

# MOSAIC

Fall 2002

*Preparing Heralds for the New Evangelization*

## Welcome Home

### Alumnus and former dean to return as twenty-first auxiliary bishop

**H**is name is still mentioned with respect and affection among the staff, administration and faculty of Sacred Heart Major Seminary. So all at the seminary were delighted when the announcement was received from Rome on July 22 that Msgr. Earl Boyea, high school and college alumnus and past academic dean of the seminary, would be returning to the archdiocese as its newest auxiliary bishop.

#### *Detroit Born and Bred*

Bishop-elect Boyea's archdiocesan roots run deep. He was born in 1951 to Earl Sr., and Helen Boyea, and baptized at St. Benedict Parish, Pontiac. After attending Our Lady of the Lakes Elementary School in Waterford, Bishop-elect Boyea felt called to pursue a vocation to the priesthood. He graduated from Sacred Heart Seminary High School in Detroit and earned his undergraduate degree at then-Sacred Heart Seminary College in 1973.

studies and he was ordained to the priesthood in 1978.

After serving as associate pastor in two archdiocesan parishes—St. Michael in Monroe and St. Timothy in Trenton—Bishop-elect Boyea joined the faculty of Sacred Heart Seminary in 1987. He became graduate academic dean of the reconstituted Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 1990, and dean of studies for the graduate and undergraduate schools in 1994.

In February 2000, Bishop-elect Boyea assumed the rectorship and presidency of the Pontifical College of Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, which is the only pontifical seminary in the United States. This has been his sole assignment outside the Archdiocese of Detroit.

#### *“An Excellent Choice”*

Considering his rich history at Sacred Heart, fittingly Cardinal Adam Maida made the announcement of his episcopal elevation at the seminary, at a press conference on July 22. “The choice of Bishop-elect Boyea is a great tribute for him personally . . . and a welcome blessing for our archdiocese,” said the cardinal. “This, no doubt, is recognition of his many years of

ministry in the area of formation of future priests.”

Bishop Allen Vigneron, rector of SHMS, was equally pleased that Bishop-elect

Boyea will be joining him in serving the people of Detroit as its twenty-first auxiliary bishop. The two not only worked together at Sacred Heart,

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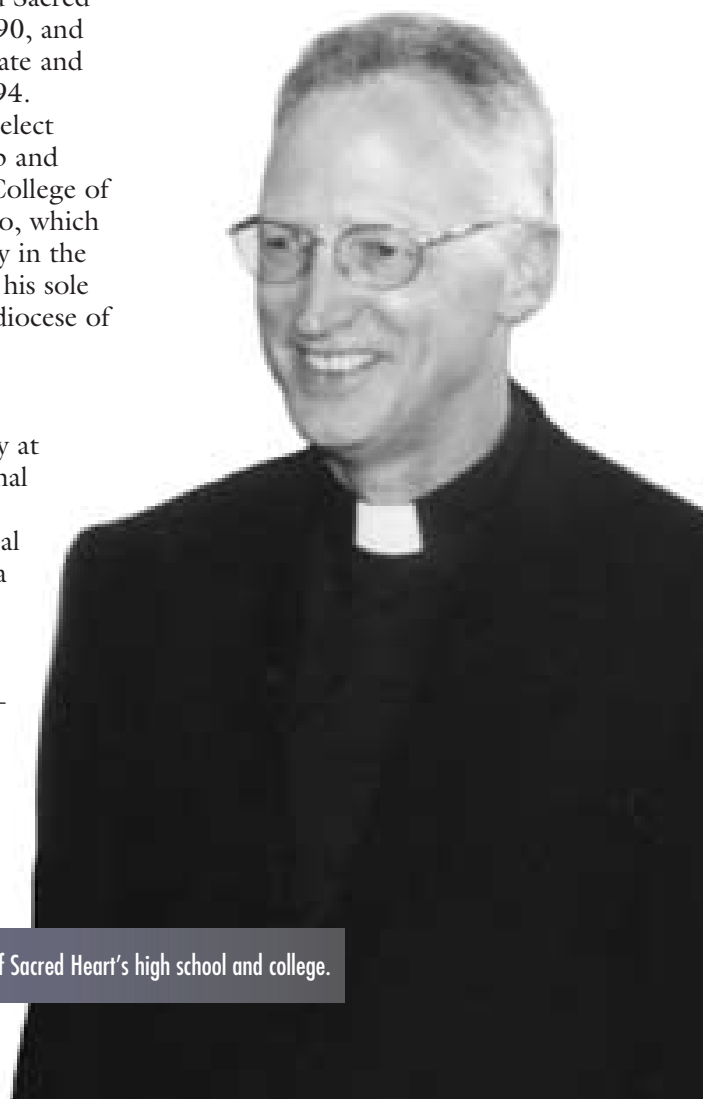
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Cardinal John Dearden sent him to Rome to complete his theological

Bishop-elect Earl Boyea is a graduate of Sacred Heart's high school and college.



# Proclaiming the Truth



Fall 2002

Dear Friends of the Seminary,

As we here at Sacred Heart move into the beginning of the new school year, the echoes of Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto continue to reverberate in our hearts and minds.

One of my most vivid memories of

those days was a CBC reporter's interview with a young woman. In response to the journalist's question about the source of her obvious enthusiasm, the pilgrim explained that it is the pope's witness to truth that energizes her. She loves the Holy Father because he tells the truth!

Amen. Throughout his time in Toronto the pope tirelessly proclaimed the truth: the truth about the meaning of life, the truth about where happiness can be found, the truth about who we are and what God expects of us. That is, he proclaimed *the* Truth, who is Jesus.

That's what I am resolved to remember amidst all the tasks to be done and projects to be reviewed at the start of the 2002-03 academic year. All of our plans—admittedly very

ambitious plans, such as launching the Licentiate degree in the New Evangelization and putting together the Consortium that will make this possible—get their life and force from this aim: that Sacred Heart Major Seminary does in full measure its part to proclaim the Truth, to advance the New Evangelization.

Please keep this in mind as you read through the *Mosaic*, to keep yourself updated on what's happening at Sacred Heart. Remember that each part of our work, each aspect of our life, exists to add our voice to Peter's in witnessing to Christ.

All of you, our friends, have an indispensable share in this great effort, since, without your prayers and support, we could not take up the mission God has assigned to us. Thank you for your loyal kindness and faithful generosity. May the Lord bless you for helping us proclaim his saving name.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron

(Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit)  
Rector/President



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## “What We Have Heard, Seen, Touched”

*International experiences broaden a seminarian’s understanding of Universal Church*

Fr. Patrick Halfpenny – *Vice-rector and Dean of Formation*

The seminarians’ accounts of their experiences on the following pages might seem pretty exotic. They travel to where? To Brazil, Mexico and Europe?

Seminary formation now is considerably different from my experience, too.

Let’s face it. These are some pretty great opportunities. Why would Sacred Heart offer them?

We believe firmly that they fit very well with our efforts to prepare candi-

dates for priestly service in the new millennium.

### **New Evangelization is Universal**

We know that priests need to appreciate the cultural and racial diversity in the Universal Church. They also need to love the diversity they encounter in the Church here in United States.

We could for example, have the seminarians study Spanish the way we studied modern languages thirty years ago: in a classroom, for one hour, three times a week. But if they can be immersed in the language, living with a Spanish-speaking fami-

ly, studying for four hours a day, five days a week, they’re going to learn a lot more. They’ll learn more of the language, but they’ll also learn the people’s culture, history and religious experience.

The men who visit our archdiocesan mission in Recife, Brazil, have lots of difficulty communicating. They don’t know much Portuguese when they get off the plane. But they learn much about the love with which the missionaries serve, and the faith that our Church helps to nourish and support. They come home with a much greater appreciation for the Church’s mission, and put faces and places to conversations about the New Evangelization for which Pope John Paul II has called.

And the pilgrimage in the footsteps of the saints? Well, read Jim Lopez’s account, and you’ll have a better sense of the impact this pilgrimage has on the participants. They come home praying differently, and seeing themselves and their call to serve God’s people differently.

### **Pilgrims Not Tourists**

If I could identify the one significant difference for all three special programs, it would be how the seminarians go to these places. They go as pilgrims, not as tourists. Tourists

see things through a camera lens.

Pilgrims see people and places through the eyes of faith.

We’re confident that these men come back and will, after they’re ordained, God willing, preach differently, teach differently, pray differently, all for the better. And all because, as St. John says, of “what we have heard . . . what we have seen with our

eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands”

(1 John 1:1).

**“Pilgrims see people and places through the eyes of faith.”**

### ***How to Increase VOCATIONS***

- *Encourage vocational awareness in friends, family members—and especially your children.*
- *Pray for more vocations, particularly at Mass.*
- *Support the efforts of SHMS by a financial gift (use center envelope).*
- *Invite someone (or come yourself?) to a “Weekend of Discernment.”*
- *Offer up your trials and sufferings for this sacred calling.*



**Dean of Formation  
Fr. Patrick Halfpenny**

# Holy Ground

*Virtue of hope is great lesson during mission work in Brazil*

By Charlie Fox – *Sacred Heart seminarian*

Day care center in Nova Descoberta.



likely on the minds of my companions and brother seminarians Hoang Lam (Detroit) and Tim Welles (LaCrosse) during the twenty hours we spent traveling from Detroit to Recife.

I must admit, at the beginning of the journey I was ready neither for the challenges, which included not only figurative but literal “mountains and precipices,” nor for seeing Jesus in the city of 1.5 million people located in northeastern Brazil on the Atlantic Coast. The archdiocesan parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, located in the suburb of Nova Descoberta (Portuguese for “New Discovery”), was a challenge visually, physically and spiritually from the beginning. Luckily, we were not without a guide.

## Sacred Ground

Fr. Robert Singelyn, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, began our orientation before we even arrived at the rectory. Father Singelyn is a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit who came to the parish thirty-two years ago on what he thought would be perhaps a six-year assignment. As we moved north from the airport and turned into the mountainous neighborhood of Nova Descoberta, Father Singelyn told me plainly how I should view the parish.

“We are entering holy ground,” he said. “You don’t have to take your shoes off, but this *is* a sacred place.”

I would be lying if I said the holiness was apparent to me. I was hot and tired, and my eyes saw poor people walking the narrow streets of neighborhoods that began at the street level and went hundreds of feet up the sides of mountains. I saw



The sacraments are the heart of Our Lady of Lourdes parish ministry. Fr. Robert Singelyn baptizes a young boy at a satellite chapel in Nova Descoberta.



Though poverty abounds, so does deep faith, witnessed by this homebound woman with her rosary.

painfully small houses set precariously on those mountains. I saw dirty shops and markets, garbage piled in the streets and children without shoes.

“This is holy ground?” I asked myself.

“**L**et us imitate Jesus and refuse no task, however humble and arduous it may seem, on behalf of those who are our brothers. We may have to serve someone who is small and unimportant. . . . The job may be taxing; mountains and precipices may be in our way; for the sake of the brother’s salvation everything must be endured.”

*St. John Chrysostom*

When I read this passage from a homily by St. John Chrysostom, I thought it described well the challenges of missionary life. After spending the month of May in Recife, Brazil, I am beginning to know how accurate these words are, but also how much more there is to life in “the missions.”

A phrase taken from the letter to the Hebrews—“Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus” (12:2)—was more directly the theme of our third-term apostolic experience, a theme provided by Sr. Mary Finn, HVM, director of the seminary’s Term III Ministry Program. I know these words were on my mind, and were

Another of Father Singelyn's sayings helped me understand the desperation I was witnessing. "God is big," he said simply and often, when a difficulty threatened to blind us to God's presence. For Father Singelyn, for Fr. Harry Sikorski, a priest for the Diocese of Saginaw who has "retired" to Recife, and for all the ministers and people there, God is simply too big, too powerful and too loving to allow poverty or sickness to limit his work.

Hoang, Tim and I began to get the message, through innumerable experiences of the sacramental life of the parish and in simple encounters with different kinds of people. Whether it was during the retreat for Confirmation candidates we attended our first weekend, in the city hospital, the state prison or simply in people's homes, we began to see the parish transformed. But it wasn't the neighborhood or the people or the parish that was changing.

We were changing.

### Living by Grace and Hope

We were changing, and we began to see signs of hope around us. The homesteaders we met during five days spent with Sr. Ann Nett, IHM, in a rural area about an hour inland from Recife, seemed to us a sign of hope in their struggle to win a home for their families. The poor children in the day care center run by Sr. Virginia Barry, SSJ, many of whom would likely never graduate high school, were a sign of hope in the joy they expressed at having a safe place to spend their childhood.

Perhaps more than anywhere else, we saw great hope in the homebound, in people like Clotilde. This elderly widow, who despite her small stature informed us she once had been a disciplinarian as a schoolteacher, told us she "lives by the grace of God." We saw it in Georgina, whose husband and son had committed suicide, but who has kept her sense of humor and her love of simple pleasures, including the music of Elvis Presley. It was this



Seminarians Tim Welles and Hoang Lam, and Fr. Paul Berg, join hands with Catholic prison inmates during a prayer gathering at the state prison near Recife.

hope in which I saw Jesus Christ most clearly.

Yet there are challenges to this hope. As in the United States, hope is an especially great challenge for the young. One night Sister Virginia quoted a study: of all current first-graders, only 38 percent go through to eighth grade graduation. Father Singelyn said the parish does whatever it can to help students, especially those from poor families among which graduation rates are the lowest.

"If I can help someone keep hope for their future, it is well worth it," he said. "Too many young people lose hope for their future too early."

### All Are Significant

Despite the challenges, the young people we encountered seemed determined to make good lives for themselves, were active in the parish, and were interested in us and seemed to have a good sense of the world and the Universal Church.

For our part, we did our best to learn all that we could and to have some impact on the lives of those we met. Fr. Paul Berg, a member of the Sacred Heart faculty who accompanied us to Recife, explained the simplicity of our purpose.

"As I see it," Father Berg said, "just by our being here with them, we are trying to show them that they are not insignificant."

In as much as the people of Recife do see themselves as significant, their own testimony told us it is because they know that God is with them. If we did anything to make them more aware of that Presence, it was a month well spent. They certainly reflected God's presence to us.



Sr. Virginia Barry, her adopted daughter Sarah, and seminarian Charlie Fox prepare for a First Holy Communion Mass. Sister Virginia heads a day care center she founded.

## *Desert Formation Experience*

# Learning About Servanthood

By James Lopez – *Sacred Heart seminarian*

This past May and parts of June, I was fortunate to travel with the first-year Theology class on their Desert Experience European Pilgrimage. For six weeks, Terry Bennis, Andy Bloomfield, Charles Canoy, Patrick Craig, Christian Johnston, Siasoi Patou and I traveled to four different countries under the guidance of Frs. Dan Trapp, Jim Livingston and Pat Halfpenny.

Some significant sites of our pilgrimage: Rome–The Eternal City; Fatima and Lourdes–Marian apparitions; Lisieux–site of St. Therese of the Little Flower; Ars–where St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, did his ministry; Madrid–the Oblate Seminary where over twenty men were martyred during the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s.

However, our journey together did not begin on May 1 when we landed in Europe. Our pilgrimage began last August when classes started at Sacred Heart and we were starting to get acquainted with one another. Our preparation for this journey took shape in different forms.

The Desert Classic Golf Dinner introduced us to the meaning of serving others and helping one another. The Desert Meals enabled us to ask others to help us in our journey with their prayers and their donations. Thursday night formation meetings gave us the opportunity to learn about the sites we would be visiting. The Theological Reflections gatherings taught us something about our selves and our fellow classmates.

Some personal highlights on the pilgrimage: Meeting the Holy Father for the first time was awe-inspiring. Reuniting with my classmate and friend, Ron Richards, made me appreciate our friendship. Seeing my picture at the museum in Lisieux was a shock. I was one of six relic bearers when St. Therese’s relics came to the National Shrine of the Little Flower. Praying in the Grotto at Lourdes moved my spirit to tears of joy.

Most of all, I enjoyed making friendships with a group of men who I know I can depend upon during the trials and tribulations of priestly formation at Sacred Heart.

The European Pilgrimage was the best experience in my four years at Sacred Heart because it enabled me to go to others and ask them to support me through their prayers not only in my travels in Europe, but during my priestly formation as a seminarian. For all their support, I am forever grateful.



Third-year theologate student Jim Lopez was “moved to tears” during the Desert Experience pilgrimage.



St. Nicholas Parish, Barcelona, Spain

## Mexico Pilgrimage

# Faith, Family and Acceptance

By John Linden – *Sacred Heart seminarian*

**M**y brothers and I from the Philosophy program at Sacred Heart were privileged this summer to go on a language and cultural pilgrimage to Mexico. The seminarians on this immersion experience—Kevin Bauman, John Biskner, Michael Hoffman, Paul Malocha, John Nichols, J.D. Praasterink and myself—were accompanied by

Sacred Heart professor Fr. Louis Madey. The focus of the excursion was to introduce seminarians to the Mexican culture and to participate in a five-week program of Spanish language studies at the Institute of Language and Culture in Cuernavaca.

The plane touched down on May 1 in Mexico City where our group spent a few days with the twenty-four million inhabitants of one of the largest cities in the world. We were greeted warmly by several people including the staff and seminarians of the minor seminary of the local diocese with whom we stayed while in the city. We were taken around the city and shown many things including some Aztec pyramids.

But the highlight of this first leg was our precious time spent at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where we had the privilege of serv-



Seminarians with new friends at Cuanacaxtitlan, Mexico. *L to r from bottom: John Linden, John Nichols, John Biskner, Michael Hoffman.*

ing a Mass that Father Louis celebrated.

The largest part of our Mexican experience took place in Cuernavaca, two hours south of Mexico City. We were divided up among eight host families. This gave each of us a unique look at the culture of our other North American neighbors.

The work at the school and communicating in our homes, as well as just getting used to a different lifestyle, had its struggles. But I can safely say that for all of us the good far outweighed the bad. Mexican culture is a bit more laid back than we are used to. Family ties are strong and there is hardly an excuse too small to bring people together, from a prayer meeting to a fiesta for someone's birthday.

The part of the pilgrimage that stands out the most, however, was the four days we spent on mission.

To get there took a four-hour trip from Acapulco, including an hour ride in the back of a pickup on the side of some mountains. I had been told that we were going to see the poorest of the poor in that little pueblo named Cuanacaxtitlan. But I saw something else; I saw the simplest of the simple.

Sure there was suffering, but something else made a greater impression on me: acceptance.

The people had learned to deal with suffering largely through faith and family. Don't get me wrong, it was no El Dorado, no perfect city in the wilderness, but there was something special there that we don't see much of in the States.

I'll never forget the woman to whom we took Communion who had spent the better part of thirteen years on her bed in a little clay brick house at the edge of the village. She had a terrible case of rheumatoid arthritis and had shrunk to the size of a child. But she laid there deep in her faith, smiling from ear to ear, knowing that Jesus had come to visit her that day.

O Lord, if that had been all I experienced on the trip it would surely have been worth all seven weeks. After all, a simple visit from you was worth thirteen years for that woman.

## New Alumni Officers Excited about the Challenge

### Carol McGarvey

When Carol McGarvey was elected president of the Alumni Board on July 18, 2002, she was full of excitement—and a little overwhelmed by the responsibility. “I truly believe this will be a rewarding challenge,” says Carol. “I hope I can meet the expectations placed before me.”

“When doors open, I’ve always been willing to walk the path.”

Carol has been an Alumni Association member since 1988. She has earned a Youth Minister Certification, a Pastoral Minister Certification and is now about half way through the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program. Carol is touched that others think she could contribute in some way to the seminary, and feels her new role as president allows her to “give something back” to Sacred Heart for what she has received.

Her position as Confirmation Coordinator and Youth Minister at St. Gerald Parish, Farmington, bring her into regular contact with young people. Carol believes her studies at Sacred Heart have enabled her to tackle tough questions from the youth in a professional and thoroughly Catholic way.

“I’ve always wanted to be involved in parish life and I love working with young people. I have made life choices, not career moves,” says Carol.

Carol’s vision for the Alumni Association is for it to become strong, recognizable and larger. “I want other



L to r: New Alumni Board secretary Al Sandner and president Carol McGarvey meet with Kate Bua, alumni director, to plan upcoming alumni activities.

alumni to come forward and be proud of Sacred Heart and what it represents.”

### Alois Sandner

“Gentlemen, the doors all open out,” a professor repeated many times, Alois Sandner recalls, during his years at Sacred Heart Seminary. It almost served as a motto for life and still seems to be influencing him forty-six years after graduation. Al was elected secretary to the Alumni Board in July, and together with the new president, Carol McGarvey, they form a strong, action-oriented team.

Before becoming a rector and monsignor, Fr. Francis X. Canfield was an English professor at SHS. Al recalls receiving a note on one of his papers from Father Canfield, which read,

“You have a nice writing style.” So after graduation when Al was anxiously looking around for a means of self-support, Father Canfield’s words came back to him and he decided to become a writer, which led to a life-long career in journalism and public relations.

Al has written for the *Birmingham Eccentric*, Associated Press, *Michigan Living* and *Detroit News*. He was also press secretary to Michigan Governor William Milliken and media relations director for the State Tourist Bureau. He retired in 1997 and formed his own public relations company.

Although Al didn’t realize it at the time, “Sacred Heart was the formative part of my life and has shaped everything since.” He modestly states, “I still don’t know what I’m able to give, but I would hope I could make at least a small repayment to the seminary.”

## Why Not a Reunion?

Consider reuniting with fellow alumni, just like the Class of '55. They celebrated Mass and shared memories on July 28, 2002. Facilities and services are available for booking.

Call the Alumni Office,  
313-883-8533.



## The Class of '53

How many faces do you recognize?

*Try This Quick Quiz!* Whether you were at Sacred Heart before 1953, during or after, see how many faces you remember. Turn to page 12 for names.

The Class of '53 will have a chance to meet in person at their reunion on **March 19, 2003**, which is also St. Joseph's Feast Day.

### In Memoriam

*Grant eternal rest and peace to the following Sacred Heart Alumni:*

**Rev. Raymond (Casey) Jones**  
SHS 1936, R.I.P. 7/23/02  
Diocese of Detroit

**Rev. Michael Kundrat**  
SHS 1937, R.I.P. 6/16/02  
Diocese of Detroit

**Rev. Thomas Niedzwiecki**  
SHS 1949, R.I.P. 5/26/02  
Diocese of Grand Rapids

**Rev. Carl Yagley**  
SHS 1950, R.I.P. 8/12/02  
Diocese of Detroit

**Rev. George Fortuna**  
SHS 1953, R.I.P. 8/24/02  
Diocese of Detroit

"Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them."  
*(Rev 14:13)*

## “Unlike Anyone I’ve Known”

**H**e was the toughest person I’ve ever met,” says Craig Jones when describing his great uncle, Fr. Raymond (Casey) Jones. “He was unlike anyone I’ve ever known.”

Father Casey, as he was called, graduated from Sacred Heart Seminary in 1932 and was one of the most senior alumni. He died on July 23, just three days short of his ninety-sixth birthday.

Father was a humble man, strong in his faith and dedicated to the Catholic Church and its teachings. He was a natural leader and led by example.

Ordained in 1936, Father Casey was assigned to the Detroit C.Y.O. Home for Boys on Lexington Avenue from 1939-1952, where as chaplain and director he used his “no nonsense ways” to house and care for the many juveniles and homeless youth.

“Life was tough. It was during the Depression and often these boys were in trouble with the law, came from broken homes, and Christianity was absent in their lives,” says Kenneth Jones, Craig’s father and Father Casey’s nephew. Father Casey introduced the boys to Christian values and with the help of his mother provided a Christian home environment for them.

“My uncle believed that ‘There is no such thing as a bad boy.’ He turned ‘bad’ boys into good ones,” says Kenneth. Father Casey also introduced the now-famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Night as a

fundraiser at the C.Y.O. Home for Boys, and later in the parishes he pastored—St. Alexis, Willow Run (1952-57) and St. William, Walled Lake (1957-71)—until retirement in 1971.



**Fr. Raymond (Casey) E. Jones**  
† July 23, 2002

### Mark Those Calendars!

*Sacred Heart Major Seminary will be celebrating Alumni Day on February 2, 2003. It is a day to celebrate and commemorate our alumni for their fellowship, dedication, service and support. Please plan on attending.*

### Corrections to the last issue

**Page 8.** The name of the Edward Bovich family, and the Bovich Award for Excellence in Homiletics, were spelled incorrectly.

**Page 20.** The phone number for the Dean of Studies office is 313-883-8556.

## In the World But Not Of It

*MA Theology student embraces a life of consecrated celibacy and active ministry*

**A**t age twenty-one, Susan Cummins was thinking about joining a Zen Buddhist monastery. But thanks to her mother's prayers, Susan joined a charismatic Christian community and chose a life of celibacy dedicated to Christian prayer and service. A year later Susan became a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

That was thirty years ago. Since then, Susan has been active in full-time pastoral ministry and retreat work both locally and internationally. She has earned a graduate degree in Foreign Language at Eastern Michigan University, completed a year of theology study at the Angelicum in Rome, obtained professional certification in secondary education and taught foreign language and religion at St. Alphonsus Catholic High School in Dearborn.

And happily, Susan is only one course and a thesis away from earning a Master of Arts in Theology from Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Not only that, but she is also a "consecrated virgin living in the world," a canonically-approved state-of-life in which a woman is consecrated to live a life of perpetual virginity and active charity in imitation of Christ, her spouse.

One could say Susan is the type of Christian the Lord had in mind when he prayed for his followers to live boldly in the world, but to be "not of the world" (Jn 17:16).

### God Made It Possible

Susan took her first theology course at Sacred Heart in 1991. "I was at a point in my life when I was considering a career change and thinking about going to graduate school," explains Sue. "I liked the course that I took in theology and wanted to pursue a graduate degree in theology out of personal and professional interest, but I needed to think about a degree that would more likely land me a job."

Susan decided to earn a Masters of Arts in Foreign Language, but the desire to study graduate-level theology—and perhaps to teach it—would not leave her. In 1996 Susan took a sabbatical from her full-time ministry to study at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome (the Angelicum) to meet the prerequisites to enter Sacred Heart's MA Theology program. She entered

the program in 1998 and has been taking classes part-time ever since.

Susan's perseverance has paid off. This term she is working on her thesis on the Spanish mystic St. John of the Cross, with the help of Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, her academic supervisor. Says Susan, "In retrospect, it was all very workable. Somehow the money came together, the time came together.



Sue Cummins feels welcomed at the seminary as a lay and female student.

**"My theology study has definitely helped me in my work and ministry."**

God provided me with work at different stages and made it all possible."

### Just Do It

For the past four years Susan has been teaching Spanish, French and religion at St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn. She has also been volun-

# Dean to Participate in Bishops' Consultation on Lay Ministry

**M**rs. Patricia Rennie, Dean of the Institute for Ministry and Director of Lay Ministry Formation, has been invited to participate in a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) consultation and dialog on the preparation of lay ecclesial ministers. The consultation will take place on November 19 at the Washington Theological Union.

The consultation is being conducted by the USCCB Subcommittee on Lay Ministry. The subcommittee, chaired by Bishop

Joseph Delaney, is beginning work on a document that will offer guidance to dioceses and institutions on the preparation of lay ecclesial ministers. Sr. Amy M. Hoey, RSM, serves as the Coordinator of the Lay Ministry Project. The November consultation is designed to bring together seminary rectors and theology school administrators who are already engaged in lay ministry preparation.

The subcommittee hopes to learn what the participants consider the fundamental learnings, attributes and characteristics that need to be developed by lay ministry preparation programs. Subsequent consultations will be with other key groups, such as pastors, those who have worked with approved standards and competencies for lay ecclesial ministers, and with lay ecclesial ministers themselves.

Mrs. Rennie intends to share with the subcommittee the formation components that are part of the new MAPS degree—Master of Arts in

Pastoral Studies—that was revised in 1999-2000 through a grant from the Lilly Endowment Foundation. Particularly significant in the Archdiocese of Detroit is the relationship between Sacred Heart's MAPS degree and other programs, and the archdiocesan certification process for lay ministers. Mrs. Rennie is also hoping to receive some insight from other directors regarding any psychological inventories they may use, issues around admittance of students to the programs, and how best to support mentoring relationships between students and experienced lay ecclesial ministers.

"Participating in this consultation process with other leaders from around the country is a unique opportunity to share insights and resources," says Mrs. Rennie. "It should provide all of us with renewed enthusiasm and inspiration for our programs, which will help us to better form lay ecclesial ministers for our Church."

teering her summers leading a residential household of women for Detroit Summer Outreach, a fellowship of Christian youth workers and students who devote their summer to serving established ministries in Detroit. Susan is currently doing pastoral and evangelistic work for University Christian Outreach in Ann Arbor. Her theology studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary helped her to earn certification as a high school religion teacher and catechist by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"My theology study has definitely helped me in my work and ministry. I am more informed about my faith. I have gained insight and inspiration from the classes that I have taken in spirituality. I have a better theoretical basis for my work and I have learned many practical skills that I look forward to putting to use in the future."

Her advice for others who are considering furthering their education in

mid-life: "Don't get intimidated by what is involved. Pray, seek good human guidance . . . then just do it."

## For the Kingdom

On June 24, at the diocesan cathedral in Lansing, Bishop Carl Mengeling consecrated Susan according to the ancient Rite of Consecration for Virgins Living in the World. The rite includes a promise of perpetual celibacy and service to the Church.

This special calling to live a consecrated life in the world "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 19:11) dates back to New Testament times (I Cor 7:34-36). The Vatican restored the rite in 1970. Canon 604 describes the state of consecration as one of "being betrothed mystically to Christ, dedicated to the service of the Church," in a life of "prayer, penance and apostolic activity."

## A Feeling of Welcome

Because Susan had experience in ministry and was looking to strengthen her academic credentials, she chose to work towards a Master of Arts in Theology instead of the MAPS degree, the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry. As for the quality of education at Sacred Heart, Susan is enthusiastic.

"You can get a solid education here, and one faithful to Church teaching, which is something I value highly. That has been a real plus for me."

Though Sacred Heart is a seminary, she has found it easy for a lay student—and a female—to study here.

"My first concern was they might not really want women. But the staff has been helpful, the professors are very welcoming. I have experienced a lot of welcome here.

"I would definitely recommend studying at Sacred Heart to others."

## A Flowering of Music

### Preparing singing celebrants and a musically competent clergy

Calvert Shenk – Director of Music/Associate Professor of Music

The role of music in the Sacred Liturgy is taken very seriously at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. In preparing seminarians for their role as liturgical celebrants, the course of study requires them to learn to chant many of the prayers of the Mass and the Divine Office, and to master the basic principles of liturgical music as expressed in the official documents of the Church.

#### Goal is Active Participation

There are two required undergraduate courses in sacred music. One is a practical study of fundamental singing techniques and music-reading skills,

ly and diaconal chants of the Sacramentary and Lectionary, and a course devoted to studying in some theological depth the principles and philosophy of liturgical music.

Additionally, many seminarians gain practical musical experience in the seminary choir and the seminary chant schola, both of which sing at virtually every Sunday Mass in the chapel. Also, private instruction is offered in both vocal and instrumental music.

The aim of all this, for the seminarians, is to enable them as priests to make competent musical judgments, in line with the mind of the Church, when they are dealing with parish liturgical practice, and to encourage the sung liturgy with the full musical participation of the celebrant.

#### Private Lessons Available

Commuter students at Sacred Heart are also given a number of opportunities to develop musical skills. Courses leading to various diplomas in liturgical music are offered for parish musicians, and private instruction is available to anyone interested.

As the Second Vatican Council emphatically stated, "The treasury of sacred music is to be preserved and cultivated with great care." At Sacred Heart, this conciliar mandate is the basis for the music curriculum, and it is hoped that a great flowering of liturgical music in parishes and Catholic schools will be the ultimate result.



Mr. Calvert Shenk, director of music, provides tutoring on the chapel organ to Irene Vizgirda-Sheko. She is considering entering the diploma program in liturgical music.

*What I've found at Sacred Heart is that Mr. Shenk takes the musician "where they are at." He takes the time to examine their needs, strengths and weaknesses. Plus, he examines the parish's needs to discover the best way to incorporate music into its worship life."*

*Irene Vizgirda-Sheko  
Director of Music,  
St. Sabina Parish,  
Dearborn Heights*

and the other, "The Art of Liturgical Music," presents Church teaching in this area and traces the historical development of Gregorian chant, sacred polyphony and other forms of music in worship. There are two similar courses required of graduate seminarians in the theologate: a practicum introducing the students to the priest-

### Answers from Quick Quiz on Page 9

**1st row:** (L to R) W. Hilliker, T. Byrne, J. Boudreau, R. Romps, R. Ketzler, J. Michon, J. Hrabovsky, E. Surmont, R. Francoeur, R. Haener, R. Morand.

**2nd row:** W. Fitzgerald, G. Graham, T. St. Charles, J. McDonald, D. Cussigh, W. Murphy, S. Salamon, W. Petron, J. Schmit, L. Lynch.

**3rd row:** J. Smith, W. Child, W. McKeon, J. Wilt, J. Imesch, W. Downey, J. Bouvier, G. Fortuna.

**4th row:** T. Blakeley, R. DiGiulio, J. O'Malley, J.P. Denis, J. O'Leary, D. LaLonde, E. Farrell, G. Kittel.

**Top row:** ?, W. White, J. Murphy, J. Young, H. Beusterien, J. Fraser

*(Thanks to Msgr. Ed Baldwin and Top Marks to Mr. Harry Beusterien.)*

# SHMS Welcomes New Professors

## *“Examples of Priestly Zeal”*

As Dean of Studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, I am pleased to announce the arrival of our newest faculty members, all of whom are priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Their return to the seminary, now as faculty colleagues, signals above all, the prudent planning and commitment of His Eminence, Adam Cardinal Maida, to the educational mission of Sacred Heart.

These new faculty bring professional expertise in ecclesiology, philosophy, spirituality and canon law. Moreover, we are quite confident that they will prove to be reliable examples of priestly zeal and pastoral care in our midst as we train all our students, seminarians and lay ecclesial ministry students alike, for leadership in the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond.

**Fr. Steven Boguslawski, OP**  
*Dean of Studies*

## **Fr. Todd Lajiness**

A Bachelor of Philosophy graduate of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 1990, Father Lajiness was most recently secretary to Edmund Cardinal Szoka at the Vatican City State, Italy, from 1997-2002. He will be teaching college philosophy at Sacred Heart as assistant professor while serving as director of undergraduate seminarians.

Father Lajiness' degrees include a Bachelor of Theology and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome (1993 and 1995), and a Licentiate and Doctorate in Philosophy from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome (2000 and 2002). After his 1995 priestly ordination for the Archdiocese of Detroit, Father was associate pastor at Our Lady of Victory, Northville, from 1995-97, and taught undergraduate theology at Sacred Heart, 1996-97.

## **Fr. Robert Spezia**

Father Spezia will serve Sacred Heart as spiritual director of the undergraduates and assistant professor at the college. Father worked in two Detroit-area public account-

ing firms after earning a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Michigan in 1987. He entered the college philosophy program at Sacred Heart in 1991 and was sent the following year to the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology (1995) and Licentiate in Sacred Theology (1997).

Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1996, Father Spezia served as associate pastor of Guardian Angels Parish, Clawson, from 1997-00. Since then, he has been pursuing his Doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, while working as chaplain at Camp Sancta Maria, Gaylord, during the summers of 2000-02.

## **Fr. Robert McClory**

Father McClory will be teaching canon law at Sacred Heart's graduate school of theology as adjunct professor. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communications from Oakland University, a Master in Public Administration from Columbia University and a law degree from the University of Michigan.

In 1994, Father McClory entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary for pre-theology studies and was sent to the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, where he received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 1998. He later earned a License in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, in 2000. After his priestly ordination for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1999, Father McClory served as associate pastor of two Detroit parishes during 2000-2002. Father is presently the administrative secretary to Cardinal Maida.

## **Fr. Jeffrey Monforton**

Prior to his new assignment to the Sacred Heart college faculty as adjunct professor of theology, Father Monforton had been serving Cardinal Adam Maida as secretary since 1998, and will continue in this position. He is an alumnus of Sacred Heart, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy in 1989. He later received his Bachelor in Sacred Theology in 1992, his Licentiate in

Sacred Theology in 1994 and Doctorate in Sacred Theology in 2002, all from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Father Monforton was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1994 and served as associate pastor of the National Shrine of the Little Flower from 1994-96. While there, he was a faculty member in the religion department at the parish high school.

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they were seminarians here together as well, and became close friends while doing their graduate work at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

“I think Bishop-elect Boyea brings a lot of energy to the ministry. That is one of his great gifts, as well as being a person with great integrity and honesty,” says Bishop Vigneron.

“I think the Holy Father made an excellent choice. We're blessed to have him come back as an auxiliary bishop.”

## **No Place Like Home**

Though he is esteemed throughout the archdiocese, Bishop-elect Boyea made it clear at the press conference that he is approaching his new office with humility. “I pray I will be worthy to exercise this ‘noble task’ to all of you,” he said, quoting St. Paul's description of the office of bishop. That he did not seek the position—in fact, hoped against being named—confirmed to him that God's intentions were being fulfilled.

“Since this is clearly God's will, I say with Mary, *Fiat . . .* let it be.”

And if he must take up this noble task, expressed Bishop-elect Boyea, “there can be no better place than home.”

“Here are the fellow believers in Jesus Christ who formed me. Here are brother bishops, priests and deacons whom I know and love.”

On September 13, those same fellow believers will gather in joyful support at the Church of the Divine Child, Dearborn, to witness Bishop-elect Earl Boyea's elevation to the episcopacy.



## Let It Rain

*New copper roof will protect chapel for fifty years*

“After eighty years things begin to break down,” explains John Duncan, Sacred Heart’s building administrator. “The copper roofs, copper gutters, they last a long time, but . . .”

The time simply has come, says Duncan, for the first extensive roofing renovations ever made to the semi-



Building Administrator John Duncan points out an area of chapel roof gutter than has been re-lined to prevent water damage.

nary’s chapel, which was completed in 1919. Some “band-aid” work in the early 1970s halted the first serious water leakage. This included plying over the copper roof with asphalt sheeting and tar.

But the Detroit winters, with their fickle freeze-thaw cycles, have taken their toll. Water is running into the chapel, discoloring and weakening the walls. The problem is becoming so acute that water has even been creeping into the Szoka Library directly below the chapel, which in time could

damage its books.

Knowing the chapel needed an entirely new lower roof, Bishop Vignon hoped for the best when he and John reported the problem to the archdiocese, which provides much of the funding for the seminary’s upkeep. Cheryl Eagan, director of buildings for the archdiocese, responded that the seminary is an historical gem. It is not something you put a band-aid on.

Funding was approved and work began in July to strip off the original roof right down to the gypsum deck and replace it with standing-seamed copper roofing, at a cost of \$130,000. Workers are also replacing many of the gutter liners, which were pitch-tarred fifteen years ago and lately have been “leaking like a sieve,” says Duncan. The cost is \$100 per foot. “And believe me, there is a lot of lineal feet!” Duncan laughs.

The gutter liners and roof will have a fifty-year lifespan, so it is well worth the investment. In fact, the seminary is currently updating the long-range strategic plan for the physical plant to accommodate future needs. This includes creating cutting-edge technology classrooms and adding faculty and staff offices in response to growing seminarian and lay student enrollment.

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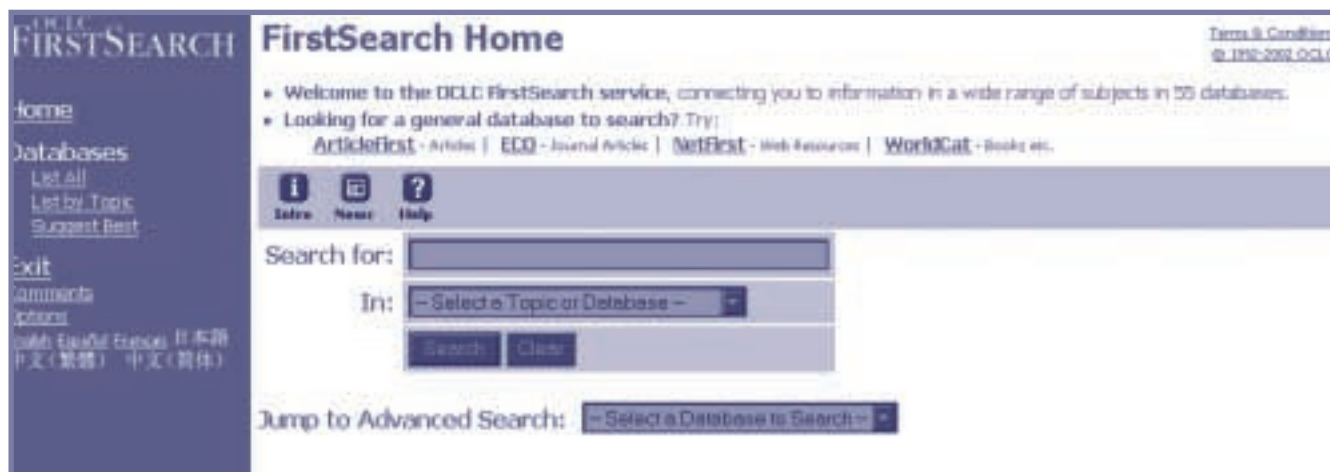


Workers secure copper roofing panels that will match the look and quality of the original roof installed in 1919.

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*Karen Mehaffey – Cardinal Szoka Library Director*



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# Upcoming Events

## October 2002

- 3-5 Discernment Weekend  
5 Permanent Diaconate Ordination, 10:00 AM  
St. Clement, Center Line  
4 Ministry of Lector Installment, 7:30 PM  
12 RCIA Topics, 9:00 AM-Noon  
MAPS 2000 Formation Day, 9:00 AM-Noon  
21-25 Mid-term Exams  
26 IFM Formation Day, 9:00 AM-Noon  
RCIA Topics, 9:00 AM-Noon  
Foundation Topics Basic Catechist Certification 9:00 AM-1 PM  
MAPS 2001 Formation Day, 9:00 AM-Noon  
MAPS 2002 Formation Day, 9:00 AM-Noon  
30 Liturgical Symposium  
31 Neighborhood Halloween Party, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

## November 2002

- 2 RCIA Topics, 9 AM-Noon  
4 Last day to withdraw

- 4-5 Winter Pre-registration  
16 RCIA Topics, 9 AM-Noon  
17 Knights of Columbus Alumni/Benefactors Mass  
20 Mass of Deceased Priests, 11:45 AM  
22 Candidacy, 7:30 PM  
23 Foundation Topics Basic Catechist Certification, 9 AM-1 PM  
Foundation Topics Basic Catechist Certification Spanish, 9 AM-1 PM  
MAPS 2001 Formation Day, 9 AM-Noon  
MAPS 2002 Formation Day, 9 AM-Noon  
27-30 Thanksgiving Recess

## December 2002

- 6 Christmas Concert, 7:30 PM  
9 No class, Immaculate Conception  
9-13 Final Exams  
13 End of Fall Term  
14 Transitional Diaconate Ordination, 11:00 AM  
20 Offices close until January 2

## Could You Help with the Mission?

THE THIRD CHRISTIAN millennium will need vibrant, faith-filled leaders—ordained and lay—to bring about the “new springtime” in the Church that is called for by Pope John Paul II. Sacred Heart Major Seminary is dedicated to forming such leaders.

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