETTE, P.S.S.: 50 YEARS A PRIEST OF JESUS CHRIST

By Matthew Browne
Second Theology, Diocese of Rockville Centre



From left: Rev. David Thayer, P.S.S.; Bishop Paul Loverde; Rev. Melvin Blanchette, P.S.S.; and Rev. Gerald McBrearity, P.S.S.

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017, the Theological College Community celebrated the priesthood of a man who has dedicated his life to the love of Christ and his Church by helping men grow in formation to the priesthood, and by being a source of encouragement for so many. The man whom we celebrated that evening was Father Melvin Blanchette who will celebrate his jubilee anniversary as a priest of Jesus Christ this coming June.

Father Blanchette, an esteemed priest, counselor, formation advisor, spiritual director, rector (TC 2007–2011), friend, uncle, brother, and beloved son of the Father has fervently offered his life to the Church's mission of the salvation of souls for the past 50 years. While there is so much that can be said about Father Blanchette's life, the recurring sentiment is that he has remained a constant source of the Lord's light and presence in the lives of so many people.

The celebratory evening began with Mass in the Theological College chapel. Father Blanchette was the principal celebrant

and homilist at the liturgy. The chapel was packed with 130 people, including 36 concelebrating priests. Bishop-Emeritus Paul Loverde of Arlington also attended the celebration by sitting in choir dress. The rest of those gathered for the occasion were seminarians, faculty, and family and friends of Father Blanchette.

In his homily, Father Blanchette summed up the past 50 years of his priesthood as a "tapestry of grace." He expounded upon the fact that throughout the many different moments of grace that he experienced in his priesthood, especially in working with seminarians and in his work as a counselor, he was blessed to encounter God as a friend. It was and is through those holy friendships that God has made a "tapestry of grace" out of his priesthood.

Following the Mass, there was a reception and dinner in which everyone had the opportunity to celebrate in fraternity, while sharing different stories about how Father Blanchette had impacted their lives. At the end of the dinner, there were remarks given by friends and family. Father Anthony Krisak

spoke about how “holy friendship” has always been something he has associated with Father Mel. Mrs. Denise Reaume referred to Father Blanchette as “Uncle Mel” and shared stories about how he has been a beloved uncle and friend to everyone in his family. Monsignor Kevin Irwin, a professor in the School of the Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America, explained how Father Blanchette was an extraordinary counselor to priests and how, even after counseling so many through great challenges, he was able to continue in that ministry and persist in being a holy priest who truly cared about helping others encounter the healing presence of Christ in their lives. Father Richard Gula, P.S.S., who attended the celebration on behalf of Father John Kemper, Sulpician Provincial of the American Province, spoke about Father Blanchette’s exemplary role in the Society of St. Sulpice, which he has served in various capacities over the years.

At the conclusion of these remarks, Father McBrearity, rector of TC, presented some special gifts. Throughout his time at Theological College, Father Blanchette had always envisioned a beautiful prayer garden and fountain outside near the Fourth Street exit at the side of the TC building. With the help of Anthony Ferguson (2-T, Richmond), Father McBrearity presented Father Blanchette with a rendering of what that prayer garden and fountain might look like when completed. The rector also presented a beautiful icon of Father Blanchette

flanked by Our Lady Seat of Wisdom and St. Charles Borromeo, which was painted by Elmer Herrera-Guzman (2-T, Dallas). Finally, Mark Kowalski, student government president, spoke on behalf of the seminary community and thanked Father Mel for his commitment, service, and love for the seminarians. He also presented a photo album of Father Blanchette throughout his years at TC. On the inside cover of the book, every TC seminarian signed his name and offered words of gratitude and congratulations to Father Mel.

Overall, the evening proved to be a memorable celebration of the life of an amazing priest and mentor who has dedicated his life to living out of the Gospel. What a blessing it is to have him here so present to us at TC!

The day following the celebration, Father Mel posted a note to the students on the message board in gratitude for the evening. He concluded his note by saying, “I am very fond of this quote from the *The Cloud of Unknowing*: ‘God sees with merciful eyes, not what you are nor what you have been but what you desire to be.’ Thank you for helping me to become what I desire.” Father Mel, thank you for helping so many of us to become what we desire to be. Thank you for being a phenomenal witness to what being a priest really means. We congratulate you on your jubilee celebration of 50 years as a priest of Jesus Christ and we pray that God will continue to bless you in your ministry throughout the rest of your life! *Ad multos annos!*



Student Government Association president, Deacon Mark Kowalski, presents Father Blanchette with a photo album of his time at Theological College.

TC'S FIRST ANNUAL ART SHOW

By Elmer Herrera-Guzman
Second Theology, Diocese of Dallas

“Created ‘in the image of God,’ man also expresses the truth of his relationship with God the Creator by the beauty of his artistic works.”

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2501

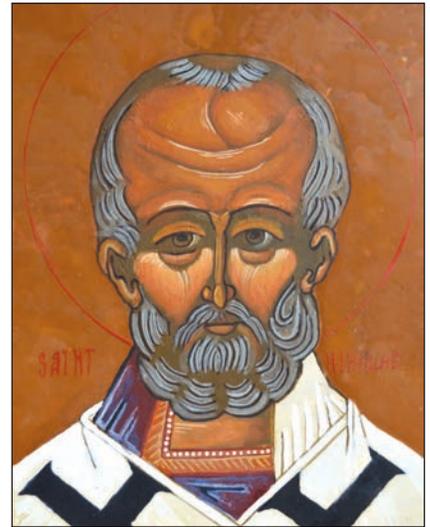
The preparations were made, the layout of the art show was set, the invitations were sent. Now we waited anxiously for those who would come and join us for our first art show at Theological College on Saturday, January 14, 2017. The event was made possible through the joint sponsorship of Theological College and the Father Melvin Blanchette Fund for the Arts (which sponsored a light reception). As people began to arrive, Father Blanchette addressed the guests. He spoke of the importance of beauty in his own vocation and how it helped him contemplate and connect in his relationship with God. He also encouraged us to seek beauty in the arts and to pay attention to our surroundings so that we may find God, even in the subtle expression of artistic craftsmanship.

We were joined at the event by seminary formation staff and some from the Catholic University community, the Carmelite community, the Dominican community, and many other guests who showed their support for and interest in our effort to share another side of seminary life. In my own experience, seminary has been a place of growth and discernment. I discovered art as a means of contemplating God's beauty and I began writing icons a few years ago. The initiative for the show began with a simple question, “Who else shares the same interest within the community?” The answer was overwhelming and surpassed all of my expectations. A few members from other formation houses also shared

their work. From one question to one incredible show!

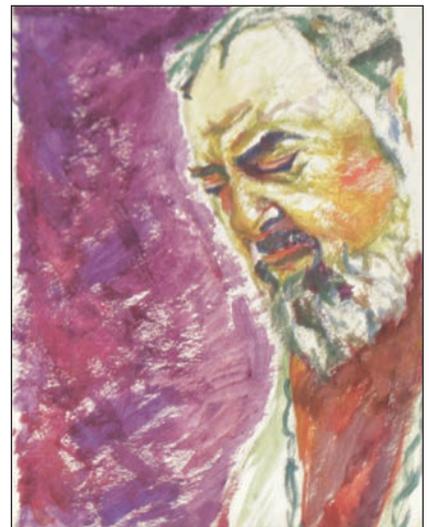
We began the process of collecting all of the pieces of art a week before the show, but development of the idea was catalyzed during the fall 2016 semester. As the pieces came in for installation, I was amazed and honored to be trusted by my brothers to be able to care for their artwork. I felt like I was holding hours of prayers in their sacred art and was a privileged witness of their perspective on life as shown in their interpretations of nature. There were sculptures, written icons, photographs, ink, pencil, and charcoal drawings, acrylic and watercolor paintings, cartooning, and realism — and all of this was done to proclaim the glory of God.

In reality, the initiative of the art show began the moment we started to praise God through our talents. We truly participated, as a sign of unity, in a joint collaboration in order to bring about a successful show. The art show remained on display for a month, until Feb. 12, 2017, with select pieces exhibited into April. One of the visitors on the opening day, Nepi Willemson, O. Carm., commented that there is “great talent at work and amazing to see it now in public.” As for the seminary faculty and students, they were also impressed and thankful for the exhibit and were happy to see that seminarians were expressing the truth of their relationship with God by “the beauty of [their] artistic works.”



Above: “Saint Nicholas” icon by Jeffrey Chichester (3-T, Rochester). Egg tempera.

Below: “Padre Pio” by Reed Bellingham (1-B, Lafayette). Watercolor.



TC WELCOMES A NEW ORGAN

By Robert A. Daffer
President, R.A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc.

When I started my business in 1977, Theological College purchased the first Rodgers Organ I installed. The chapel was larger then and had very favorable acoustics. Father Lobo, P.S.S., who was rector at that time, was a wonderful friend and supporter. He allowed us to bring prospective organ customers to see and hear that excellent example of our work. His kindness is one of my fondest memories.

Forty years later, we are now in the process of installing a new three manual 61 stop pipe/digital hybrid organ. The façade has a mix of polished copper and shiny tin/lead pipes in the display. The exquisite casework is constructed of wood with a finish that matches the chapel's furnishings. Appropriately sized for the chapel, when completed, this instrument promises to be one of the finest and most beautiful ones we have ever built.

Gerry Muller, my friend and colleague of over 50 years, has

done tremendous work developing the music program at TC and has contributed greatly to the success of this instrument. Electrical preparation work for the installation began in the summer of 2016, and construction of the case was underway by December, with all the other physical pieces of the organ assembled in the chapel in February. The final step of tuning was the most important and intensive of these methodical processes. The seminary community has been attentively following our progress. It is not often that one can see the steps in construction of a real pipe organ; building methods have changed little since the first known installation of a pipe organ in a church, dated about 800 A.D. Daffer Church Organs and Theological College are proud that the Gerald F. Muller Organ debut and dedication in April heralded the Second Century Campaign and upcoming Theological College Centenary Celebration (which will begin at Alumni Days 2017).



Daffer's Bill Teyssier (right) working with his assistant Taylor Brooks on the meticulous process of tuning the organ. Bill quipped, "This is where the fun part begins!"

TC SEMINARIANS IN CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Program of Pastoral Ministry offers a wide variety of opportunities for Theological College seminarians to encounter Christ in the people of God. One opportunity is catechetical ministry, in which seminarians serve in a parish or university-based faith formation program. An especially unique offering in catechetical ministry is right across the street from TC, The Catholic University of America's Campus Ministry.

Catholic University's Campus Ministry is a large and busy organization that serves the 3,200 undergraduate students, more than 80% of whom are Catholic. Father Jude DeAngelo, O.F.M. Conv., University chaplain and director of Campus Ministry, leads more than 20 office staff together with more than 20 student staff members to run a highly successful pro-

gram. It is in this exciting environment that the TC seminarians are invited to share their gifts and talents with the other students, many of whom are their classmates, acquaintances, and friends. In this ambit, seminarians are able to foster their ability to share the faith in a way that is cogent and meaningful to the culture of today, and especially to their peers, while gaining a greater familiarity with the challenges and needs of Campus Ministry, the large student body, and the University itself. It also serves to connect the TC community with the Catholic University community, introducing the student body to seminarians, the seminary lifestyle, and the priestly vocation.

Below, three seminarians reflect upon their experiences in different programs within Campus Ministry at the University.

Confirmation Retreats

By Christopher Kelley
Second Pre-Theology, Archdiocese of Hartford

Every person has a story, yet for many young people today it is difficult to recognize the value of their own story – a value that lies in the good plan that God has for them. Many seek to discover how Christ is actually working in their own lives and how to prepare themselves and their sense of faith for the realities of high school, college, and the world beyond. This year, my second year of pre-theology studies at Theological College, I am working with others in Campus Ministry to help them prepare confirmation candidates to discover the faith for themselves and to understand how to hand it on to others. Confirmation preparation is a true building-up of a new generation of Christian witnesses.

In my time so far, as a confirmation retreat team leader, I have been amazed at the insight that our team of college freshmen has into the events of their own lives and how those events have impacted them. Many have experienced tragedy and heartache, yet, thanks to a priest or some other person close to them in the faith, they were able to discover the presence of Christ. These meaningful discoveries have served as the basis for their talks to confirmandi in the parishes surrounding D.C., as we venture out once a month to help youth in various confirmation programs to make the faith their own.

The retreat teams I work with in Campus Ministry are entirely made up of undergraduate students, some with plenty of insight and education on the faith and others who happened to simply find themselves at Catholic University for one reason or another, and were moved to join Campus Ministry. We began the year by selecting the core team of students who would aid me in the planning of retreats and who would help other students prepare their talks for the retreats. Since I never

went on a confirmation retreat myself, nor was I part of a youth ministry program as a teen, I knew early on that I would need to rely on those around me who had these experiences — a realization that was at first humbling but ultimately very enriching. As each of the Campus Ministry students I work with has grown in faith and identity as a person, I have been incredibly grateful for this opportunity to see others “come into their own” in the faith, knowing that by their living out of the faith they will impact countless others, starting with those they serve in confirmation programs around the area.

RENEW

By James (Jon) Hawkins
Second Basselin, Diocese of Cleveland

As a second-year Basselin scholar, I am currently finishing my fourth year of philosophy studies and will receive my bachelor's degree in philosophy this May. This year, I had the privilege to work with RENEW faith-sharing communities through Campus Ministry at Catholic University. The University's RENEW program is made up of about 15 small groups on campus which meet weekly to pray, discuss, and reflect on the Gospel, while building the Christian community at the heart of Christ's Gospel. As I have learned, these small groups have proved to be fruitful for individual conversions, as well as for the forging of strong friendships. Many of the student leaders in Campus Ministry were inspired to serve by the faith they grew to love within a RENEW small group.

My role in this ministry is to serve as a RENEW core team member. The core team is primarily responsible for the management and growth of the RENEW community. In my particular role, I work closely with the leaders of the small groups to encourage them in their communities. I am able to offer catechetical assistance during the one-on-one meetings



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— Anthony Carona

Left: Jon Hawkins, far right, with his RENEW focus group.

with leaders — in training, organizing, and problem solving, and in being supportive when things aren't going so well. This ministry requires a dynamic and committed approach to catechesis since these are my peers, and they are all at different points in their spiritual lives. This has taught me personal humility as well as sensitivity to the needs of each person. But most of all it has enlivened in me a deeper faithfulness to prayer, so that I have something to offer them.

This ministry has been very challenging, but also extremely rewarding. In trying to stay on track, just logistically speaking, I have had to face my administrative inadequacies more than I care to admit. However, I had been looking forward to working with Campus Ministry since my senior year of high school four years ago, and it has remained my passion to this day. The opportunity to meet and share Christ with so many people is far richer than I ever expected. I feel unworthy of this incredible ministry and the truth is that I am. But that's okay because it was never my ministry in the first place. Whatever is good in this ministry is the expression of God's grace.

R.C.I.A.

By Anthony Carona

Third Basselin, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

For many young adults, unfortunately, college is a place where the faith in which they were nurtured as children is lost and replaced, if not with unbelief, then with apathy. It is such a blessing — and a testimony to its mission — that The Catholic University of America is a rare and shining exception. It is a place where the intellectual and spiritual elements meet and harmonize, fueling questions of the greatest depth and leading many of its students gradually into the knowledge, love, and service of almighty God. Those who come here with a strong faith end up being confirmed and strengthened in it, and those who come with a fledgling faith, or perhaps no faith at all, find a welcoming environment in which to discover who Christ is

and to encounter the mission of his Church. In no way has this been more evident than in my work with Campus Ministry's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program.

Along with Rev. Eric de la Pena, O.F.M., and two other lay students, I have been assisting with R.C.I.A. for the past two years and have witnessed numerous individuals enter more deeply into their relationship with Christ through full participation in the sacramental life of his Church. Some of the participants come from Catholic families but for one reason or another were never confirmed. More often than not, they were raised in nominally Catholic households but through the influence of a professor or friend came to realize the true import of the Gospel. Spurred on by this, they come to learn more about the faith and complete their initiation through confirmation. The majority of our participants who join have come from one of various Protestant denominations. Our class this year, for example, includes an inquiring non-denominational minister. For many of them, the desire to join the Catholic Church came after exposure to devout roommates and an intimate experience with Christ in Eucharistic adoration. Others have mentioned the importance of the Church's intellectual history and its commitment to social justice as chief reasons for their desire to convert. Finally, others, whose stories I find particularly edifying, come from no faith background whatsoever and, overcoming strong personal or familial obstacles, desire to follow after Christ wholeheartedly while zealously asking for eternal life in the waters of baptism.

Whatever good I do in leading these classes and guiding the participants, I have gained so much more from their example of devotion and receptivity. Witnessing that the perennial truths of God are still able to pierce the hearts of people today is a great consolation and a grace, as I look forward to my future ministry as a priest. Getting to know each of these people and seeing the ways they continue to serve God after their reception into the Church at Easter is such a tremendous blessing — one I shall never take for granted.

INSTALLATIONS OF NEW BISHOPS

Bishop John Oliver Barres, Fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre

By William Cassese
Second Theology, Rockville Centre

The Church of Long Island rejoiced as Pope Francis appointed the Most Reverend John Oliver Barres the fifth bishop of Rockville Centre. He was officially installed at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, N.Y., by Cardinal Timothy Dolan on January 31, 2017.

Along with my diocesan brother, Matthew Browne, I was able to travel to Long Island to serve at the installation of Bishop Barres. It was a great honor and joy to serve at such a historic event, which was also a historic event for the Theological College community. Bishop Barres is a graduate of Theological College, having received his S.T.B. and S.T.L. from The Catholic University of America in 1988 and 1989, respectively.

Three particular memories tell the story of that day in a succinct, yet powerful way. The first occurred just prior to the start of the procession into the cathedral. As we were getting ready to begin, it started to snow outside. It was a beautiful sight. After having traveled more than 200 miles on Amtrak and the Long Island Rail Road that morning to get to the cathedral (and grumbling in the process), the snow helped to remind me how beautiful this day was for my diocese. The matching smiles on the faces of my diocesan brothers echoed that sentiment, evoking these words of the prophet Daniel: "Ice and snow, bless the Lord." Truly, this was a day blessed by the Lord!

The second memorable recollection that I will treasure is the moment of Bishop Barres's enthronement on the cathedra. When Cardinal Dolan handed him the crozier, a symbol of the fact that he is now our chief shepherd, a thunderous applause erupted from all those present at St. Agnes. The clergy, religious, and laity of the diocese were so joyful, and the breadth of that happiness was made manifest to the point that my own heart rejoices in looking back on their gratitude and celebration.

The third memory I cherish is the meeting Matt and I had with the bishop after the conclusion of the Eucharistic celebration. The first thing I thought upon meeting him was that this is a truly holy man. His presence and his demeanor exuded the love and compassion of the Holy Spirit. Part of the reason why this memory is so special is because he was talking to us about his days at Theological College. We talked a little bit about the Basic Supervised Ministry course at Catholic University, and also about our formation program here at TC. He was thrilled to receive our greetings from the faculty, especially Father Thayer, who served as his formation adviser. I also ran into another face familiar to the Theological College community. Father Phillip Brown, P.S.S., our former rector, was present at the Mass and made sure to greet us. He extended his best wishes

to the TC community.

For all these reasons, the Theological College community has reason to rejoice! Let us praise and thank the Lord for the wonderful gift of Bishop Barres!

Bishop Edward J. Burns, Eighth Bishop of Dallas

By Wade Bass
Third Theology, Diocese of Dallas

On February 9, 2017, the Diocese of Dallas, Tex., welcomed the Most Reverend Edward J. Burns as its eighth ordinary. Coming from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Pa., by way of the Diocese of Juneau, Alaska, Bishop Burns succeeds Cardinal Kevin Farrell, whom Pope Francis called away in August 2016 to lead the Dicastery of Laity and Family Life.

All seven of the Dallas seminarians currently studying at Theological College – Deacon Michael Baynham (4-T), Wade Bass (3-T), Stephen Ingram (3-T), Garrett Bockman (2-T), Mark Garrett (2-T), Elmer Herrera-Guzman (2-T), and Ryan Hiaeshutter (2-T) – flew out to serve at the bishop's installation Mass. Joining us were hundreds of other excited men and women, including Dallas-area civic and ecumenical leaders, nearly 50 bishops, three cardinals, and Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Bishop Burns's gregarious personality and humorous anecdotes about his time in the Diocese of Juneau quickly won over the overflowing congregation at the Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe.

The seminarians of Theological College and the entire Diocese of Dallas pray for Bishop Burns, that God may grant him many years of effective leadership. We eagerly await the day we can serve as his priests in order to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the vineyard of the Diocese of Dallas.



From left: Rockville Centre's second-year theologians William Cassese and Matt Brown with Bishop Barres.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE SPEAKER SERIES: “GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL”

By Anthony Ferguson
Second Theology, Diocese of Richmond

“Be there, be present, but also, get out of the way.”

Throughout the academic year, Theological College supplements the human and spiritual formation program by offering evenings and weekends of recollection as well as a set of retreats for the seminarians. At the end of September, Archbishop William Lori led the community in an evening of recollection on the theme of humble service to God. In November, Father James Conroy, S.J., guided the community through a weekend of recollection on the theme of knowing Jesus. The second semester began with three retreat options for the seminarians: The Basselin retreat was held at Priest Field in W. Va., a preached retreat was offered at the Bon Secours retreat center near Baltimore, Md., and a silent retreat was offered at Loyola on the Potomac in Faulkner, Md. At the end of January, Dr. Michael Morton presented a community workshop on the dangers of alcohol. At the beginning of February, Kathleen Curtin led the seminary community in an evening of recollection on the theme of our baptismal call. Our Lenten weekend of reflection was led by the Sulpician faculty on the theme of the Eucharist.

In addition, during the 2016–17 academic year, the Prayer and Worship Committee at Theological College continued the speaker series begun a few years ago, inviting TC alumni priests to talk about their diocesan ministry experiences. Guest speakers shared illuminating vignettes, advice, and support with the men in formation who were able to join the lunchtime conversations. These student-initiated reflections are invaluable for the real-life wisdom they impart, as was evidenced in the November presentation of Father John (Jack) Dickinson of the class of 2011.

Father Dickinson left his post as parochial vicar at the four-church cluster parish of the Good Shepherd in Saco, Maine, in August 2015 to commence canon law studies at The Catholic University of America. His thesis is titled, “The Common Life of Diocesan Priests.” Being in Washington until finishing his studies in July afforded him the opportunity to accept an invitation to speak to current seminarians at his alma mater. Visiting “the house,” he said, was surreal in some ways, but what impressed him most in reflecting on his time at TC and onward was the confirmation that “God is always faithful.”

In approaching the challenge of discussing the transition from seminary into the first four years of his parish life, his focus was threefold: being a man of humility, a man of integrity and prayer, and a man of God. But, he asserted, “It is not really about you, and that’s a good thing. That is what the priesthood

is about. Our whole focus over time needs to be on how we are continually refocusing to know who Christ is, first of all.”

And this starts with humility. A good priest wants to cooperate with what God wants, not to build a personal reputation or to forge ahead with set plans. In doing this, he needs to recognize that he is not perfect — and it is good to let the parishioners know that he is human, without exaggerating faults. The priest may have to respond with humility, for example, should he arrive late for an appointment or make other mistakes while getting acclimated to parish life. It is also important, he insisted, for a priest to be able to laugh at himself and at circumstances. Not all assignments will be perfect, but “you do the best you can and recognize your frailty ... and things work out.” For example, he jokes, “I had the joy of becoming the ‘fire-alarm priest.’ My servers accidentally set off fire alarms at three Masses, including during Christmas midnight Mass.” Being humble, he continued, also means knowing we cannot change the world ourselves: “We’re not Jesus. But we can change one soul at a time.” He reminded the men that doing their best also means being able to step away and say, “I’ve done what I can.” Oftentimes, you will not ever know the full impact of your actions. But other times, you will: “That homily a year ago...” “What you did in my mother’s hospital room...” “We felt the presence of God...” In these instances of wonder, “It’s not about you. It’s about what God is doing.”

Humility enables one to take on any job; it is not beneath the dignity of a priest to do any kind of job. Father Dickinson encouraged the seminarians, “Be willing to step up and do those things. It goes a long way for the parishioners to see that. It builds up a parish culture that opens up and says, ‘We’re all in this together’ and ‘Father has our best interests at heart.’”

To help grow this virtue of humility further, he suggested, “Don’t make plans. God knows better than we do. If you would have asked me five days before my ordination, I would not have guessed my assignment. ... But you find that God is faithful.”

In regard to integrity and prayer, he says, “It is hard to give what you don’t have.” One’s prayer life can be strongly built up in the seminary, and then this necessary habit will come more easily outside of formation, when there are no set times for morning and evening prayer, for example. Vigilant prayer helps the priest to continually recognize the reason for his life: “I’m here to be a priest.” Part of this prayer life is the daily celebra-



Father James Conroy, S.J., left, with Deacon Daniel Waruszewki (4-T, Pittsburgh)

tion of Mass, preferably with the community. Father Dickinson insisted, “You have to be a man of the Eucharist. If it’s not a part of your life, you’ll lose your identity very quickly.” Eucharist and Scripture are the anchor of any spiritual life, and the schedule to be followed is not one’s personal schedule but the parish schedule.

Priestly fraternity is essential in the daily life of a priest. “We can’t be bachelors. We aren’t living a life for ourselves.” To build this kind of integrity, it helps to get to know some good and holy retired priests. “Finding those good holy priests when you’re first ordained is key. They are a wealth of wisdom — even if you wouldn’t do it exactly the same way. They can be great resources and great friends.” Father Dickinson discovered this truth first hand, when he was “paired” with an older priest whom he would not have met otherwise. It is not always possible to have a common life in the rectory, but building fraternity among priests within the diocese is key. “The more we think we can do this on our own, the more we fall. I’m thankful to have those good friendships and I really had to work for them. They don’t happen on their own. You can build around prayer and fellowship in simple ways — Mass or evening prayer and adoration, and then a meal after.” And if at all possible, Father Dickinson suggested finding a spiritual director in the diocese, “because it’s easy to make something big out of something small.”

Addressing the third and final focus of his talk, being a man of God, Father Dickinson pointed out that it is important to recognize that we are imperfect, and yet we are called to bring God to the world in a special, unique way. “We might not feel like we’ve done anything important, or we might not understand why God has called us to a certain task, but if we’re faithful, God will do great things.” During the Mass itself, he continued,

the priest has to avoid the “Father Personality” temptation, as he is addressing God the Father on behalf of the people. “Make sure that’s the heart of it. Homilies at times are where your personality comes out the most, but make sure it is about God, and allow Him to work. Be there, be present, but also, get out of the way.” Being there to gain souls for God, being missionary, requires being fully open in every way, no matter what, to be there for the good of souls.

Two important questions were posed by the seminarians:

Can you say more about relationships in the parish?

Father Dickinson: They are essential, and every parish is different. You can have good friendships in the parish, but they cannot be friendships of reliance. Be open to being very involved, but make sure it does not lead to an emotional dependence. That kind of dependence should be reserved for your brother priests.

What about the transition to priesthood and parish life? Was it jarring?

Father Dickinson: I think TC gives you a chance to build habits and experience freedom, and so it wasn’t that jarring. At the same time, it is a challenge to suddenly be called upon to have the answers, to know what’s going on. Most of my parishioners are twice my age. You need to remain humble and patient in that transition.

The value of this encounter with Father Dickinson was underscored by his joyful confidence and encouragement in concluding, “I’m very grateful God made me a priest. I’ve never regretted it. God is faithful, and we are called to be faithful in the same way.”



Father John (Jack) Dickinson '11, left, with Deacon Matthew Lyons (4-T, Syracuse).

TURKEY BOWL 2016

By Rhett Williams
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This past November, the seminarians of Theological College once again engaged in their tradition of knocking down some pins before heading out for Thanksgiving break. It was the third consecutive year that we were able to also have brother seminarians and novices from other houses of formation accompany us. One team of religious in the Third Order Regular (T.O.R.) Franciscans (*Holy Rollin' Empire*), one team of seminarians from the Saint John Paul II Seminary (*Roman Cannons*), and two TC teams (*Stryke Slingers* and *Philosopher Kings*) participated in the relaxed evening at the alley. After two hours of pin explosions, spares, strikes, and many gutter balls, the victors were crowned. The prize for highest individual game score on the night went to **Will Cassese** (2-T, Rockville Centre) with an impressive tally

of 180. Will also pulled in the prize for most strikes of the night, with nine total. The final prize for highest team score of the night went to the Stryke Slingers, comprised of TC seminarians **Anthony Federico** (2-T, Hartford), **Pat Mullan** (2-T, Washington), **Wade Bass** (3-T, Dallas), **Stephen Ingram** (3-T, Dallas), and **Rhett Williams** (3-T, Charleston), with a total pin score of 610 in their final game, edging out the TORs who came in a close second with 599. Also close in contention for the highest game was the other TC team, the Philosopher Kings, whose roster included **James Buttner** (1-T, Syracuse), **Joseph Moreshead** (2-PT, Portland, Maine), **Jeison Cortes** (2-B, Galveston-Houston), **Austin Hoodenpyle** (2-B, Fort Worth), and **Will Cassese** (2-T, Rockville Centre).



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW: OUR GREAT TASK AND RESPONSIBILITY

By Michael Hoye
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After our travels to Theological College for our first semester of study at The Catholic University of America, and after our cars were bombarded with overly excited seminarians who took all of our things to our rooms, we were informed of what seemed to be our most important task and responsibility: “The New Men’s Christmas Show” to be presented in December 2016. One might have thought that preparing a successful Christmas show was the primary factor for our advancement into further seminary studies beyond our first year. Information and advice on how to prepare for the show quickly overwhelmed us. On the first day, we heard: *Y’all have big shoes to fill after last year’s show*; and on our second day we heard: *You guys should probably start taking notes for the show . . . now*. During Orientation, each of us “new men” thought that the Christmas show was a good conversation piece after awkwardly introducing oneself to someone for the sixth or seventh time in the refectory. Inspired by the warm welcome, we knew that there was an important job to be done.

Preparing the Christmas show was a particular challenge since we had to focus our good-spirited jokes on fourth-year theologians and faculty members who we would only know for about three months. Additionally, none of us ever saw a previous show on which to model our own performance. We had to blaze our own trail with the helpful stories of Christmas shows from times gone by.

Now that the decorations are silently awaiting next year’s new seminarians (as the holiday decorating also falls under the first-years’ task list), I think we can gain a deeper understanding into the nature of the priesthood from reflecting on our most important job of the fall semester. The following are two major ways that I think our Christmas show experience is analogous to the priesthood.

The fundamental objective of our Christmas show was to bring our audience to a state of joy and to keep them laughing. We all know that one cannot simply give laughter to someone outright; something must be the cause of laughter, joy, or happiness. Isn’t bringing people to true joy or happiness the fundamental aim of the priest? We often use the language of “saving souls” as the primary function of the priest in administering the Church’s sacraments. Yet, when we think about it, the state of such a “soul that has been saved” is resting in eternal happiness. At the end of the day, the priest must lead people to joy. Eternal life does not consist of “true happiness” itself, as some abstract idea. Rather, authentic happiness in heaven is caused by the perfection and completion of our divine and human friendship — our coming into union with God himself. As effective priests, as evangelists, and as Christians in this contemporary age, we must be willing to show the immense joy



that our relationship with Christ brings us. The question we asked ourselves to catalyze planning for a good Christmas show was fundamentally the same as our question for our priestly ministries: How can we lead others to happiness?

The second facet of priesthood that came to light while I was reflecting on this year’s show is the irreplaceable importance of experience. Some of our basic philosophy classes teach us that natural things progress from states of imperfection to perfection — and our lives are no different. We could have talked indefinitely about the various skits we wanted to perform, and we could have theorized about the best way in which to organize the order of the show. Although thinking things through ahead of time is important, we could not see where the show needed to improve until we started rehearsing the skits themselves. Likewise, in our seminary formation, we might develop great ideas about how priests should interact with God’s people, we might have the best intentions to be formed according to the image of Jesus Christ, and we might articulate how one’s contribution can benefit a whole team. Without engaging with God’s people, however, and without trying to act as Christ would act, we will not see areas where we need to improve to become good and holy priests. Furthermore, the show served as an opportunity to improve our interaction with other people who have a great number of talents, enabling us to determine where we could most effectively contribute to the common purpose.

The work ethic, the various talents, and the virtuous characters that this group of seminarians brought to the table in creating the 2016 Christmas show proved to be genuine and edifying. This experience gives me great hope for the future of Christ’s priesthood. We are excited to tell next year’s new seminarians about this great task and responsibility that is, in some ways, inseparable from the task of the priest.

PRO-LIFE AT THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

40 Days for Life

By Brother Matthias Hagge, O.S.B.
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The fame and popularity of the pro-life phenomenon known as 40 Days for Life began as a national campaign saving lives and converting hearts in 2007. Today, the campaign is running concurrently in all 50 states of the United States, as well as in 23 countries worldwide. But not many know the events that led to the development of 40 Days for Life, as well as events of that first campaign in 2004. My role in that first campaign was small, but transformative.

In 1997, bad news began to spread around the bustling Catholic community at St. Mary's Catholic Student Center at Texas A&M University: Planned Parenthood was surreptitiously looking into the possibility of opening a clinic near the campus. This was met with dismay, sadness, and denial. But brief inquiries to the local Chamber of Commerce revealed that the rumor was true. Despite the bad news, something good had happened: a young woman, soon to be a graduate of the university, was planning to open a right to life office near the clinic. Called the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life, its popularity would grow exponentially in the first few years. After several years of moderate success, the founder, now married with two children, had to resign to take care of her family. David Bereit,

a board of directors member, made a major career change and took over as director of the coalition. It was under his direction that the pro-life effort in the area became a unified interfaith effort, and under his leadership the first ever 40 Days for Life campaign began.

Amidst all of this change in the pro-life world, God reignited my faith, and I found myself involved with the Knights of Columbus. My Grand Knight, Mr. David Arabie, began to talk about an upcoming event we would participate in called 40 Days for Life. The idea was that there would be a 40-day, 24-hour continuous presence at the abortion clinic, inspired by prayer, fasting, and fellowship. On two separate occasions, I found myself participating in what became known as the "Knight Shift," from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. The second of the two evenings we were harassed by two men who eventually stopped confronting us and engaged in a conversation. Getting into the debate over life with them, we managed to transform their hearts about 90% of the way to the pro-life side. Two insurmountable problems still held firm in their hearts: rape and incest. It was at this point that one of our softer-spoken brother Knights stepped forward and said, in a very peaceful, non-confrontational voice, "I guess you think my mother should have killed me, since she was raped by a family member." The word "dumbfounded" doesn't begin to describe the shock we felt for our friend. We eventually fully converted the hearts of the two men, who were forever changed.



Brother Matthias, kneeling, far right, at the Institution of Ministries at TC on January 17.

That “Knight Shift” had a tremendous impact on me as well. Following that campaign, I became a sidewalk counselor for the coalition, covering the Knight time slot from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. every Saturday morning. It was in this capacity that I tried my best to convince a woman to leave on a day Planned Parenthood was offering free health exams. In my failure, I collapsed to my knees crying, and a distinct voice, one not my own, echoed, “What about priesthood?” Me? A priest? Despite my shock, the seed was planted. Today, I am a solemnly professed Benedictine monk, and I love my faith and my monastery. But the question still nagged me, “What about priesthood?” In my discernment regarding which seminary to attend, I learned that my monastery has a long history with The Catholic University of America. A dear friend of mine also went to school there. The national seminary at Catholic University, Theological College, had a strong intellectual reputation. It also came with the advantage of being center stage for the single greatest annual pro-life event: the March for Life. I was sold. While my time here at TC has been brief, I look forward to the future, to grow spiritually with these intellectual men, and to take advantage of all that D.C. has to offer spiritually, intellectually, and more.

In the years following that first 40 Days for Life, I felt compelled to share my story whenever possible. I first told the story to the pro-life club at St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, Okla., in the fall of 2015. Most recently, I gave a presentation to the pro-life club at Catholic University. Those in attendance expressed how moved they felt at hearing the history of the campaign, and awestruck at what it has become in years since. With hope and God’s grace, 40 Days for Life, along with the March and other initiatives, will continue to develop and change hearts until all will respect the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death.

March for Life 2017: A Pilgrimage

By James Buttner
First Pre-Theology, Syracuse

This year was perhaps my sixth March for Life. I first went with my parish youth group when I was in high school. I remember getting up early in the morning the day before the march, getting on a bus, and making the nine-hour drive from Syracuse, N.Y., to Washington, D.C. The drive included stops at various points along the way such as St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore. The March for Life quickly became my favorite trip of the year because of the pilgrimage aspect of it. Lack of sleep, lack of food, long hours on my feet in the cold, and constantly changing plans made the trip difficult but fun.

This year was a different experience in many ways. Instead of a nine-hour drive, I had a two-minute walk from my front door to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Instead of getting there two hours early to get a seat, I got there two hours early so I could check in and vest to be a server at the Mass, complete with guaranteed seating. Upon the conclusion of the march the following day, I hopped on the Metro and was back home 20 minutes later, just as participants from my home parish were boarding their bus.

At the same time, the pilgrimage aspect of the march was not lost. Rather, it changed. During the months leading up to the march, beginning last semester, I worked under the leadership of seminarians Ryan Hiaeshutter (2-T, Dallas) and David Roman Jr. (2-T, Bridgeport) on the extensive logistics involved in coordinating all march-related activities in the house — a formidable task. Ryan and David took the lead on coordinating food and lodging for the 88 guests staying at the Theological College the night before the March (a guest-count that nearly doubled the house population!). Meanwhile, I had the privilege of working with St. Vincent’s Seminary from Pittsburgh, Penn., to host one of the overnight holy hours for the Vigil for Life across the street at the Basilica.

The holy hour was another place where the pilgrimage aspect of my past trips remained but changed shape. Since our seminarians here at TC didn’t have to do any travel and we live close by, we were offered the 3 a.m. holy hour time slot. This was great because it gave us a chance to share in that “pilgrimage” experience by having to wake up at an inconvenient hour of the night while also serving our fellow seminarians from across the U.S. who were able to get some sleep and take a more reasonable holy hour time slot after traveling all day to get to D.C. A number of our seminarians were up at 2 a.m. to rehearse the music and psalms for a solemn office of readings, led by seminarians Aaron Kelly (2-B, Rochester), Tyler Santy (3-B, Syracuse), and Deacon Andrew Wakefield (4-T, Washington).

The morning of the march was a busy day around the house. A number of the guys were up early in order to arrive at the Verizon Center by 7 a.m. when the youth rally started. The night before, we had received word that the starting time of the Mass and rally had been moved up because of the increased security that would be present on the National Mall downtown. Other guys joined a TC contingent that left the house later in the morning to take the Metro downtown, accompanied by our new banner designed by seminarian Anthony Ferguson (2-T, Richmond — see cover photo). Still other seminarians headed off to join groups from their respective dioceses for the day.

I was able to join my own Bishop Robert Cunningham and all the groups from Syracuse for a Mass in the Basilica Crypt Church. I had the privilege of serving along with the other



TC seminarians on Constitution Avenue at the March for Life.

Syracuse seminarians and found it very moving to be there with so many people from home. As our bishop delivered his homily to the congregation, I looked around the church and was struck with a sense of humility at the group gathered there. Even though the chapel was packed to overflowing and many people were forced to stand for the duration of the Mass, the congregation felt small, like a tight-knit community. The notion of “pilgrim” once again came to my mind and I reflected on the novelty that this small representation of the Syracuse diocese had traveled so far, compelled by their faith in Jesus Christ and their belief in the sanctity of every human life.

At the march itself, I experienced more of what I call “small Catholic world” moments. Having had the chance to travel to some other dioceses in the U.S., I have met various people and I always seem to run into some of them again at the march. It leads to a close-knit feel which is surprising for a crowd of more than a half-million people. Perhaps the highlight this year was running into many of the youth that I had worked with this past summer at my parish. It was a lot of fun to catch up with them and very affirming to find that they remembered me and were excited to see me! Throughout the march we led some

rallying cheers and also prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

As this year’s march moves into the past, I recall once again this notion of “pilgrimage.” While there have been and continue to be many large movements of people and marches around the U.S. and world, I think the March for Life is set apart because of its different nature. Even as the people and politicians of D.C. witness the growing movement for a culture of life, the very participants of the march itself, many of them high school students, discover a deep conviction for the sanctity of life, the beauty of the faith that confesses this, and the value of a community that professes this. No doubt there are many young people that felt their hearts stirred by the witness of so many priests and religious present at the rallies that took place across the city and, like my high school self, began thinking about the possibility of a future vocation. As my bishop stated in his homily, it is important that each day we embody the message of the pro-life movement by upholding the dignity of human life at all its stages and in all people. I pray that all who joined us for the march in any capacity found themselves renewed in the conviction that every human life is sacred and that they returned home “by a different way” (*Mt. 2:12*), with hearts changed.

INSTITUTION OF MINISTRIES: REFLECTIONS FROM AN ACOLYTE

By Peter Fazzari
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Bishop Robert McManus of the Diocese of Worcester presided at the Institution of Ministries Mass at Theological College on January 30, 2017. The liturgy of Institution of Ministries is an important event in the annual seminary calendar. Seminarians petitioning for lector and acolyte do so in accord with the norms of the Code of Canon Law, the *Program of Priestly Formation*, and the requirements of Theological College. The candidates — 15 lectors and 15 acolytes — submitted their petitions for these ministries, which were accepted by their respective bishops. For the Archdiocese of Washington, Cardinal Wuerl also accepted petitions from two TC acolytes and one lector at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in D.C.

It is these sorts of events that help to remind all of us what we are working towards in formation. Throughout the year, it can be easy to fall into the rhythm and routine of seminary life, and to forget to step back and consider the bigger picture of formation. Moving forward in priestly formation means con-

tinually growing closer to Christ through participation in his life and ministry. By being instituted as a lector, the Church encourages us to not only proclaim the Word of God in the context of the liturgy, but to truly unite ourselves to the Word and to demonstrate that union in our daily lives. Institution to the ministry of acolyte involves more than just serving the deacon and priest at the holy altar of the Lord; it is a calling to integrate the mystery of the Eucharist within our hearts in a deeper way, thus allowing it to illuminate our ministry.

These two ministries serve as concrete milestones on our journey along the path towards ordination. They serve as a practical and a spiritual preparation for the diaconate and for the priesthood, helping to strengthen the bond we share with Christ and with each other as brother seminarians. Please pray for each of us who have received institution to ministries this year, that we may grow ever more aware of what they reveal for our lives as future priests.



TC acolytes with Bishop McManus (B '74) after the Institution of Ministries. Peter Fazzari is at the far right.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Maurice Moon
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The mission statement of the Social Justice Committee is to serve Theological College and the broader community by providing opportunities for the Theological College community to integrate the social teaching of the Catholic Church and the Sulpician social justice guidelines into seminary life in the different events and activities the committee offers.

Led by Deacon Miguel Melendez (4-T, Richmond), the Social Justice Committee has sought to continue its commitments of helping the broader community around Theological College (including reaching out in new ways to those who are marginalized). One of the ways we continued our commitment to the broader community was by bringing sack lunches to the homeless. Led by Deacon Andrew Wakefield (4-T, Washington), the Social Justice Committee gave seminarians the opportunity on a Friday to give up their lunches and to give out sack lunches to the homeless in the D.C. area. This was a huge success, and it helped build solidarity with those less fortunate. Coupled with this was TC's "give away/take away" room where seminarians donated unwanted clothing to the poor, specifically to St. Martin's Catholic Church in northeast Washington. Just before the Christmas break, Phil Decker (1-T, Richmond), Garrett Bockman (2-T, Dallas), and a number of other seminarians consolidated the items and donated around five bags of much needed men's clothing, a few televisions, and other household items. The room expanded its mission, however, as various coats and other men's items and TC's poverty assistance care kits were donated under the supervision of Phil and Jaime Maldonado-Avilés (1-T, Hartford) and with the coordination of Mrs. Kathi Kramer (TC's director of pastoral formation). These items were brought to St. Jerome Church in Hyattsville, Md., for their week-long sheltering of some of the poor in the D.C. area. Moreover, in caring for all stages of life, Vincent DeGeorge (1-PT, Wheeling-Charleston) and Joseph Moreshead (1-PT, Portland) facilitated the annual TC Diaper Drive, providing diapers for low-income mothers of newborns. Utilizing the same inter-class competition that was established last year to bring in more diapers, Vincent was quite creative in his signage around TC, reminding the student body that all of us — including the saints — were once babies needing diapers. Twice a week, he gave an update on the amount of diapers brought in by each class and even included trivia questions — the first class to answer the trivia correctly would receive a "diaper incentive" of 100–200 diapers. By the end of the drive, TC collected 46,382 diapers for babies in the greater D.C. area. Other support for all stages of life included a continuing Saturday morning pro-life rosary led by James Buttner (1-PT,

Syracuse), who was also leading a house-wide vigil in Lent. Lastly, we continued our support of various charitable organizations throughout the world. This year the Social Justice Committee and TC helped raise over \$1,000 for Catholic Relief Services and the Von Opel Foundation, a Catholic charitable trust which works to improve the lives of the poor and vulnerable, particularly children and young people in the developing world (for more on Opel, see *The Crossroads*, Fall 2016, p. 18).

Other Social Justice Committee projects in the works include the annual blood drive being led by Walter Genito (2-T, New York); the spring break service trip to benefit the poor in Appalachia led by Kevin Riedel (1-T, Richmond) and Garrett Bockman; and a spring house-wide project to benefit the poor. All these endeavors offer opportunities for seminarians to be conformed to Christ: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (*Jer.* 3:15).



Diaper drive organizers, from left, Vincent DeGeorge (PT-1, Wheeling-Charleston) and Joseph Moreshead (PT-2, Portland).

TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

The demands of daily ministry are heavy, and it is difficult to say no when so many people come to you for guidance and support. Priests are at real risk for burnout, and self-care is necessary to sustain healthy ministry. Here are a few tips for time management so that the spiritual and pastoral work of your vocation is not consumed by an overloaded schedule.

Take control of your calendar

Sit down with your calendar regularly and make some tough calls. Determine which activities really require your presence. Consider how you might involve other staff or parish members in leading some meetings. Are the members of a particular parish committee burned out? Maybe their meetings need to be less frequent. Take note of the appointments that always go past their allotted time and commit to starting and ending on time for the next few weeks. If you don't typically use an agenda, try developing a list of discussion items in advance to keep longer meetings focused.

Schedule time for prayer

Taking time to pray and reflect before the day begins can make a busy day seem less daunting. Consider praying about certain meetings, or praying for the person with whom you need to have a difficult conversation later that day.

Limit your access to email

Research says that setting aside a specific time to answer email can increase productivity and reduce stress. Allot one or two hours each day for responding to emails and avoid getting bogged down in email correspondence for hours at a time. Thanks to smartphones, our constant access to email makes us more efficient, but also more stressed. Many corporations are experimenting with limiting access to email during certain times of the day to reduce employee anxiety. Give yourself permission to stop answering all emails immediately – prioritize and go back to the ones that can wait a day or two.

Set artificial deadlines

Establish some “wiggle” room for important project deadlines. The last-minute details inevitably consume the final hours leading up to a due date, so set a goal for completion a day or two earlier than truly is necessary and minimize your stress. If you do end up completing the project ahead of time, reward yourself and your staff with an outing or an earlier departure time.

Get out of the office

Is there a tedious project you have been avoiding? Pack up your laptop and go work in a coffee shop or at an outdoor cafe. The



change of scenery could be just the break you need. Shut down your email application and silence your phone to create at least an hour of uninterrupted focus on the task at hand. Let staff and others know you can be reached for emergencies, but that you are going off site to complete a specific project.

Pick up the phone

So much of our time is consumed with composing emails, when much of what we have to say can be more effectively communicated with a quick phone call or stopping by someone's office. It creates a personal connection and also can help avoid hard feelings and defuse anger when there is a difficult issue to address. Even if the phone call or visit takes a bit more time, the investment in the relationship is well spent and can mean less time spent sorting out miscommunication down the road.

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A DECADE OF FOOD SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP

Sunder Michael's ten-year anniversary as the head chef at Theological College did not go unmarked. In fact, the very special patronal feast of the Society of Saint Sulpice, the Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary (November 21), was the day chosen to publicly recognize his decade of caring and faithful service. When asked about his work, Sunder replied, "I want to play some small part in the ministry of these seminarians, that I too may share in their reward. This is my motivation." The rector, Father Gerald McBrearity, offered the following reflection on behalf of all at TC, in acknowledging Michael's creativity and fidelity:

"There are many milestones that TC celebrates. During 2017, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the seminary. In February, we will be celebrating Father Blanchette's 50th anniversary of ordination. I am about to celebrate my fourth month as rector of TC. But tonight, the seminary celebrates another milestone and that is the remarkable fact that Sunder Michael has served the seminary community for 10 years.

"Part chef, part artist, part magician, part expert manager, part dreamer of possibilities, part coach to those with special needs ... He is all of that but so much more. Sunder is a wonderful husband and father to two daughters who are in college. Sunder is a man whose life is rooted in faith, a profound sense that he has been called to serve the mission of TC and each member of the TC community — faculty, staff, and seminarians. His faith guides him and causes him to be passionate and dedicated to everyone's welfare.

"Sulpicians from other seminaries who visit TC say we have the best food service they have ever experienced. Our summer residents sing Sunder's praises. I remember one woman who told me before she left after several weeks that she would never forget 'the soup' and will forever miss the incredible hospitality and flexibility of the food service and Sunder's leadership.

"Sunder, on behalf of the seminary community, I salute you, thank you, praise you, and, of course, look forward to the next meal!" On behalf of the seminary, Father McBrearity also offered a monetary gift of appreciation and admiration.



Chef Sunder Michael makes dumplings with TC resident priests from China for an exotic lunchtime offering of international soups with accompaniments.

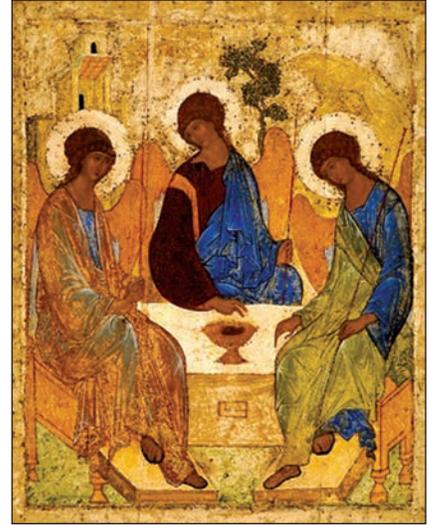
A Primer on Sulpician Spirituality

Rev. Melvin Blanchette, P.S.S., former rector and faculty member of Theological College and ongoing spiritual director, has just published a valuable booklet, *A Primer on Sulpician Spirituality*.

Father Blanchette's primer provides a concise and illuminating introduction to the six principal components of Sulpician spirituality derived from the seventeenth-century French school of spiritual tradition: the Scriptures as the Word of God, the sacraments, with special emphasis on the Eucharist, prayer, spiritual direction, the power of the cross, and the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This excellent work, a significant resource for Sulpician candidates and newer members of the Society of the Priests of St. Sulpice, will strengthen and enlighten the faith of all its readers.

On the cusp of retirement, Father Blanchette explains his impetus for producing this small volume: "I simply wanted to place in the hands of seminarians, priests, and those interested in spirituality what we called years ago a *vade mecum*. It refers to something we carry along with ourselves for a ready reference, and provides encouragement and insight into our desire to be with the Lord."



This icon by Andrei Rublev is on the cover of Rev. Blanchette's book.

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS MOVE FORWARD



Tim Murphy, facilities manager at Theological College, tirelessly oversees the myriad details that interface in the operations of the seminary and the McCormick Pavilion rental space. Recent major improvements he catalyzed include the installation of a new chiller, which will more efficiently and effectively cool the area of the seminarian rooms. Since December, he has been assisting the scheduling of work with Daffer Church Organs to build, install, and tune TC's new organ (see story, p. 6). And with the proceeds from the fourth Annual Sedes Golf Classic, 20-year-old carpeting in the hallways of the fourth and fifth residence floors was replaced using carpet tiles, which will allow for easy area replacements should the need arise.

Facilities manager Tim Murphy, right, guides installers from Petersen's Carpet & Flooring as they replace old carpeting on TC's residential hallways. This improvement was made possible by proceeds from the 2016 Sedes Golf Classic.



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Monsignor James A. McCauley, '56, of the Diocese of Winona, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination in 2016.

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Rev. Don Piraro, '67, of the Diocese of Lake Charles, La., after suffering a critical illness this summer, has moved to an assisted living retirement center called Villa Maria in Lake Charles where he has re-learned how to walk after five months in rehabilitation. In a reflection regarding his formation at Theological College, Father Piraro said that his classes at The Catholic University of America were “challenging and formative” and that TC provided “a community of great intellectual stimulus” for which he is grateful, thankful to God for “what happened there, to be a part of it!”

Monsignor Thomas Snyderwine, '68, of the Diocese of Erie, recently retired from the Theological College Alumni Board after six years of faithful service, generously exceeding his term limit as chairman. Although in his fifth year of retirement from active priestly responsibilities, Monsignor Snyderwine continues to minister to the faithful in Erie with his appointment by the bishop as senior priest advocate, ensuring the well-being of the retired priests of his diocese, as well as by offering assistance to parishes where coverage is needed. Additionally, he has been appointed secretary to the Bishop's Presbyteral Council and serves as a member of the Priests' Retirement Board. He also continues to serve as chaplain to the Port of Erie, offering prayers at their monthly meetings, and is a trustee emeritus at Mercyhurst University in Erie and a Board of Directors emeritus at the Achievement Center in Erie.

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Michael J. Firmin, B '70, retired after serving 31 years as founding executive director of the Golden Harvest regional food bank, which serves the poor in Louisiana and Georgia. Since retiring, Mike and his wife, Beverly, have become co-directors of the Alleluia School of Spiritual Direction, a new work for the Church in the Diocese of Savannah begun in 2014. Supported and encouraged by Bishop Gregory Hartmayer, this school provides trained and doctrinally sound spiritual directors to help guide souls into a closer union with God and the heart of Jesus.

Dr. William J. Carroll, '73, left Benedictine University after 20 years of dedicated service to found Hunter Global Education, an organization that assists U. S. institutions and businesses to enter the Chinese and Vietnamese markets.

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Monsignor Michael Clay, '80, has been appointed associate dean for seminary and ministerial studies in the School of Theology and Religious Studies and promoted to the rank of clinical associate professor at The Catholic University of America. He recently presented a paper on the relationship between the holy Eucharist and discipleship in the Roman Catholic tradition to the international ecumenical dialogue group between the Roman Catholic Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Calgary, Alberta, and offered workshops for the clergy in the Dioceses of Raleigh and Richmond on the revised *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.

Rev. John Abe, '87, of the Diocese of Richmond, was elected chairman of the TC Alumni Board in October after serving as a board member since 2010. Father Abe is pastor of St. Matthew Catholic Church, a vibrant parish with the second largest grade school in the diocese. Additionally, he serves as a member of the annual appeal for the diocese, as well as a state officer in the Knights of Columbus for the Virginia jurisdiction. Although he has a “full plate,” Father Abe is glad to support and assist TC as it moves forward into its 100th year, serving God through its many fruitful priestly vocations.

Rev. Steven LaBaire, '87, of the Diocese of Worcester, was appointed to serve on the Theological College Alumni Board in October.

Most Rev. John O. Barres, '89, bishop of the Diocese of Allentown, Pa., since 2009, has been appointed by Pope Francis as bishop of Rockville Centre, N.Y., to succeed Most Rev. William Murphy, 76, who is retiring. Bishop Barres was installed on January 31, 2017 (see story p. 9).

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Rev. K. Michael Eades Jr., B '04, of the Diocese of Charlotte, joined the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Toronto, Ontario, in 2004, and was ordained a priest on May 26, 2009. Since his ordination, Father Michael has been teaching philosophy at St. Philip's Seminary and has served in their two parishes in Toronto: Holy Family and St. Vincent de Paul. Additionally, Father Michael is a doctoral student at Regis College in Toronto.

Rev. Justin Kizewski, B '04, of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis., was ordained by Archbishop Jerome E. Listecky in 2008 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. After obtaining his license in theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome in 2009, Father Kizewski served for three years as chaplain at McDonell Central Catholic High School in Chippewa Falls, and as associate pastor

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at two parishes: Church of the Holy Ghost in Chippewa Falls and St. Bridget's in Springfield. In 2012, he began studies again in Rome to obtain his doctorate in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Father Kizewski returned to full-time ministry in July 2015 when he was named pastor of the same parishes he had served in 2012. In February 2016, he successfully defended his doctorate, titled: "God-Talk: The Patristic Patrimony of Medieval Analogy in Theology."

Rev. David Skillman, B '05, of the Diocese of St. Louis, has been appointed parochial administrator of St. Gerard Majella Parish in Kirkwood, Mo., on June 30, 2016, after serving for four years as vice rector for Cardinal Glennon College at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

Rev. Anthony Lackland, '06, of the Diocese of Dallas, was appointed to serve on the Theological College Alumni Board in October. Ordained by Bishop Charles V. Grahmann on June 3, 2006, for the Diocese of Dallas, Father Lackland, a convert from the Episcopalian tradition, was inspired by the holiness of Pope St. John Paul II to enter the Church while serving in the United States Army in 1982. Currently, Father Lackland serves as pastor to All Saints Catholic Community in Dallas, a vibrant and diverse parish of more than 4,800 members which includes a national blue ribbon grade school. In addition to his duties as pastor, Father Lackland serves on numerous boards and committees, including as a member of the Presbyteral Council, the Committee for Sacred Places, and the Ecumenical Commission for the Diocese of Dallas. He is also spiritual director for candidates in diaconate formation, and is a member of the Executive Leadership Committee for the diocesan capital campaign. Most recently, he has been assigned as mentor pastor for pastoral administrators and new pastors for the diocese. As part of his continuing formation, Father Lackland took part in an intensive 52-week integral leadership program from Stagen Leadership Academy of Dallas, and received his diploma in September 2016. We are privileged and grateful to welcome Father Lackland onto TC's Alumni Board.

Rev. Donald Anstoetter, B '08, of the Diocese of St. Louis, was ordained by Bishop Robert Carlson on May 26, 2012, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis after completing his seminary formation at The Pontifical North American College in Rome. Father Anstoetter served as associate pastor at Holy Infant parish in Ballwin, Mo., from July 2013 until June 2015 after obtaining his S.T.L. degree from The Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm in 2013. In July of 2015, Father Anstoetter joined the faculty at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis as director of worship.

Rev. Brian Harrington, B '09, of the Diocese of Lafayette, La., was ordained by Bishop Michael Jarrell on June 8, 2013, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist after completing his seminary formation at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md. He served as parochial vicar for two years at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Ville Platte, La., where he also taught at the parish's high school. In 2015, Father Harrington was transferred to serve as parochial vicar at St. Mary Magdalene in Abbeville, where he served for only seven months until he was named pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Coteau, La., on February 22, 2016. In addition to his duties as pastor, Father Harrington teaches religion to seniors at Catholic High in New Iberia, La., and serves as chaplain for the Order of Malta and the Catholic Engaged Encounter group for the Diocese of Lafayette.

Rev. Brandon Macadaeg, B '09, of the Diocese of Oakland, was ordained by Archbishop Alexander Brunett on May 18, 2013, after completing his seminary formation at The Pontifical North American College in Rome. In his first assignment, Father Macadaeg was appointed as parochial vicar of Holy Spirit Church in Fremont, Calif., during which time he served as interim principal at Holy Spirit School for the 2015–2016 school year. Effective January 16, 2017, Father Macadaeg will become parochial administrator of Holy Spirit Church, the second largest parish in the Diocese of Oakland. Additionally, Father Macadaeg serves as the spiritual director of the Confraternity of Eucharistic Devotion of the Diocese of Oakland.



Alumni from the Diocese of Syracuse, Rev. Peter Tassini ('16), second from left, and Rev. Chris Seibt ('13), far right, visited TC seminarians recently.

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Rev. David Pickens, '09, of the Diocese of Paterson, has been transferred from his ministry as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Haskell, N.J., to serve as pastor of St. Ann in Parsippany, a church founded as a mission in 1982 and elevated to a parish in 1983. Father Pickens is the third pastor there and the first one not born in Ireland. Father Pickens has written an informative article titled, "Perils of Being a New Pastor — Asking for Money is Never an Easy Proposition," which highlights an enhanced offertory program being implemented in his parish during Lent 2017. (See the February 2017 edition of *The Priest*, pp. 44–45.)

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Rev. John (Jack) Dickinson, '11, left his post as parochial vicar at the four-church cluster parish of the Good Shepherd in Saco, Maine, in August 2015 to commence canon law studies at The Catholic University of America. He plans to complete his six semesters of studies for the Diocese of Portland within two years, in summer of 2017. Father Dickinson recently shared his experience in diocesan priesthood with TC seminarians as part of the lunchtime speaker series organized by the Prayer and Worship Committee (see page 10).

Rev. Christopher Seibt, '13 (B '08), of the Diocese of Syracuse, has been transferred from his ministry as parochial vicar at St. Rose of Lima in N. Syracuse to the parish of Saints John and Andrew in Binghamton. Father Seibt also anchors the informative and spiritually enlightening YouTube news broadcast for the Diocese of Syracuse called *Around the Diocese*.

Rev. Kyle Doustou, '14 (B '10), of the Diocese of Portland, Maine, was appointed parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on August 1, 2016, which includes the Portland peninsula and island parishes of St. Peter, St. Louis, and Sacred Heart/St. Dominic parishes in Portland, and St. Christopher Parish on Peak's Island. This new assignment immediately follows a two-year assignment in northern Maine, where he served as the parochial vicar of the cluster Parish of the Precious Blood, comprising 10 parishes covering over 800 miles.

Rev. Ryan Lerner, '14, of the Archdiocese of Hartford, was appointed chancellor of the Archdiocese of Hartford by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair on December 12, 2016. In his first assignment after ordination, Father Lerner served as parochial vicar at St. Margaret Parish in Madison, Conn. In July 2015, he was appointed secretary to the archbishop, followed by his appointment as vice chancellor in November 2015.

In Memoriam

† **Rev. Thomas W. Rhomberg, '53**, died on March 12, 2014, at the age of 86. Father Rhomberg graduated from Loras College and attended the University of Iowa College of Law for one year before entering seminary studies. After attending Theological College from 1949 to 1953, he was ordained on June 6, 1953, in Christ the King Chapel, Loras College, by the Most Reverend Loras Lane for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Father Rhomberg's 44 years of dedicated priestly ministry began as he served as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Monticello, Iowa, for one year, followed by teaching social science at Loras Academy from 1954 to 1957. He served as secretary to the archbishop from 1957 to 1958 before being appointed director of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Dubuque in 1958, a position he held for 24 years. He also served as a delegate on the board of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, representing Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas on issues affecting social legislation in Washington, D.C. Father Rhomberg's activity in other civic organizations included the advisory boards of Operation New View and Area Residential Care and membership in the Iowa Conference of Catholic Charities and the Iowa Welfare Association. He was a delegate to the 1960 White House Conference for Youth and Children, the White House Conference for the Aged in 1961, and in 1966 to the Iowa Study Committee on long-range child welfare needs. He promoted the building of apartment buildings in Dubuque, and directed the development of Carter Plaza, an eight-unit building for moderate income families sponsored by Catholic Charities. In 1974, he was the recipient of the *Telegraph Herald's* First Citizen Award. Additionally, Father Rhomberg's priestly ministry included service as pastor at four parishes in the Archdiocese of Dubuque before his retirement in 1997. Even after his retirement, Father Rhomberg volunteered as chaplain for the Dubuque police, fire department, and the city/county jail and served as an assistant at St. Anthony Parish. Archbishop Michael Jackels presided at the Mass for Christian burial for Father Rhomberg at St. Anthony Church with Father Carl Ries as homilist. He is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Dubuque.

† **Mr. Edward J. Murphy, '63**, died on June 9, 2016, at the age of 79. A faithful, generous supporter of Theological College through the years, he is survived by his wife, Margaret, along with many other family members, including nephews, nieces, and cousins. A Mass of Christian burial was offered at St. Martin of Tours in Amityville, N.Y., with internment at St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale. Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of St. Dominic, Advancement Office, 555 Albany Ave., Amityville, NY 11701.

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