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Dear Brother Priests and Friends of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary:

Each fall semester at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a time for new beginnings. In that spirit, I take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Rector of our Seminary.

I have previously served as Academic Dean of the Theology Division and Chief Academic Officer under my predecessor, Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge. While Bishop Burbidge, has been assigned to new administrative and pastoral duties within the Archdiocese by His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali, he assures me of his ongoing commitment and support. I am grateful for the clear plan for future growth developed under Bishop Burbidge's leadership. It is my goal to carry this plan forward. On behalf of the entire Seminary com-

munity, I express sincere appreciation for his priestly example and an assurance of prayers that he may be filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in his new role.

It gives me great joy to inform you that our student body continues to grow. On Opening Day this year 50 new men were welcomed into the Seminary community. Three Archdioceses and Dioceses, including Brooklyn, Cajamarca, Peru, and Lafayette in Louisiana, sent candidates to St. Charles. Our Seminary is now home to 162 men studying for the Priesthood from 25 different Archdioceses, Dioceses, and Religious Communities from around the world.

I am also pleased to convey that the Seminary continues to move forward with various programs and initiatives. The second annual *Saint Charles*

*Seminary Classic*, which was held on Monday, May 24, 2004, at Blue Bell Country Club, was an enjoyable day for all participants and raised over \$100,000 in support of the *Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project*. Sincere gratitude is extended to all those who supported this year's event.

Additionally, I am delighted to announce that St. Charles Seminary recently received notification from Connelly Foundation of a \$75,000 grant award. This grant will support the Library Renovation Project and will be used to obtain equipment for the Computer Laboratory as well as the Audio and

Visual Area. This grant is a clear indication of the Foundation's confidence in our Seminary and its commitment to our mission. The Seminary community is most grateful for this generosity.

As related in previous issues of *The Brook*, the Library Project was initiated in response to a number of concerns about the well-being of the Library's collections as well as the need to enhance the technological capabilities of the facility. The completion of this project in Fall, 2005, will promote the Seminary's stature as a leading theological institute, both nationally and internationally, and formalize the Library's standing as the principal information resource on theology and Catholicism in the tri-state area. Opportunities exist for memorial and honorium gifts in support of this exciting undertaking. You may call the Office for Institutional Advancement at 610-785-6231 for specific details on how you can contribute to this project.

As I embark on my first year as Rector, it is clear to me that God has abundantly blessed our Seminary community. I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead and respectfully ask that you continue to pray for our seminarians as they discern their call to the Priesthood. In turn, I pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will bless and guide you in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Joseph G. Prior  
Rector



REV. JOSEPH G. PRIOR (LEFT), THE NEW RECTOR OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY, AND MOST REV. MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE (RIGHT), WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO NEW ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE.

## MONSIGNOR SAVINSKI AWARDED THE BORROMEEO MEDAL

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary congratulates Reverend Monsignor John M. Savinski for being the recipient of the 2004 Borromeo Medal. This award is conferred for the purpose of giving public recognition to individuals who have contributed extraordinary service to or have demonstrated tremendous generosity to the Seminary.

Monsignor Savinski was ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1971 and completed two terms of dedicated service to the Seminary. From 1978 to 1987, Monsignor served as the Spiritual Director of the College Division. In that role he provided wisdom and spiritual guidance to countless seminarians. In 1991, Monsignor Savinski returned to the Seminary as the first Director of the Spirituality Year Program at the Mary Immaculate Center in Northampton. Under his leadership, this program developed and flourished.

For over twenty years, Monsignor Savinski selflessly contributed his talents and services to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary with enthusiasm and compassion. His faithfulness, dedication, and priestly example will remain sources of inspiration for all those whom he served.



REV. MSGR. JOHN M. SAVINSKI RECEIVING THE BORROMEEO MEDAL FROM HIS EMINENCE, CARDINAL JUSTIN RIGALI AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY'S ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCURSUS CEREMONY.

## PRIEST ALUMNI LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE FORMED

The previous issue of *The Brook*, reported the formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary of the Priest Alumni Leadership Committee, the goal of which is to serve as the personal link between our Seminary and its priest alumni. The Seminary is now pleased to announce that a class leader for each Ordination Classes from 1950 to 2003 has been identified and agreed to serve on this committee. The complete membership list can be found below.

The next meeting of the Priest Alumni Leadership Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. All committee members are invited to join the Seminary community for Evening Prayer and a Rector's Dinner immediately following this meeting.

### 1950-1959

Rev. Henry Smyth  
 Rev. Charles Gormley  
 Rev. Msgr. William J.J. O'Donnell  
 Rev. Bernard Benischeck  
 Rev. George Hagenbach  
 Rev. Msgr. Charles Devlin  
 Rev. Msgr. James McBride  
 Rev. Msgr. James McDonough  
 Rev. Howard Krick  
 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Scanlon

### 1960-1969

Rev. Msgr. Raymond Merman  
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Murray  
 Rev. Msgr. Philip Cribben  
 Rev. John Franey  
 Rev. Msgr. Francis Menna

Rev. John Hummel  
 Rev. Msgr. Samuel Shoemaker  
 Rev. James Hutchins  
 Rev. Gasper Genuardi  
 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Flanigan

### 1970-1979

Rev. Robert Vogan  
 Rev. Msgr. John Savinski  
 Rev. Msgr. James Matteo  
 Rev. Edward Burke  
 Rev. William Kaufman  
 Rev. Thomas Dunleavy  
 Rev. Msgr. Alexander Palmieri  
 Rev. Edward Kuczynski  
 Rev. Joseph Dragon  
 Rev. Alexander Masluk

### 1980-1989

Rev. Msgr. James Beisel  
 Rev. Martin Cioppi  
 Rev. Msgr. Gregory Parlante  
 Rev. Joseph Brandt  
 Rev. Paul Brandt  
 Rev. Msgr. Timothy Senior  
 Rev. Joseph Bongard  
 Rev. Kevin Lawrence  
 Rev. Joseph McLoone  
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Duncan

### 1990-1999

Rev. William Murphy  
 Rev. Louis Bellopede  
 Rev. Joseph Tracy  
 Rev. James McKelvey  
 Rev. Michael Olivero

Rev. Joseph McDermott  
 Rev. Quan Tran  
 Rev. Dennis Weber, S.C.  
 Rev. Brian Izzo  
 Rev. John DiOrio

### 2000-2003

Rev. Andrew Gehringer  
 Rev. Michael Reilly  
 Rev. Sean Bransfield  
 Rev. Anthony DiGuglielmo





# The Brook

*Special Edition*



*The Class of 2004*

# We Congratulate Our Newly Ordained Alumni

## Ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

May 15, 2004

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA



Reverend  
Stephen P. DeLacy



Reverend  
Mark E. Fernandes



Reverend  
Lawrence F. Kozak



Reverend  
Joseph P. Lea

## Ordained for the Diocese of Camden

May 29, 2004

Saint Agnes Church, Blackwood, NJ



Reverend  
Michael J. Goyette



Reverend  
Robert L. Sinatra

## Ordained for the Diocese of Mobile

May 29, 2004

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile, AL



Reverend  
Patrick R. Driscoll

## Ordained for the Diocese of Allentown

June 5, 2004

Cathedral of Saint Catherine of Siena, Allentown, PA



Reverend  
Thomas P. Bortz



Reverend  
Kevin M. Gualano



Reverend  
Joel E. Kiefer



Reverend  
Joseph F. Reilly

## Ordained for the Diocese of Lincoln

May 29, 2004

Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln, NE



Reverend  
Jay M. Buhman



Reverend  
Mark L. Cyza



# *Ad Multos Annos*

## SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED AT 2004 CONCURSUS

### COLLEGE DIVISION AWARDS

The Monsignor George E. O'Donnell Award for Excellence in the study of English Literature and the Reverend John Whalen Dougherty Award for Excellence in the Study of Latin were presented to James H. King, Diocese of Camden. Gerard P. Roldan, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, received the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Award for Excellence in the Study of Philosophy. The Monsignor Vincent L. Burns Award for Excellence in the Study of Spanish was presented to Nicholas J. Dudo, Diocese of Camden. Eugene P. Ritz, Diocese of Camden, received the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Award given to the student who best combines academic achievement and service to the Seminary.

### THEOLOGY DIVISION AWARDS

The Hannah Cusick Ryan Award for General Excellence in the First Year of Theological Study was presented to C. David Brown, Diocese of Arlington. Keith J. Chylinski, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, received the John J. Hallinan Award for Excellence in Homiletics, First Theology given by the Serra Club of Philadelphia. The Joseph Fricker Award for Excellence in Homiletics, Second Theology, given by the Serra Club of Philadelphia, was awarded to Brother William Arlia, Order of Friars Minor, Capuchin. Rev. Mr. Mark W. Crane, Diocese of Trenton, and James R. Searby, Diocese of Arlington, received the Joseph Howard Tyson, Jr. Award for Excellence in Homiletics, Third Theology given by the Serra Club of Philadelphia. The Matthew H. McCloskey, III Award for Excellence

in Homiletics, Fourth Theology given by the Serra Club of Philadelphia was presented to Rev. Mr. Lawrence F. Kozak, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Rev. Mr. Robert C. Yetman, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, was awarded the Monsignor Joseph A. Quigley Award given by the Knights of Columbus Council 196 for the Outstanding Student in Third Theology for achievement in Academics, Activities and Leadership. Studying for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Rev. Mr. Joseph P. Lea received the Henry C. Loughlin Award for Excellence in the Study of Church History over the Past Four Years. The Roman Catholic High School Alumni Association Award for Excellence in the Study of Sacred Scripture over the Past Four Years, the Sir James Ryan Award for Excellence in the Study of Systematic Theology over the past four years, and the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Award for Excellence in Moral Theology over the past four years were all presented to Rev. Mr. Mark E. Fernandes, Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Bishop Francis E. Hyland Award for Excellence in Field Education given by the St. Charles Borromeo Lay Alumni Association was presented to Rev. Mr. Stephen P. DeLacy, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

## PRIEST ALUMNI APPEAL EXCEEDS GOAL ONCE AGAIN

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Annual Priest Alumni Appeal exceeded its goal of \$80,000 for the third consecutive year. Through the generosity of our priest alumni, including priests from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as well as from other Archdioceses and Dioceses across the country, a total of \$80,315 was raised for the 2004 Appeal.

The Priest Alumni Appeal supports the Seminary's Scholarship Fund as well as seminarians in need of financial assistance for their medical expenses. In addition, a portion of these funds will be used to assist the Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project.

Reverend Joseph G. Prior, Rector, the Executive Committee of the Priest Alumni Association, and the entire Seminary community express sincere gratitude to the Priest Alumni for their continued generosity and faithful support.



MEMBERS OF THE 25, 50 AND 60-YEAR JUBILEE ORDINATION CLASSES ARE PICTURED WITH MOST REV. MARTIN N. LOHMULLER (FRONT ROW, CENTER, A 60-YEAR JUBILARIAN) AND FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MOST REV. ROBERT P. MAGINNIS, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA; MOST REV. LOUIS A. DESIMONE, RETIRED AUXILIARY BISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA; MOST REV. THOMAS J. WELSH, BISHOP-EMERITUS OF ALLENTOWN; AND MOST REV. MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA.

## ST. CHARLES WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

**Reverend Patrick J. Brady, S.S.L.**, recently returned from graduate studies in Rome. Father Brady has been appointed to the faculty and will teach core religion and philosophy courses in the College Division as well a course on the theology of scripture in the Theology Division.

**Reverend William G. Donovan, S.S.L.**, recently returned from graduate studies in Rome. Father Donovan has been appointed to

the faculty and will teach core religion and philosophy courses in the College Division.

**Mr. Grattan Brown** has been appointed to the faculty as Assistant Professor of Moral Theology.

The Seminary community welcomes its newest faculty members with prayerful best wishes and looks forward to the wisdom they will share with our seminarians.

## DEGREES AWARDED

### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

On Friday, May 14, 2004, Bachelor of Arts Degrees were awarded to the following: Matthew A. Blute, James R. DeGrassa, Gerard P. Roldan, Anthony T. Rossi, and John R. Weber, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Eugene P. Ritz, Diocese of Allentown; Matthew J. DeForest, Diocese of Arlington; Nicholas J. Dudo, James H. King, and David Rivera, Diocese of Allentown; and Brother Michael R. Ascione, Order of Friars Minor, Capuchin.

### MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREES

The Master of Divinity Degree was presented to the following candidates at Concurus: Marc F. Capizzi, Rev. Mr. Armand D. Garcia, Rev. Mr. Richard K. McFadden, Rev. Mr. Augustus C. Puleo, Rev. Mr. Bernard J. Taglianetti, and Rev. Mr. Robert C. Yetman, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Kevin J. Bobbin and Michael E. Mullins, Diocese of Allentown; Ramon A. Baez and James R. Searby, Diocese of Arlington; Christopher M. Markellos and Steven V. Pinzon, Diocese of Camden; Joseph J. Faulkner, II, Brendan R. Kelly, and Sean P. Kilcawley, Diocese of Lincoln; Rev. Mr. Joseph M. Irwin, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City; Rev. Mr. Mark W. Crane, Diocese of Trenton; and Brother Brian R. Gaffney, Congregation of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri.

### MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

Rev. Mr. Stephen P. DeLacy and Reverend Sean F. O'Neill, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Rev. Mr. Kevin M. Gualano, Diocese of Allentown; Rev. Mr. Robert L. Sinatra, Diocese of Camden; and Rev. Mr. Mark L. Cyza, Diocese of Lincoln.

### PONTIFICAL DEGREE: BACCALUREATE IN SACRED THEOLOGY

At the one hundred sixty-seventh annual Concurus, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, by authority of the Holy See, awarded the Pontifical Degree—Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology to the following: Rev. Mr. Stephen P. DeLacy, Rev. Mr. Mark E. Fernandes, Rev. Mr. Lawrence F. Kozak, and Rev. Mr. Joseph P. Lea, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Rev. Mr. Thomas P. Bortz, Rev. Mr. Kevin M. Gualano, and Rev. Mr. Joel E. Kiefer, Diocese of Allentown; Rev. Mr. Robert L. Sinatra, Diocese of Camden; Rev. Mr. Jay M. Buhman and Rev. Mr. Mark L. Cyza, Diocese of Lincoln; and Rev. Mr. Patrick R. Driscoll, Archdiocese of Mobile.



MR. EUGENE RITZ, A SEMINARIAN STUDYING FOR THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN, REPRESENTED THE SEMINARY'S COLLEGE DIVISION AS A STUDENT SPEAKER AT THE 2004 CONCURUS.

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES DIVISION COMMENCEMENT

In testimony to, and recognition of his many outstanding contributions to the Church and the New Evangelization, especially in highlighting the gifts of Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, and in the areas of public policy, the promotion of human rights, and the cause of religious freedom, Mr. George Weigel received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters *Honoris Causa* at the Religious Studies Division Commencement on Sunday, June 20, 2004. Mr. Weigel also delivered the keynote address to this year's graduating class. The full text of this address can be found on the Seminary's website at [www.scs.edu/div/relstudy/commencement2004.html](http://www.scs.edu/div/relstudy/commencement2004.html).

At this year's commencement, fourteen students graduated with the Master of Arts in Religious Studies. The graduates included thirteen lay persons and one religious brother. Certificates earned included one in Liturgical Studies, four in Catholic Youth Ministry and two in Ministry to African-American Catholics.

HIS EMINENCE,  
CARDINAL JUSTIN  
RIGALI, ARCHBISHOP  
OF PHILADELPHIA,  
CONGRATULATES MR.  
GEORGE WEIGEL,  
RECIPIENT OF THE  
DEGREE OF DOCTOR  
OF HUMANE LETTERS,  
HONORIS CAUSA,  
AT THIS YEAR'S  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
DIVISION  
COMMENCEMENT.



## FACULTY UPDATES

**Reverend Efrén V. Esmilla, M.Div.**, formerly Assistant Director of Apostolic and Pastoral Formation, has been appointed Director of the Spirituality Year Program by His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali.

**Reverend James P. Olson**, formerly Director of the Spirituality Year Program, has been appointed a faculty member at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. An S.T.L. candidate, at the Dominican House of Studies, Father Olson is completing his dissertation.

**Reverend Jay Harrington, O.P.**, has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor by the Seminary Board of Trustees.

**Gerald Malsbary, M.A., Ph.D.**, has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor by the Seminary Board of Trustees.

**Ms. Lisa McColl, M.S.L.**, and **Mr. Todd Wilmot, M.S.L.**, have completed their advanced degrees in Library Studies and been promoted to faculty rank. Mrs. McColl was also elected Secretary of the Executive Board of TCLC (Tri-State College Library Cooperative) for a two-year term.



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## FAREWELL

**Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, M.A., D.D., Ed.D.**, has been assigned to new administrative and pastoral duties within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia by His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali. During his five years as Rector, Bishop Burbidge led the Seminary forward in various initiatives for the betterment of the Seminary. Most recently, he oversaw the commencement of the Ryan Memorial Library Renovation Project and the implementation of the Priest Alumni Leadership Committee. The entire Seminary com-

munity prays that Bishop Burbidge will be filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as he assumes his new responsibilities.

**William F. Murphy, Jr., S.T.D.** has accepted a position at Ave Maria College in Naples, Florida. Doctor Murphy has generously shared his talents and abilities as Associate Professor of Moral Theology over the last two years. The entire Seminary community extends prayerful best wishes to him in his new position.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DONOR APPRECIATION MASS AND BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 17, 2004 (9:00 a.m.)

#### CASSOCK DAY

Saturday, October 30, 2004 (10:00 a.m.)

#### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 31, 2004 (12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)

#### SAINT CHARLES DAY

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

#### INSTITUTION TO THE MINISTRY OF READER

Thursday, November 4, 2004 (10:00 a.m.)

#### RECTOR'S CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

November 5-7, 2004 (Mount Saint Mary's Seminary)

#### NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY INSTALLATION

Monday, November 29, 2004

#### BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Friday, December 3, 2004

#### PRE-CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 5, 2004 (7:30 p.m.)

#### ANNUAL SEMINARY APPEAL

##### November, 2004

Seminarian speakers will be in parishes on the weekends of November 13-14, 2004; November 20-21, 2004.

In the past the Seminary has mailed it's Annual Appeal during the month of February. Beginning this year, the Annual Appeal will be held during the month of **November**. This new month has been selected for numerous reasons, but, most especially, because it is the month during which we celebrate the feast of our Patron, Saint Charles Borromeo.