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Dear Brother Priests and Friends of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary:

I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy and Blessed New Year and introduce you to the new format for *The Brook*. In order to provide our alumni, friends, and benefactors with more inclusive news about each academic semester, *The Brook* has been expanded to eight pages and will be published twice a year in January and July.

As you are aware, the Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project is well underway. It is my great pleasure to inform you that Phase One of construction for this project was completed in mid-December, 2004. During this phase, the entire lower level of the building

was renovated and a new computer laboratory and audiovisual area were built. Phase Two of this endeavor, which concentrates on renovating the upper level and main reading room as well as constructing a new front entrance arcade that unifies the Library with the Theology Division building, is currently underway. Construction is slated for completion on schedule in fall, 2005, and library services will continue to be provided without interruption during the remainder of the project.

It is also with great pleasure that I inform you that Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, has approved a recommendation from the Seminary's Board of Trustees to name the newly renovat-

ed Library, the *Cardinal Bevilacqua Research Center at the Ryan Memorial Library*. This recognition is a most fitting way to honor Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua's service to the Universal Church and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as His Eminence truly personifies God's promise to his people, "I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (Jer 3:15).

The Seminary community is deeply grateful to Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and former Rector of the Seminary, for serving as Chairman of the Ryan Memorial Library Campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to solicit funding
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RYAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY RENOVATIONS: PHASE ONE COMPLETED

By REV. MR. RICHARD K. MCFADDEN, FOURTH THEOLOGY, ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Anything that lives and grows must adapt to meet new needs while retaining its own identity. The Ryan Memorial Library at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a case in point. There was much joy in our Seminary community last spring when it was announced that the Library would be completely renovated to address a variety of problems threatening the building and its collections. All of the careful planning and consideration that went into this project began to come to fruition when construction on its first phase began last April. This phase, which made improvements to the Lower Level of the Library, was completed on schedule in mid-December 2004, and the newly renovated Library is now beginning to take shape.



THE PICTURED GLASS ENCASED RAMP, ALONG WITH THE INSTALLATION OF ELEVATORS, WILL ALLOW EASY ACCESS FOR VISITORS.

The Lower Level, which originally contained a swimming pool, gymna-

sium, and elevated indoor track, was completely gutted as renovations
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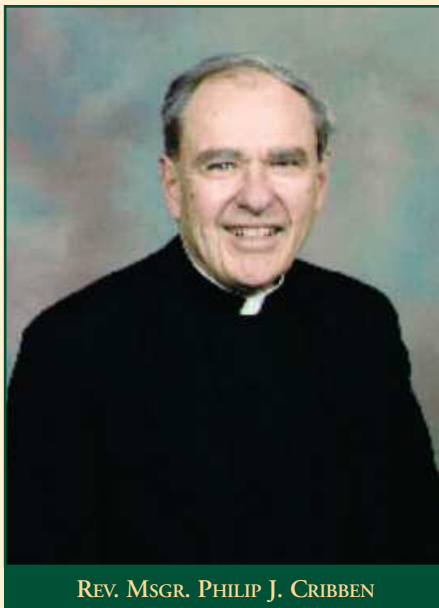
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BY JOHN E. DONIA, SECOND THEOLOGY, ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

For Rev. Msgr. Philip J. Cribben, serving on St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's recently-formed Priest Alumni Leadership Committee is an honor and a privilege. "The future of the Church in Philadelphia depends in many ways on the health of our Seminary and I hope to do what I can to promote the advancement of the Seminary," said Msgr. Cribben. The Alumni Leadership Committee, initiated in April of 2004, consists of representatives from each Ordination Class who serve as personal links between the Seminary and their brother priests. By communicating with their classmates about the Seminary's program of priestly formation and its development efforts, the committee members are an effective means of keeping others abreast of events and ongoing initiatives at their alma mater.

Msgr. Cribben accepted the invitation to join this committee because he has great confidence in the work performed at the Seminary. "I hope to promote the Seminary's advancement among my contemporaries so that they might be better informed and also that they might provide financial support," he said. "It is necessary for them



REV. MSGR. PHILIP J. CRIBBEN

to know that the four-fold program of spiritual, human, intellectual, and pastoral formation as it exists today is a well-rounded program that is geared toward forming future priests that our Church needs." Msgr. Cribben, who was ordained in 1962, serves as the liaison between the Seminary and the 29 members of his class. The class of 1962 consists of priests who minister within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Dioceses of Allentown and Harrisburg, as well as two distinguished bishops—Archbishop John P. Foley, Chair of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications and Bishop Edward P. Cullen, Ordinary of the Diocese of Allentown. "We will gather for a class reunion in May and I look forward to sharing with my class the many initiatives of the Seminary and soliciting their feedback," said Msgr. Cribben.

Msgr. Cribben is the pastor of St. Anastasia Parish, Newtown Square, and serves as a supervisor in the Seminary's field education program. His nephew, Christopher R. Cooke, is

a Third Theology seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY: A NEW MAN'S PERSPECTIVE

BY REV. MR. MICHAEL L. GELFANT, FOURTH THEOLOGY, DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

As a new man to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary from the Diocese of Brooklyn, entering into a community of men that I did not know was challenging. However, the warm welcome that I received from each of the men at St. Charles instantly made me feel at home. The spirit of fraternity, charity, and prayerfulness that dwells within all of our seminarians gives witness that the Lord has called good and holy men here to discern a vocation to the Priesthood.

Although each of us is unique and we approach our studies from different perspectives, we all find commonality within the celebration of the Eucharist, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and our yearning one day to serve the Church as priests. Inspiration to persevere in our discernment process is found not only in the chapel and through our studies, but also by our interaction with each other. Learning and priestly formation takes place during moments and conversations we share in hallways and at dinner tables as well as in classrooms.

I find the college men to be most inspiring. As one who also entered the Seminary after graduating from high school, I relate to and admire these young men for their courage in answering the call of our Lord. Moreover, I admire their willingness to live a life of discipline which is challenging, but from which springs formative graces on the path to ordination. Mostly, I enjoy St. Charles because of my brother seminarians. The fraternity we share makes seminary life enjoyable. Spending time in study, prayer, and conversation with

men from different dioceses, various states, and even other countries is what makes life most interesting here.

The most important things to realize are that we are all on the same journey—a journey toward the Priesthood and that we are brothers in Christ. So, speaking as a Brooklynite, I know I speak for the men from the other dioceses who are new to St. Charles Seminary this year—men from Cajamarca, Peru; Scranton, Pennsylvania.; Lafayette, Louisiana; and Burlington, Vermont, in saying that all is well and we look forward to meeting each other at the Altar of the Lord for the celebration of the Eucharist. Let us continue to pray for one another!

A FOND FAREWELL

Reverend James M. Oliver, M.A., M.Div., J.C.D., J.C.L, has been appointed Assistant to the Vicar for Clergy by His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali. Father Oliver generously shared his talents and abilities over the past six years as an Assistant Professor in the Seminary's Department of Pastoral Theology and as a Formation Advisor. While he will be greatly missed, the entire Seminary community extends prayerful best wishes to Father Oliver in his new assignment.

PROFILE: REV. MSGR. MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD, VICE RECTOR, ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY

BY PATRICK T. HOARE, SECOND THEOLOGY, DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE



REV. MSGR. MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Fitzgerald joined the administration at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in August of 2004 as Vice Rector. Prior to his arrival at St. Charles, Msgr. Fitzgerald led an interesting and multi-faceted life. He was born in northern New Jersey, but his family moved to the Philadelphia area when he was a young boy and settled into his home parish of St. Augustine in Bridgeport. He attended the former Bishop Kenrick High School in Norristown and went to Temple

University, where he received a B.A. in English. After completing his undergraduate studies, he earned a degree in civil law from Villanova University. He commenced his law career by entering private practice while serving as a judicial clerk.

God, however, had other plans for Michael Fitzgerald, Esquire. While working as a lawyer, a recurring thought from his childhood persisted—that God was calling him to the Priesthood. At first he resisted, but, finally, the young lawyer decided that the only way to discern his true calling was to enter the Seminary. The future Vice Rector had many opportunities available to him in the legal field, but did not want to regret never having explored the possibility of the Priesthood later in life.

As a member of the Pre-Theology class in 1975, he was part of the first “independent” group of Pre-Theologians, men with bachelor’s degrees who followed a distinct curriculum in separate classes in preparation for graduate study in the Theology Division. Previously, men entering the Seminary with bachelor’s degrees prepared for the Theologate through the curriculum and in the classes of the College Division.

Re-adjusting to academic life in addition to the disciplined Seminary environment was challenging, but by the end of the first year, seminarian Fitzgerald began to feel more at home. In May of 1980, he was one of fifteen men ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia by John Cardinal Krol.

Fr. Fitzgerald’s first assignment was at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Roxborough, where he remained for two years, followed by a brief service at St. Callistus in Overbrook. In 1982, his legal background was put to use when he was assigned to the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal as a Judge and Defender of the Bond. Days of study were not over for Fr. Fitzgerald, however. After five years at the Tribunal, Cardinal Krol asked him to pursue studies in Canon Law. Accordingly, he received his J.C.L. from Catholic University in 1989 and his J.C.D. from the Gregorian University in Rome in 1991.

Upon his return from Rome, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua asked Msgr. Fitzgerald to put his civil and ecclesiastical degrees to use by opening a legal services office for the Archdiocese. During thirteen

years of service there, he lived at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and then at Annunciation B.V.M. Parish, both in South Philadelphia. He was given the title of Monsignor by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in September of 2003.

Late on an August afternoon in 2004, Cardinal Justin Rigali called Msgr. Fitzgerald and asked him to stop by his office. He soon learned that His Eminence wanted him to become Vice Rector of the Seminary, and, while shocked, he told the Cardinal he would do whatever was asked of him as he was confident that the Holy Spirit was at work. Just one week later, he moved in to St. Charles—one day before the seminarians began to arrive on campus. As he described it, “I had to jump into the pool and start swimming!”

As Vice Rector, Msgr. Fitzgerald has many responsibilities including formation and administrative functions, as well as serving as chairman of the Admissions Committee. He has been impressed by the seminarians. The zeal with which they discern their vocations is a source of encouragement to him regarding the future of the Seminary and the Church. Given Msgr. Fitzgerald’s background, he offers a great witness to the men of many different backgrounds currently studying at St. Charles. In his words, “Each priest brings his Priesthood to whatever he is asked to do in the Church. You worry less about particular preparation for a ministry; your life is always preparing you. You need a good sense of humor, a little sense of adventure and a great trust in God’s providence.”

The ready smile and calm manner Msgr. Fitzgerald displays at all times are a great witness to his trust in God’s providence. We look forward to his days at St. Charles and the many contributions he will make to the Seminary, especially in the formation of its many men studying for the Priesthood.



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2004, THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL “CONCERT BEFORE CHRISTMAS” WAS HELD AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY IN ST. MARTIN CHAPEL. THE SEMINARY SCHOLA ENTERTAINED OVER 500 GUESTS WITH A NUMBER OF TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY HOLIDAY SELECTIONS.

RYAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY RENOVATIONS *(continued from page 1)*

began and is now completely transformed. New electrical wiring has been installed and HVAC and automatic fire suppression systems were upgraded to preserve and protect the Library's collections. Entrances and interior ramps were constructed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Life Safety Codes to allow persons with disabilities to access the Library and utilize its resources with ease. An elevator and grand staircase was also built to connect the two levels of the Library.

Other improvements, both aesthetic and functional in nature, were made. New windows, patterned on the originals, were installed allowing natural light to fill the room while filtering out UV rays harmful to books. Study areas were constructed on a raised platform that is surrounded by new stack shelving for books. Additionally, three conference rooms have been built for group study. Lastly, a state-of-the-art computer laboratory and audiovisual area have been integrated into the Library's Lower Level by which patrons might enhance their research with advanced technology.

Construction on Phase Two of this project, which focuses on the Upper Level, main reading room, and library facade began immediately after the completion of Phase One. Library services, however, have and will continue to go on uninterrupted during this historic endeavor due to careful administrative planning and the efforts of the library staff. It is also important to note that this project is being conducted in a manner that respects the architectural dignity and historical characteristics of the nearly century old structure while modernizing it with the latest mechanical, electrical, and technological systems. This project is truly remarkable in its ability to preserve the past while embracing the present and welcoming the future.

The Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project, scheduled for completion in the fall of 2005, is yet another sign that the St. Charles Seminary community is living and growing to meet the needs of the Church in the Third Millennium, while holding fast to that which it has inherited from its cherished past. As a transitional deacon approaching Ordination to the Priesthood, it is most gratifying to witness firsthand the commitment of the Seminary to serve the intellectual needs of this and future generations.



A VIEW OF THE WESTERN WALL ON THE LIBRARY'S LOWER LEVEL DEMONSTRATES THE INCREASE IN SHELVING SPACE, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE SEMINARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE LIBRARY'S GROWING COLLECTION.



VISITORS AT THE ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2004, WERE GIVEN A TOUR OF THE NEARLY COMPLETED LOWER LEVEL OF THE RYAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY.



THE RENOVATED DESIGN OF THE LOWER LEVEL INCLUDES A RAISED PLATFORM, WHICH MAXIMIZES SPACE AND SERVICEABILITY. READING AREAS WILL BE DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE LOWER LEVEL.



THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND STAIRCASE, WHICH WILL BE FINISHED LATER IN THE PROJECT, SERVES TO CONNECT THE LOWER AND UPPER LEVELS OF THE LIBRARY.

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for the Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project in honor of Cardinal Bevilacqua. Various opportunities exist to show gratitude to His Eminence by supporting this project. To learn more about this initiative, please call the Seminary's Office for Institutional Advancement at 610-785-6231.

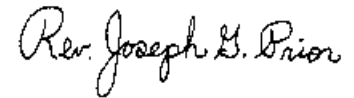
In other news, I, along with Seminary administrators, recently attended the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors in Anchorage, Alaska, to relate information regarding our Seminary and its program of priestly formation. A similar presentation was made to more than twenty bishops from around the country at the Fall Plenary Meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is my hope that these efforts will encourage additional dioceses to consider sending their candidates to St. Charles Seminary.

I am also pleased to announce that on Monday, June 6, 2005, the Third Annual *St. Charles Seminary Classic* will be held at Blue Bell Country Club. Mr. William "Speedy" Morris, former Head Basketball Coach of La Salle University and current Head Basketball Coach at St. Joseph Preparatory School, will serve as Master of Ceremonies and keynote speaker at the Awards Dinner. The 2005 Golf Outing will continue to benefit the Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project. As in the past, the Golf

Outing promises to be an enjoyable day for all who participate. Last year, through the generosity of numerous individuals and corporations over \$100,000 was raised for the Library. I am confident that we will surpass that total this year. There are numerous opportunities to support this event exist including: sponsorship, golfing, attending the Awards Dinner, and advertising. Please contact the Seminary's Office for Institutional Advancement at 610-785-6231 for further information.

I am confident that with prayer and hard work all of our endeavors will bear fruit and that St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will continue to grow and prosper in the fulfillment of its mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Joseph G. Prior
Rector



SEMINARIANS EXPLAINED THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF VARIOUS LITURGICAL ITEMS TO VISITORS AT THE SEMINARY'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 500 GUESTS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2004. THE SEMINARY LOOKS FORWARD TO WELCOMING THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AT THIS TIME EACH YEAR.

NEW SEMINARY WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Recognizing the need to keep pace with advancements in informational technology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary formed a Website Design Committee in the summer of 2003. This committee, which consisted of Seminary administrators, faculty, and staff, was charged with assisting in shaping the design of a new Seminary website.

It is with great pleasure that the Seminary announces that its newly designed website, built by Graham Communications, LLC, has been launched. While the Seminary's website address, <http://www.scs.edu>, will remain the same, the site itself has been completely recast. The new design features a more consistent and contemporary style that unifies the various sections. Although all of the features and information con-



tained in the previous website have been retained, they are now presented in a format that allows greater ease of use and serviceability. Other components, however, are brand new. Online registration forms are now available for Religious Studies Division students, and an interactive lesson

plan on St. Charles Seminary and Catholicism in Philadelphia is available for use by Archdiocesan schools.

The Seminary is grateful to the Website Design Committee for its efforts and contributions to this important project and expresses appreciation to the seminarians and other members of the Seminary community who took time from their busy schedules to review initial designs and provide feedback. We invite you to visit our new website, <http://www.scs.edu>, to learn more about the Seminary and be kept informed about ongoing projects and events. Please address any questions regarding the site to the Seminary webmaster by e-mailing developmentscs@adphila.org.

FACULTY UPDATES

Grattan T. Brown, S.T.B., S.T.L., Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, published an article in the Fall/Winter 2004 edition of *The Academy*, newsletter of the Accademia Alfonsiana, Rome.

Rev. Stephen J. Dougherty, M.A., Adjunct Professor of Psychology and Pastoral Theology, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania. The Mental Health Association offers programs serving the community throughout the five county region of the Archdiocese while advocating on behalf of mental health issues.

Rev. Jay M. Harrington, O.P., M.A., M.Div., S.T.L., Ph.D., S.T.D., Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture, attended the annual Society of Biblical Literature convention in San Antonio, TX November 20-23, 2004. Father Harrington has also been invited to write book reviews on New Testament works for the international theological journal *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses and the Catholic Library World*.

Cait Kokolus, M.A., M.S.L.S., Director of Library Services, and **Jaclyn Jones, B.S.**, and **Lisa McColl, M.S.L.**, of the Ryan Memorial Library, published an article, "Tailoring Oversized Courseware to Fit Our Small Library," in *Computers in Libraries* (September, 2004). They also presented a poster session, "E-Courses: Making the Pieces Fit," at the Pennsylvania Library Association's annual convention on September 27, 2004.

Lisa McColl, M.S.L., of the Ryan Memorial Library, presented a workshop on Dreamweaver Software to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA) Systems Interest Group on October 15, 2004.

Rev. Msgr. Kevin T. McMahon, S.T.B., S.T.L., S.T.D., the John Cardinal Krol Chair of Moral Theology, gave a presentation on Emergency Contraception and Directive 36 at a joint meeting of the Pro-Life and Doctrine Committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. on

September 12, 2004. On November 15, 2004 he delivered the Margaret Liebman Berger Distinguished Chair in Medical Ethics Lecture at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York titled, "An End of Life Discussion: Assisted Nutrition and Hydration for Persistent Vegetative State Patients." Msgr. McMahon also published "Official Catholic Teaching on Feeding PVS Patients" in *NeuroRehabilitation* (December, 2004), and "A Comment on the Papal Address on Tube Feeding" in *Quarterly of the National Catholic Bioethics Center* (Autumn, 2004).

Rev. Michael J. McNally, M.A., M.Div., M.Th., Ph.D., Professor of Church History, delivered a paper, "Moore Before: The Formative Experience of John Moore, 1834-1901," at the spring 2004 meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association.

Rev. Christopher J. Schreck, Ph.D., S.T.B., S.S.L., S.T.D., Distinguished Professor of Sacred Scripture, gave a series of lectures to the priests of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, "The Passion and Resurrection Narratives in Four Gospels: Reading and Portraying the Disturbing and Reassuring Heart of the Gospel Tradition," on August 23-25, 2004.

Christian Washburn, Ph.D., defended his doctoral dissertation, "St. Roberto Cardinal Bellarmino's Defense of Catholic Christology Against the Lutheran Doctrine of Ubiquity," at Catholic University of America on December 9, 2004, and received honors with distinction. Doctor Washburn will be publishing his dissertation as a monograph.

Todd Wilmot, M.S.L., of the Ryan Memorial Library, was recently acknowledged for his reference assistance in the following publications: Walter Paska's *The Christian Catholic Faith of the Kyiv-Rus Church: An Enduring Heritage* and Carl Brandon Strehlke's *Pontormo, Bronzino, and the Medici: The Transformation of the Renaissance Portrait in Florence*. Both works are held in the Ryan Memorial Library's collection.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES DIVISION PROGRAMS AT THE SEMINARY

Did you know that for over thirty years lay people, religious, and clergy have been attending undergraduate and graduate classes at the Seminary? In 1972, recognizing that the primary mission of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary established the Religious Studies Division to provide men and women with an opportunity to develop a deeper knowledge and love of God.

The undergraduate program offers certificates in Catholic Religious Studies, the Roman Catechetical Diploma, Liturgical Studies, Pastoral Ministry to African-American Catholics, and Youth Ministry. The Certificate in Catholic Religious Studies and the Roman Catechetical Diploma each provide a sound foundation for catechists and religion teachers. The Liturgical Studies program fosters an appreciation for the Church's liturgy, while providing a solid theological basis for its celebration. The program in Pastoral Ministry to African-American Catholics offers general instruction in pastoral ministry, with a special emphasis on the pastoral needs of the

African-American community. The Youth Ministry program is designed to prepare those who serve teens and young adults in their faith formation.

At the graduate level, the Division offers a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies with a concentration in the areas of Moral Theology, Sacred Scripture, Spiritual Theology, and Systematic Theology. Its graduates have gone on to teach theology at the high school and college level, and to serve in various leadership positions within the Church.

The Religious Studies Division is open to all—Catholic laity, religious, deacons and priests, as well as members of other faiths interested in learning about Catholicism. Classes are also offered at several satellite locations throughout the Archdiocese and in the Diocese of Allentown. For more information about these programs, go to www.scs.edu, or contact the Religious Studies Division at 610-785-6287 or rsd@adphila.org.



SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL DONOR APPRECIATION MASS AND BRUNCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2004. THIS EVENT AFFORDS ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ITS FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS.

PRIEST ALUMNI APPEAL UPDATE

Sincere appreciation is extended to all who have answered the Annual Priest Alumni Appeal this year. We have already received \$49,355 towards our goal of \$90,000! With your continued generous support, that goal will be met. Please know that the Seminary community is ever-grateful for the kindness you show to your alma mater.

As in past years, the Alumni Appeal will, through the Priest Alumni Scholarship Fund, aid seminarians who require financial assistance. Funds generated from this year's Alumni Appeal will also support the Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project. This historic undertaking will transform the Library into a modern research and information center for seminarians, priest alumni,

faculty, lay and religious students, and the community-at-large.

In addition, Most Rev. Louis A. DeSimone and Rev. Msgr. William J.J. O'Donnell, Priest Alumni Class Leader for the Ordination Class of 1952, encouraged their classmates to make a contribution in support of the Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project. As of December 31, 2004, the Class of 1952 had donated \$20,650 in support of the Library Renovation Project. The Seminary is most appreciative of this generous alumni initiative.

Other Alumni Classes and Jubilarians are welcome to make honorarium contributions to this project as well as other initiatives at the Seminary. Please contact the Office for Institutional Advancement at 610-785-6231 for more information.



FIFTEEN MEN IN THE SEMINARY'S SECOND THEOLOGY CLASS WERE INSTITUTED INTO THE MINISTRY OF READER BY HIS EMINENCE, CARDINAL JUSTIN RIGALI ON NOVEMBER 4, 2004, THE PATRONAL FEAST OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO. DURING THE MASS, HIS EMINENCE REMINDED THESE MEN THAT THEY ARE TO TURN ALWAYS TO SAINT CHARLES, THEIR PATRON AND GUIDE, AS THEY CARRY OUT THEIR NEW DUTIES AND CONTINUE FORMATION FOR SERVICE IN THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY ANNUAL APPEAL

This year, the Seminary's Annual Appeal was held during the month of November for the first time. Although the designated month for the Appeal has ended, there is still time to make your gift.

Contributions to the Seminary Appeal for the 2005 fiscal year will be accepted through June 30, 2005.

The Seminary community is grateful to you for your faithful support of the Appeal. Your tax-deductible gift helps to enhance the many resources needed for priestly training and enable the Seminary to form holy, educated, and dedicated priests.

Gifts to the Annual Appeal may be made payable in the form of check or credit card. Please call the Seminary's Office for Institutional Advancement at 610-785-6231 to process your credit card donation.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY
Saturday, February 19, 2005 (10:00 a.m.)

ANNUAL PASTOR/SEMINARIAN DINNER
Wednesday, March 9, 2005 (5:00 p.m.)

INSTITUTION TO THE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE
Saturday, March 19, 2005 (10:00 a.m.)

ANNUAL HOUSE SHOW (TITANIC)
Thursday-Saturday, April 14-16, 2005 (7:30 p.m.)

ALUMNI JUBILEE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AND RECEPTION
Thursday, April 28, 2005 (4:00 p.m.)

BACCALAUREATE MASS
Friday, May 20, 2005 (10:00 a.m.)

CONCURSUS
Friday, May 20, 2005 (1:15 p.m.)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES DIVISION COMMENCEMENT AND CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Thursday, May 26, 2005 (4:00 p.m.)

THIRD ANNUAL ST. CHARLES SEMINARY CLASSIC
Monday, June 6, 2005
(11:30 a.m. at Blue Bell Country Club)

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY CANDIDATES

DIocese OF ARLINGTON
Saturday, June 4, 2005

DIocese OF CAMDEN
Saturday, May 7, 2005

DIocese OF CHARLOTTE
Saturday, May 28, 2005

DIocese OF HARRISBURG
Saturday, May 21, 2005

DIocese OF KNOXVILLE
Saturday, June 11, 2005

DIocese OF LINCOLN
Friday, May 27, 2005

DIocese OF TRENTON
Saturday, June 4, 2005

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
Saturday, May 14, 2005 (10:00 a.m.)

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD FOR ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY CANDIDATES

ORDER OF THE ORATORY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI
Sunday, May 15, 2005

DIocese OF ALLENTOWN
Saturday, June 4, 2005

DIocese OF ARLINGTON
Saturday, June 11, 2005

DIocese OF BROOKLYN
Saturday, June 4, 2005

DIocese OF CAMDEN
Saturday, May 21, 2005

DIocese OF LINCOLN
Saturday, May 28, 2005

ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY
Friday, June 3, 2005

DIocese OF TRENTON
Saturday, May 21, 2005

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
Saturday, May 21, 2005
(10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul)