

FALL 2017

THE CROSSROADS



Alumni Days 2017 • Doctors of TC • Annual Report
Celebrating 100 Years



THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE • THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



The Crossroads is published three times a year by the Office of Institutional Advancement of Theological College. It is distributed via non-profit mail to alumni, bishops, vocation directors, and friends of TC.

Rector

Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S. ('73)

Media and Promotions Managing Editor

Suzanne Tanzi

Director of Development

Kevin Callahan

Contributing Writers

Katie Bahr • Andrew Clyne

Vincent DeGeorge • Mark Dwyer

Anthony Federico • Br. Matthias Hagge

Patrick Judd • Gregg Kotchey

Jaime Maldonado-Avilés

Stefan Megyery • Brett Metzler

Mary Nauman • Rev. Thomas Servatius

Rev. David Songy, O.F.M. Cap.

Design

Office of Marketing and Communications
The Catholic University of America

Photography

Archives of the Associated Sulpicians of the U.S.

Archives of The Catholic University of America

Phillip Decker

Patrick Judd

Dave Scavone

Suzanne Tanzi

Ordination Photos

Jessica Able, *The Record*

Vy Barto, *The Catholic Virginian*

Greg Francis, *The Catholic Courier*

Chuck Haupt, *Catholic Sun*

Jaclyn Lippelmann, *Catholic Standard*

Amy Mortensen, *Fairfield County Catholic*

Pittsburgh Catholic

Ben Torres, *The Texas Catholic*

Theological College

401 Michigan Ave., N.E.

Washington, DC 20017

202-756-4914

www.theologicalcollege.org

Theological College participates in the mission and responsibility of the bishops to provide for the people of God wise and holy priests close to the heart of Christ and consumed in his work of salvation. In affiliation with The Catholic University of America, Theological College assists seminarians in the task of vocational discernment and in the preparation for priestly life and ministry at the diocesan level, particularly as experienced in the United States.

CONTENTS

A Letter from the Rector.....	1
Community News	
Ordinations 2017.....	2
The Sistine Chapel Choir Comes to the University.....	4
Celebrating 100 Years: Alumni Days 2017.....	5
Feature	
The Doctors of TC.....	7
Seminary Life	
Spanish Immersion for Seminarians.....	11
The Road to Army Chaplaincy.....	13
The Ministry of Vocation Direction.....	14
Annual Vianney Cup Soccer Competition.....	15
Healthy Living for Priests.....	17
Faculty and Staff	
New Formation Faculty and Music Director.....	18
Alumni	
Class Notes.....	19
In Memoriam.....	21
Annual Report.....	23



Above: In June of this year, Father McBrearity (pictured here with Archbishop Jorge Patrón Wong, secretary for seminaries of the Congregation for the Clergy) joined more than 100 seminary rectors from throughout the English-speaking world who were invited by the Congregation for Clergy to discuss the revised Ratio Fundamental Institutionis Sacerdotalis — the handbook of best practices for the formation of seminarians.

Cover: A view of the seminary's original 4th Street entrance from the mid-1920s.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: FUNDAMENTAL DYNAMICS

As I reflect on my first year as the rector of Theological College, three words come to mind: call, community, and compassion. Before I was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, I experienced a call to serve the Church in the ministry of priestly formation in the tradition of Jean-Jacques Olier, the founder of the Society of St. Sulpice. This call led me to a lifelong experience of community, enabling me to grow in my awareness of God's action in my life and to experience profound fulfillment in the ministry of accompaniment and discernment that is central to the ministry of priestly formation. This original call and this powerful experience of community assisted me in becoming a more compassionate priest, celebrating the diversity of priorities and backgrounds of seminarians, discovering opportunities to be present to those experiencing difficulties and challenges, and providing a manner of presence to the community that is forgiving, welcoming, and joyful. Call, community, and compassion represent dimensions of my own spiritual journey that emerged with even greater intensity as I assumed the responsibilities of rector of Theological College, the seminary in which I first experienced a call to the ministry of priestly formation, the seminary whose community assisted me to grow both spiritually and professionally, and the seminary that challenged me to become a more compassionate and caring priest. These three words in many ways capture the fundamental dynamics that have guided and animated Theological College for the past 100 years and will continue to guide and animate this seminary as it begins its second century.

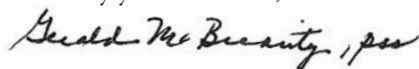
For 100 years, Theological College has endeavored to create a community that enables seminarians to examine honestly and critically the "call" that led them to believe that they carry within themselves a vocation to the priesthood. Bishop Robert Morneau in his book, *Ashes to Easter*, writes, "The universal call and vocation of us all is a call to holiness, the perfection of charity. Our lives are to be lives of service, like the life of Jesus. To fulfill that calling, we need to experience the Spirit who enlightens, enkindles, and enables us to discern and do God's will." For 100 years, Theological College has sought to provide each seminarian with opportunities to experience the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that he might move toward greater clarity concerning his vocation. With the assistance of spiritual directors, formation advisors, pastoral supervisors, and classmates, self-knowledge and discernment of God's will are assured.

Integral to the activity of discernment is the community in which this activity takes place. Since its founding, Theological College has been a community of intellectually gifted, mature, and highly motivated seminarians, seminarians who evidence gifts for friendship, service, and hospitality. Community life at Theological College continues to be marked by creative leadership, imagination, and volunteering. While celebrating these characteristics of a healthy formation community, there is a recognition that silence and solitude are equally important aspects of community life. David Steindl-Rast in his book, *A Listening Heart*, writes, "Community can only exist in the tension between solitude and togetherness. The delicate balance between solitude and togetherness will determine what kind of community it will be." Theological College encourages periods of silence and solitude in the life of every seminarian, a discipline that can guide and strengthen community life, and a discipline that will be critical for his future life as a parish priest.

Ultimately, the consequence of discerning a call to priestly life and ministry in the context of a formation community should be compassion, a profound awareness of the needs of others, and an intense desire to reach out to those in need. In his book, *The Silent Life*, Thomas Merton writes, "In entering a community, the individual sets himself the task of living above his own ordinary level, and thus perfecting his own being, living more fully, by his efforts to live for the benefit of others besides himself." Community life at Theological College invites each seminarian to live above his own ordinary level, to perfect his own being, and to live more fully by his efforts to live for the benefit of others besides himself. The mission of Theological College continues to be the formation of priests who are deeply compassionate pastors, priests who are aware of the brokenness around them and whose lives witness to a commitment to be signs of unity where there is division, signs of love where there is anger or hurt, signs of charity where there is isolation or abandonment, and signs of hope where there is despair. This has been the legacy of Theological College and continues to be the most important sign of the effectiveness of its formation program.

For 100 years, call, community, and compassion have been the dynamics that have animated and guided Theological College and will continue to animate and guide the seminary as it enters into its second century.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

ORDINATIONS 2017

Between the end of May and the end of June 2017, 12 Theological College graduates received the sacrament of Holy Orders. Charged by their bishops during the rite, “Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord’s cross,” they are now serving in eight archdioceses and dioceses across the country. Father Anthony Amato expresses with felicity and thankfulness some highlights of his ordination day on June 3: “During my ordination, I was

struck by two moments in particular. First was the laying on of hands by the bishop and all the priests following after him. It was a powerful moment of unity — all of us, young and old, from different dioceses and experiences, are one now in the mission of bringing Christ to his people. The second deeply significant moment was when the bishop handed me the patent and chalice. These are my tools to bring Christ to his people — to offer sacrifice and bring blessings to the faithful of this diocese. I am filled with joy and gratitude!”



Clockwise from upper left: Rev. Anthony Amato (left), Diocese of Rochester; Rev. Benjamin Garcia, Washington; Rev. Andrew Wakefield, Washington; and Rev. Michael Baynham, Dallas.





Rev. Daniel Waruszeewski, Pittsburgh.



From left, Rev. Mark Kowalski and Rev. Miguel Melendez, Richmond.



Rev. Benjamin Barr, Pittsburgh.



From left, Rev. Timothy Iannacone and Rev. Harry Prieto, Bridgeport.



Rev. Matthew Lyons, Syracuse.



Rev. Michael (Casey) Sanders, Louisville.

THE SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR COMES TO THE UNIVERSITY

By Katie Bahr

Some of the greatest examples of Renaissance music were brought to beautiful life during a rare performance by the Sistine Chapel Choir at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 20. The concert, which was presented by The Catholic University of America and the newly established Catholic Arts Council at Catholic University, marked the choir's first visit to the United States in more than 30 years.

Widely known as the oldest choir in the world, the Sistine Chapel Choir continues a tradition of papal musical patronage dating at least to the sixth century. Currently under the direction of Monsignor Massimo Palombella, the choir comprises approximately 20 adult singers and 30 boy choristers. It performs at significant papal celebrations and liturgies, including Christmas Eve Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

Singing before an audience of about 3,000 in the Great Upper Church, including much of the seminary population,

the choir performed works by 16th- and 17th-century composers Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Orlando di Lasso, Gregorio Allegri, and Tomás Luis de Victoria. The program was arranged according to the Catholic liturgical year, enabling listeners to reflect on the life of Christ.

Earlier that day, Monsignor Palombella and the adult members of the choir presented a workshop for the students of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, as well as for students from other programs and guests. During that workshop, which took place in Caldwell Auditorium, Monsignor Palombella presented his philosophy of editing and performing this great repertory of sacred music. Theological College's new choir director, David Lang (see p. 18), was honored to attend the workshop, which he said was "truly enlightening." First-year theologian Gabe Bouck (Diocese of Memphis), a member of the TC Schola choir, enthused, "The workshop was fantastic!"



The Sistine Chapel Choir at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS: ALUMNI DAYS 2017



The dedication of the recently completed chapel in 1919.

September 25, 2017, heralded the official start of the centennial anniversary for Theological College (the Sulpician Seminary), the day on which, 100 years ago, its pioneer group of seminarian students attended the first day of classes at The Catholic University of America. A week later, on Tuesday, October 3, the 2017 Alumni Days began in the afternoon with the arrival of eight guests from the class of 1967, celebrating their golden jubilee. This cohort, which included Bishop Michael Jarrell from Lafayette, La., stayed together at the nearby Washington Retreat House during their two-day reunion (see photo, p.17). More alumni arrived from different class years to join the seminary community for a heartfelt welcome, building and grounds tours by Deacon Nick Redmond (4-T, Richmond), and Evening Prayer. The rector then blessed the two new spiritual direction rooms, in which seminarians will be able to meet privately with their bishops, formators, and counselors. All at the seminary appreciated the small historical exhibit on display during the convivial reception, as the scrolling photo gallery catalyzed varied and interesting reminiscences shared with former classmates and current seminarians.

It was very fitting that the Wednesday morning presentation, “A Reflection on the French School of Spirituality,” should be

given by Rev. Melvin Blanchette, P.S.S., whose positive influence has made a great historical impact on the life of the seminary over the course of decades. Father Blanchette, who is also celebrating his golden anniversary of the priesthood this year, carefully unpacked the ideals of the French School of Spirituality, the guiding force underpinning a century of Sulpician formation at Theological College. Tracing the history from its inception with 17th-century French priests Father Pierre de Bérulle, Saint Frances de Sales, Father Charles de Condren, Saint John Eudes, Saint Vincent de Paul, and Sulpician founder Father Jean-Jacques Olier, the charism of the French School centers around becoming a priest after the conjoined hearts of Jesus and Mary. The French School reminds us of the grandeur of the priesthood found in *anéantissement*, abandonment to Christ in an ongoing conversion, “to live fully for God in Christ Jesus” (Father Olier’s motto). Father Blanchette identified the six components of Sulpician spirituality: the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), the Scriptures, prayer, life-long spiritual direction, the power of the Cross, and the key role of the Virgin Mary. All of these elements of the faith and priestly life were in need of rejuvenation in the 1600s, a renewal that is also called for in the 21st-century American Catholic

Church, in which the precepts of the French School have compelling resonance. After a lively and informative Q&A session, Father Blanchette generously offered all attendees a copy of his new book, *A Primer on Sulpician Spirituality*.

At the alumni luncheon that followed, Father McBrearity gave a “State of the Seminary” update on the dynamic of the house in which 85 seminarians from 26 national dioceses support each other in the ongoing work of discernment and formation, while being guided by a committed faculty and host of advisors and mentors. He highlighted the many strengths of both the student population (“a house of leaders”) and of all that TC has to offer, which now includes a “fifth-year option” for newly ordained priests to complete the S.T.L. degree, a track on which there are already four new students. Father McBrearity concluded with news that, in celebration of the centennial, some of this year’s rector’s conferences will be held by special guests, such as Papal Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Sulpician Superior General Rev. Ronald Witherup, P.S.S., and Catholic University President John Garvey.

Also fitting for the ensuing centennial alumni festivities, the Mass of Jesus Christ, Eternal and Sovereign Priest, was celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Basselin scholar of the class of 1963 and unflagging supporter and friend of the seminary for over half a century. As he began his homily, addressed to the more than 40 concelebrants on the altar and to others in the congregation, “Fifty-seven years ago, I arrived, together with Bishop Michael Jarrell, who is also concelebrating...,” he was visibly moved while recalling the blessed time of his early formation years, which were “very fulfilling, academically and spiritually.” He emphasized that celebrating TC and what it has achieved over the century means for each priest present to reflect upon the moment he said with conviction, “Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will,” and on all the promises made after years of formation, from the first call to the priest-

hood up to the most recent parish assignment. Today, the renewal of promises is especially important for a unified Church facing so many new challenges. In concert with the words of Father Blanchette that very morning, the Cardinal concluded, “One hundred years of change hasn’t changed the central focus of the seminary, which is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. A priest must always be ready to empty himself and take on Christ every day. It is he who carries our burdens! No wonder we can say, ‘Here I am Lord...’ For this legacy, I say: Theological College, thank you!”

The Cardinal remained with the community for the entire evening, which culminated in his receipt of the seminary’s Jean-Jacques Olier Award, recognizing his decades of dedication in service of supporting the faculty and formation program of Theological College. In his gracious acceptance he joyfully asserted, “This award says to me, ‘You are a part of something so much greater than you!’” The evening was also marked by the bestowal of Alumni Board service awards to Monsignor Paul Stefanko (’76, Portland) and Father John Dillon (’98, Archdiocese of Washington), both of whom are retiring from the TC Alumni Board after graciously serving two years beyond their term limits. The convivial evening concluded with a brilliant centennial video produced by Matthew Browne (3-T, Rockville Centre) and John Minnich (2-T, Richmond), and the gifting to all of a centennial volume tracing the decades since the founding of the seminary. The book was researched and compiled by Michael Russo (3-T, Archdiocese of Washington), and produced by the TC staff in collaboration with many others at TC, Catholic University, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Sulpician Province in Baltimore. This book, *Ecce Quam Bonum: A History of Theological College*, is now available upon request from the Office of Media and Promotions; for more information call 202-756-5510 or email TCCentennialBook@gmail.com.



Deacon Nick Redmond (Richmond), second from right, gave TC tours during Alumni Days.

THE DOCTORS OF THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

*“The task, as I understand it, is how to render ourselves, in all that we are, to God.
And that is an exciting endeavor.”*

— Vincent DeGeorge

Andrew Clyne

Fourth Theology, Archdiocese of Washington

Before beginning seminary studies for the Archdiocese of Washington, I was a full-time doctoral student in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America, studying systematic theology. My intention when I enrolled in that program was eventually to teach theology either in a university or seminary context. Since my high school years, when I had been preparing for the sacrament of confirmation, I had been fascinated by the systematic study of our faith. What is it that we really mean when we profess, “I believe ...”? What is the relationship between the various tenets of our faith? What is the relationship between theology and other disciplines (e.g., philosophy, history, and political theory)? What are the further implications of the faith in our lives, and in the world? All these questions fascinated me. They had (and still have) an intractable hold on me, and led me down the path of advanced studies.

All the while, I was also gripped by vocational questions. What is God calling me to do? How am I to serve him, his Church, and the world? What will bring me the greatest joy? Since the confirmation preparation process, these sorts of questions had also moved to the forefront of my mind. As I went through college and continued on to graduate school, the personal answer to these questions began to crystalize, but I was hesitant to accept it. I was hesitant to accept the answer — diocesan priesthood — for a number of reasons: a profound sense of unworthiness, doubts about my abilities to connect with others, and a panic-inducing sense of the stakes both for me personally and for those whom I would serve. Nevertheless, despite these concerns, my greatest fear was that of turning away from the path that the Lord was calling me to follow, the path that he had prepared for me to follow to his Kingdom, from “the foundation of the world.” During the entire discernment process before seminary, I had always been haunted by the line of the psalmist, “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” I realized that my fears had become excuses not to listen; they were the hardening of the heart. It eventually came to a point when I simply could no longer harden my heart against the love of the living God.

I entered seminary for the archdiocese in the fall of 2012, continuing my studies at The Catholic University of America. My coursework at this point is directed toward the completion of the academic requirements for ordination (as outlined in the *Program for Priestly Formation*). Meanwhile, I continue work

toward the satisfaction of my degree program (Ph.D.), the one I began prior to seminary. The balance can be somewhat challenging, but then again, it is helpful preparation for diocesan priesthood, which will certainly involve the juggling of many different things! I am happy that my theological education will benefit my future ministry. But even before that, it has been personally edifying, strengthening me in the faith. As the old axiom goes, “You cannot pass on what you have not received (or what you do not have).” While acknowledging my many limitations, I can say with some confidence that my theological education has made me a better Catholic. It will allow me to give more to the people that I will serve than I otherwise would have been able to without it. Moreover, in an age dominated by soundbites and superficiality, the tendency in study and discourse is towards gross simplification and caricature. Our understanding of — and speech about — the faith is not immune to these tendencies. I believe that my systematic study of theology has helped immunize me (although one can never entirely resist this) against the temptation towards an ideological expression of the faith, so often sustained by theological shallowness. I believe that my theological education has given me a greater appreciation of Catholicism in its richness: a richness born from a legitimate pluralism that extends geographically and chronologically. I believe that a priest is always a “man of the Church.” That means that he must always try to represent the faith, as best he can, in its fullness. I know that without my theological education, I could never have been a “man of the Church” in the way that I am now.

Stefan Megyery

Third Theology, Archdiocese of Washington

Before I entered the seminary, I was a student at Humboldt University in Berlin, pursuing my “Doktor” in modern history. The title of my thesis was, “White Supremacy Thinking — sociocultural influences on the foreign policy of the United States based on the example of the U.S. alliance policy under Presidents Truman and Eisenhower.”

My interest in the United States and its transatlantic relationships was based on my time growing up in West Berlin in the 1980s. At that time, Berlin was still a divided city and had a strong presence of American forces. I also chose my subject because I had already done some studies in U.S. foreign policy when I took a class about U.S. foreign relations in the Middle East. The alliance policy under Truman and Eisenhower especially intrigued me because, at that time, the United States had created various alliances in the different world regions but only



The doctors of TC, from left: Gregg Kotchey, Jaime Madonado-Avilés, Stefan Megyery, Andrew Clyne, and Vincent DeGeorge.

NATO proved to be successful. So, the natural question was, “Why was NATO successful when most other alliances had failed and were dissolved?”

The process of writing my thesis is deeply connected with my vocation story and the fact that I became a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. In October of 2012, I came to the United States for six months in order to do research at the National Archives here in Washington; at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Miss.; and at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kan. When I came here, priesthood was not at all on my mind. However, during my time in the U.S., my vocational call grew and became stronger. One reason was that I was surprised and fascinated by the way Catholics in America live their faith, which was so different from my experiences back in Germany. Memorable experiences that led me to become open to God’s call included serving Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Washington and getting involved at St. Andrew, the Catholic parish in Abilene, and, most importantly, participating in a Cursillo retreat in Kansas. This is why, after I had finished my six-month research stay and went back to Germany, I decided not only to enter the seminary but also to apply for a seminary in the United States. I was already far advanced in writing my thesis, so I was able to finish it and hand it in before I started my formation in August of 2013,

when I became a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Washington and entered (then) Blessed John Paul II seminary.

My oral defense of my thesis took place during my first summer assignment at St. Bartholomew Parish in Bethesda in 2014. I recall that my pastor was very helpful and supportive and allowed me sufficient time to study for it. I did not have to go back to Germany because my university in Berlin agreed to hold my oral defense via web conference.

Although having a Ph.D. in modern history with this particular focus does not really seem to “fit” into theology studies, I nevertheless profited from the process of writing it. In my opinion, a good understanding of and interest in the past is a general advantage because it helps us to understand the present and so avoid mistakes in the future — or, as Cicero stated, “*Historia magistra vitae est.*” (“History is life’s teacher.”)

Vincent DeGeorge

Second Pre-Theology, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Before coming to the seminary, I researched magnetism and magnetic materials in the field of materials science and engineering — a newer, very interdisciplinary field at the cross-section of physics, chemistry, biology, and mechanical and electrical engineering. It grew out of the old field called metallurgy. My advisor, group, and lab were at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, which became the fourth-ranked graduate

engineering program in the country while I was there and was a place that even in my undergraduate years I never expected to find myself. I also worked at one of the big three aerospace companies in Los Angeles, and frequently used facilities at Argonne National Laboratory outside of Chicago. My research focused on a class of materials called “amorphous and nanocomposite soft-magnets,” and we concentrated on the applications of these materials in electric motors (for instance, in electric vehicles) and also in electrical transformers for the electrical/power grid. At Northrop Grumman, we used the same class of magnetic materials in a different way to “hide” airplanes from radar, in so-called “stealth technology.”

For a long time, but especially when I started studying physics and math, I have been curious about the universe and about truth; I expect that this has influenced my pursuit of both in faith, including my decision to enter the seminary. In my application to graduate school, I remember noting that, on the one hand, unlike the artist, the scientist doesn’t create anything new — i.e., we do not invent new rules to govern the universe. But, on the other hand, simply by coming to know or to recognize rules that already exist we are able to do or accomplish entirely new phenomena that previously have not or could not be done, such as going to the moon or making electricity do computations for us. I am curious if this is not dissimilar to our “discovery” of God’s eternal truths.

How do we know what to accept, act on, and follow and, conversely, how do we know what to reject, suppress, and avoid? There is something tremendous about beginning down a line of inquiry, like beginning a math or mechanics problem or starting a new experiment, and not knowing where it may lead. “Will I like the answer, or not like it?” “Will I even recognize the answer if it is right?” Or, “How do I know I didn’t make an error, and it’s wrong?” In a significant way, it is an exercise of faith or, at least, trust, to be willing to accept the results of an inquiry before knowing what they are. What’s more, it is a testament to truth — getting to know truth is the result of honest and well-conducted inquiry, and as such is deserving of our acceptance. Sometimes the discovery confirms something we already know and so it is easy to accept. Other times, it complicates our current understanding, and is inconvenient to accept. “Where will this new relationship take me?” “What effect will this new experience have on me?” “What do I make of that encounter with the poor?” “Why should I follow this hope to be a priest?” Trust, it seems, is a broad and curious thing.

People often ask me now, “What will you do with your Ph.D. as a priest?” My favorite response is that, like with the result of that math problem I’ve just started, “I don’t know,” but I trust the answer. I am inclined to tell them about the rich history of religious persons contributing to science, like Father Georges Lemaître, the astronomer who theorized the “Big Bang,” or Sister Mary Keller, the first Ph.D. in computer science, ever. There is also the legacy of science’s contributions to the Church — like the discovery of gametes that begs complementarianism, the development of technology and medicine to help take care of people who need it, or a quantum physics that

abdicates determinism for free will. But whether I am blessed to be able to change the world with science (not likely), or equally blessed to be able to be a priest for even a 10-family parish that needs a priest, I pray for the grace to accept the answers that a life of inquiry yields.

My degree reflects my keen interest in the universe, and truth. I was blessed with the opportunity to accomplish, no doubt, what countless others with the same or even greater ability surely have not been granted. This is humbling. Yet, this is part of who I am, in the same way as it is for that equally capable but less opportune person. I am aware that most of my former classmates are not now striving to be priests, and that most of my new classmates did not used to be scientists. But I can’t separate that from myself any more than my confrere who is a seminarian-artist can separate his love for art from himself, any more than our formator Father Thayer can separate his love of the French School of Spirituality from his person, any more than Mother Teresa could separate her love for Jesus in the poor from herself, or any more than a parent can separate the love for spouse and family from his/herself. The task, as I understand it, is how to render ourselves, in all that we are, to God. And that is an exciting endeavor indeed.

Jaime Maldonado-Avilés

Second Theology, Archdiocese of Hartford

Before seminary, I was a postdoctoral fellow in the molecular psychiatry division at Yale University. I was particularly interested in identifying neurobiological mechanisms underlying normal feeding behaviors and the extent to which some of these mechanisms may be altered in individuals suffering from eating disorders. My Ph.D. is in neuroscience; within this broad field, I am particularly interested in psychiatric disorders. Unlike neurological disorders, for which underlying pathologies have been identified, the specific neuropathology of many psychiatric illnesses remains to be elucidated. I was motivated to contribute, in any way possible, to the advancement in the understanding of mental illness, particularly eating disorders.

After my graduations from high school, college, and graduate school, I experienced a sincere desire to completely dedicate myself to serve God as a missionary or perhaps as a priest. During the final years of my postdoctoral training, I began to seriously consider applying to the seminary. I finally discerned that God was calling me in this direction, and thus I declined an academic job offer and embarked on the seminary formation program.

It has taken time to transition from a given thought process and vocabulary, that of science, to that of philosophy, which is prevalent in the first years of seminary formation. It has been enriching and, certainly, humbling. Now, studying theology, I am beginning to appreciate the richness of philosophy and even science as well, as tools given by God to know him and to love him, in all he is and in all he has created. I am open to serving God and the Church, using any gifts he has given me, including my training in scientific research. My background could serve my ministry in different ways, such as in clarifying the characteristics, promises, and limitations (technical and

*"I am open to serving God and the Church,
using any gifts he has given me,
including my training in scientific research.
My background could serve my ministry in different ways..."*

— Jaime Maldonado-Avilés

moral) of the scientific process; dismissing erroneous yet common perceptions in our society (such as a general belief in the superiority of science over faith or an incompatibility of science and faith); or perhaps I might serve more directly in academia, should there be a need and opportunity to do so.

Gregg Kotchey

Second Theology, Diocese of Pittsburgh

Before entering the seminary for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, I taught for the Department of Chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh as adjunct faculty after earning my doctorate from the same university in analytical chemistry with an emphasis in nanoscience. Nanoscience involves the study and manipulation of materials on the nanometer scale; for reference, one nanometer is approximately one hundred thousandths the width of an average human hair. During my graduate studies, I worked with graphene and carbon nanotubes. At the nanometer scale, these materials demonstrate unique electrical, mechanical, and optical properties that are being employed for applications including: integrated circuits, water purification, sensors, fuel cells, drug delivery, and composite materials. For context, the "lead" that is found within pencils consists of graphite and contains stack layers of the two-dimension carbon nanomaterial called graphene. A single-walled carbon nanotube (SWCNT) can be conceptualized as a single isolated sheet of graphene that is rolled seamlessly into a tube.

When others learn that I have earned a Ph.D. in a cutting-edge scientific field, they often ask me, "How will you be able to use this background as a priest?" My answer is quite simple: evangelization. In an August 27, 2016, article titled, "Young People Are Leaving the Faith. Here's Why," *OSV Newsweekly* reported on the findings of two studies conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) wherein it was found that only two-thirds or less of millennials (i.e., those born in 1982 or later), who were raised Catholic, remained Catholics as adults. Shockingly, 13 years of age was cited by the study as the "typical age" at which the decision to leave the Catholic Church was solidified. What were the root causes for their decision? According to CARA, 20% "no longer believed in God or religion," 31% changed faiths (i.e., 16% with their parents or 15% independently), 11% were "opposed to the Catholic Church or the concept of organized religion," and 10% gave no reason for leaving the Catholic Church. Of

the aforementioned 20% of millennials that left the Catholic Church because they "no longer believed in God or religion," typically, their justification centered on the inability to scientifically prove God's existence. Given my scientific background, this represents an opportunity to evangelize both the faithful and the skeptics, who are searching for answers concerning the relationship between faith and science. In exploring ways to become protagonists in this effort, Jaime, Vincent, and I have joined as associate members of the newly formed organization, the Society of Catholic Scientists, which is trying to bridge the gap between faith and science.

As a scientist, I troubleshoot problems arising from nanomaterials made from only the single element, carbon. Therefore, I am awed by the robustness and complexity of the basic mechanisms established by God to create and sustain human life (e.g., DNA and the cell). In addition, contrary to the narrative often portrayed about our religion, the Catholic Church represents a faith tradition that both values the great benefits that arise from scientific research and actively supports scientific research. At the same time, the Church plays an important role in the sciences by providing a moral compass to guide scientific research. Finally, I will also present the limitations of science. Science involves a systematic and testable approach designed to obtain knowledge of the natural world and the physical universe. Through this tenacious pursuit of knowledge, scientists obtain insight into the truths that govern the physical world, but these truths are always subject to change as advances in technology and new principles lead to greater scientific understanding. There exists a transcendent truth, however, that surpasses the field of science and is only accessible through faith. While knowledge of science may grant glimpses into God's "hand" in the physical world and may bring people closer to the truth, science cannot be used to prove or disprove the existence of a God that is not bound by the constraints of our physical universe. Therefore, if scientists are intellectually honest about the scope and limits of our field, it is not possible for science and faith to conflict. Thus, in my own faith journey, the beauty and complexity of the natural world, especially on the microscopic and submicroscopic level, have strengthened my belief in God. At the end of the day, however, true belief requires an act of faith and is derived through a personal relationship with our Lord, which cannot be quantified by or proven with data garnered through the scientific method.

SPANISH IMMERSION FOR SEMINARIANS



Brother Matthias, second row, center right, after the Mass celebrated by Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of Mexico City.

At least 35 percent of the U.S. adult Catholic population self-identifies as Hispanic/Latino, a reality that presents a new invitation and challenge to ministry in the American Catholic Church of today. Theological College is uniquely prepared to educate its future priests to address this challenge, with initiatives led by both the seminarians and the faculty, such as organizing pastoral ministry and outreach to Hispanic parishes and charities, facilitating Tuesday Evening Prayer in Spanish, and offering a twice-monthly Spanish Mass. The most recently added Student Government Association committee, Hispanic Affairs, in which a third of TC students participate, offers a new forum for learning the language and sharing the culture. One of the committee founders, Elmer Herrera-Guzmán (Diocese of Dallas), explains the desire of its members: “We have to formally immerse ourselves as seminarians in the beautiful yet complex call to shepherd the Latino communities across our dioceses.” To this end, several seminarians embarked upon immersion opportunities offered during the summer break, and a few of them share their experiences, here.

Spanish Language and Ministry Institute, Mexico City

Brother Matthias Hagge

Second Theology, Diocese of Little Rock

The Catholic University–TC Spanish immersion program offered to seminarians is called the Spanish Language and Ministry Institute for Seminarians and Priests. This institute is hosted at the Hispanic Seminary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The program includes language studies but goes far beyond that to include culture, history, and understanding. It was this last element where I felt most touched. The institute offers a class on Hispanic culture, and includes a trip to the *Casa de Migrantes* (House of Migrants), where we had the opportunity to visit, celebrate Mass, and eat with people trying to get to the United States in search of a better life. In addition to learning Spanish, this cultural aspect of the program helps seminarians to understand the challenges that we, the American Catholic Church, will face in the future.

The tour itinerary brought us to many other cultural locations and events throughout Mexico City, from visits to the

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the 500-year-old tradition of the procession of Ninopa, a porcelain figure of the child Jesus which is accompanied on a daily procession from house to house. For seven weeks, seminarians were privileged to be deeply immersed in the Hispanic culture, a culture rich in traditions incorporated into the life of the Church. *(For more information on this program, go to cuaboard.cua.edu.)*

Spanish Institute, Puebla, Mexico

Brett Metzler

Second Theology, Diocese of Fort Worth

This past summer, four of us from Fort Worth had the opportunity to go to the Spanish Institute in Puebla, Mexico, for six weeks of Spanish immersion. Every day, we would go to Mass in Spanish, study in Spanish, pray in Spanish, and, for the majority of the day, speak in Spanish. Our routine from Monday through Friday consisted of four hours of morning Spanish lessons in a small three- or four-person classroom setting, and, in the afternoons, we had the opportunity to walk around the city with a student from the university. This afforded us the chance not only to practice our Spanish, but also to learn about Mexican culture from a native of Puebla. Outside of the day-to-day schedule, every week the institute offered an excursion to a famous site in Mexico. A few of these were the basilicas in Mexico city, many of the churches and sites associated with Juan Diego, Teotihuacan, and numerous other ancient pyramids and sites around Mexico, including volcanoes.

While learning a new language in a new environment was often exciting, at times it also proved to be difficult. After a brief two weeks into the program, I began to feel the pain that comes with the inability to express oneself and make normal social connections as one does in one's own language. As one striving toward the vocation of the priesthood in which my entire life will center on "encounter" and making connections, I found this situation especially challenging. However, from reflecting on my experiences of occasional pain and frustration, I began to grow in compassion for immigrants. In my situation, all my needs were taken care of. The institute provided housing, food, a community, and a program that really did give special attention to seminarians. But it was still difficult. I began to realize how difficult it must be for those who come to our country without a home to go to, without food and money, without people they know, and often without a welcome.

Ultimately, Spanish immersion in Puebla proved to be an incredible experience. Not only did I learn a significant amount of Spanish, but the experience offered the opportunity to learn about myself, the greater world around me, and, most importantly, the poor and vulnerable.



Joseph Kauflin, left, and Patrick Judd on mission in Comayagua, Honduras.

The Missioners of Christ, Comayagua, Republic of Honduras

Patrick Judd

Second Basselin, Diocese of Charleston

I want to be a pastor who does not pick which sheep I minister to, or which situations I am comfortable ministering in. I want, as my bishop always tells me, to smell like my sheep. This desire is the true reason I spent two weeks with the *Misioneros de Cristo*, the Missioners of Christ, in Comayagua, Honduras, last May. Ironically, God did not reveal this insight to me until I was flying back to America. The challenges and lack of comfort that I faced in a foreign culture, including a language I knew so little of and the extreme poverty that I witnessed for the first time, only contributed to my heartfelt desire to push myself to extremes and recognize what unites each of us: our humanity and our Father's deep love for us.

Joe Kauflin (now a first-year theologian from the Diocese of Richmond) had, before entering seminary, spent three years living in Honduras with the Missioners. The countless conversations we had about his time there made me quite confident that I wanted a taste of what brought him so much joy. The Missioners of Christ is a Catholic community centered in prayer to evangelize and send out disciples who focus on youth and young adult formation. Joe and I lived, prayed, and ministered along with them in their mission in Comayagua. It was an incredible experience that revealed many potential pastoral weaknesses of mine that I desire to address. I witnessed the beautiful faith of a culture so different from my own as I did street ministry and went on house visits in the neighborhood surrounding the mission. I also got to spend time in the mountains (where I got crushed in soccer by Honduran players!). Overall, it was a rich and fulfilling adventure that helped me to grow in my life of formation to the priesthood, while having a blast doing so. Please join us in praying for the *Misioneros de Cristo*!

THE ROAD TO ARMY CHAPLAINCY

By Mark Dwyer
Second Theology, Archdiocese of Washington

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

(Jn. 15:12-13)

The U.S. Army service runs deep in my family's blood. My older brother is a Green Beret, one cousin served as a Ranger, two uncles served in combat tours in Vietnam, a grandmother served as an Auxiliary, and a grandfather was an artillery officer. I was honored to become part of the greatest team in the world when I commissioned as an armor officer in 2011. I am proud not only to be part of the oldest and largest military branch but, more importantly, I am lovingly embraced into a family tradition that points toward faith, sacrifice, and love of one another.

Now, while in priestly formation, the Lord has called me to a special vocation of military chaplaincy, but the deeper reality for me is that I am being called to serve even if it costs me everything, my very life. This summer I received military orders to attend the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, S.C. Here, seminarians and ministers of different faith traditions train to be qualified as chaplains. The mission of this school is "safeguarding free exercise of religion for all Service Members and their families as well as the provision of religious support and religious accommodation." As a prior service armor platoon leader and executive officer, I knew that shifting from a combat branch to a noncombat branch would be quite an adjustment, but this was another way for me to trust the Holy Spirit in what some would describe as a "call within a call."

After having left my armor unit for seminary half way through my military service obligation of eight years, an immense desire to serve remained. In order to be a future active-duty chaplain, one must first be a candidate while in priestly formation. Once ordained, the candidate is a qualified chaplain. Being a candidate is spiritually enriching and has introduced me to a fraternity of priests and seminarians who have an authentic zeal to "serve those who serve." In order to be qualified as a chaplain, it is mandatory to attend the U.S. Army Chaplain course for 90 days. This training provides basic pastoral ministry skills necessary to operate at the battalion level (500 to 1,000 soldiers). Candidates learn Army doctrine, conduct daily exercises, and learn how to tend to the various needs of soldiers, 24/7.

At this school, I interacted with Buddhists, Messianic Jews, and Protestants (to name just a few), a true reflection of our diverse nation. Yet, amidst this diversity, we are called to be one. In this unified group, the ages of soldiers vary because the military usually consists of people between the ages of 18 and about 65.



Mark Dwyer shares a joke with Father Ray Fecteau ('72) during the recent Alumni Days reception at TC.

It made me think of an old adage my commander once shared: "Old men start wars and young men fight them." Most of these newly minted chaplains will be pastors assigned to combat and combat-support units, which have primarily younger soldiers. I recall one chaplain commenting that he wished he could still be a youth group leader, when, suddenly, a battle-hardened senior officer who was listening closely asserted, "Lieutenant, you will be serving the largest youth group in the world."

This summer, I learned a simple lesson along with the men and women who serve our nation. That is, the purpose of the Army is the *ethical* application of land combat power and the Catholic chaplain will encounter soldiers who endure incredible pain and joy throughout their service to this goal. The chaplain is there to guide their ethical decisions toward truth and advise them toward a common ground of peace in their daily lives. Saint Paul's *Letter to the Romans* clarifies how chaplains should love and minister to their comrades:

"Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all... 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.' Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good." (*Rom. 12: 9-21*)

THE MINISTRY OF VOCATION DIRECTION

Contributing to the animated environment at Theological College are the visits of bishops and vocation directors with the seminarians for their various archdioceses and dioceses. This integral part of formation is in accordance with the Code of Canon Law (# 259), which recommends that bishops should visit their seminarians as frequently as possible. The vocation director can act in the role of the bishop by extension in the case of these preferably biannual visitations. Bishops and vocation directors often share meals and time with the extended seminary population, thus giving students unique opportunities to meet insightful and compassionate Church leaders from various parts of the country. Father Matt Lyons ('17, Diocese of Syracuse) comments on the important part that his visiting mentor played in his journey to the priesthood: "During my years in formation at Theological College, our vocation director, Father Servatius, would visit towards the end of the semester. The vocation director is the seminarian's immediate contact in the diocese. These meetings were a way of checking in and discussing how formation was going and bringing any concerns we had to him. The seminarians are part of the flock of a vocation director, who gets to know his 'sheep' and knows what they need in formation and helps guide them in this journey to follow God's plan." In appreciation for the time and friendship he invested in the seminarians at TC, as he moves on from this role to other assignments, we asked Father Servatius to offer a reflection on his decade of serving in this ministry.

"One More Thing..."

By Rev. Thomas Servatius
Diocese of Syracuse

Once, while wrapping up a meeting with a well-respected seminary rector, he told me that I reminded him of the television detective "Columbo." When I quizzically inquired about this comparison, the rector fondly shared that our meetings usually ended with my using Columbo's signature line: "Oh, one more thing ..." Often, the truth can be communicated in a gentle and humorous way. In this case, he was spot on. I burst out laughing.

In so many ways, the journey with seminarians is a ministry of "one more thing." That "thing" could be a practical, financial, or family matter. Other times, it is a "Father, who do I talk to about this?" kind of matter. Of course, most times, it is a formational or discernment issue and the response is advice, encouragement, or both. Many times it is simply helping the guy think out loud for several minutes, allowing him the space to figure "the thing" out by himself. But, whatever the case may be, this work requires that we stay out of the way of the Spirit's work in that person's life. If it is God's will that a seminarian is ordained, great ... wonderful. But if it is God's will that the seminarian needs to move on to something else, Godspeed. This is not a numbers game. We cannot force a bad decision. And whichever way the Spirit leads a guy, he remains a beloved child of God. Sometimes the "one more thing" is reminding the departing seminarian of that important reality.

As I write this, I am wrapping up my time as director of seminarian formation for the Syracuse diocese. It has been a fantastic journey — a journey of "one more thing" after another, but a journey that has been anything but mundane or predictable. These guys put their personal, professional, and financial lives on hold to see if they are supposed to do something that is extraordinary to some and nonsensical to others. And watching them work through their brokenness and pain to a place where you can just about smell God's grace in their lives has been deeply, deeply,



From left, seminarian James Buttner (Syracuse) with TC vice-rector, Father Hy Nguyen, and vocation director, Father Thomas Servatius.

moving. Due to our age difference, I sometimes felt like an anthropologist working with some foreign culture. Other times, they would just crack me up and I'd think, "Ya gotta love 'em!" Either way, I am a better priest — and a better human being — because of them. For that, I will always be grateful.

Oh, one more thing ... I'll always remember the words of one of our seminarians: "It is an ordination ... not a coronation." A great reminder that whatever challenges we face as a Church — now or in the future — we have a simple road map from the prophet Micah: "Do justice ... love goodness ... walk humbly with your God." Jesus did it well. With his help, so can we.

In 2006, Father Servatius was appointed assistant director of seminarian formation for the Diocese of Syracuse. From 2007 to 2017, he served as director of the office. In August 2017, Father Servatius became parochial vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes in Utica and Our Lady of the Rosary in New Hartford while pursuing part-time studies.

ANNUAL VIANNEY CUP SOCCER COMPETITION

By Anthony Federico
Third Theology, Archdiocese of Hartford



The indefatigable TC United cheering section at the Vianney Cup competition on September 30.

On September 30, once again, Theological College faced off against its three Mid-Atlantic seminary soccer rivals — Mount St. Mary's, St. Mary's in Baltimore, and St. Charles Borromeo. And once again, TC's exceptional fraternal spirit and creativity marked the day. Late in the second half of TC's 3-0 consolation game victory over St. Mary's, coach **D.J. Egan** (3-T, Pittsburgh) ordered a substitution for all 10 of his players at once. Egan instructed each of the incoming subs to stand in a straight line perpendicular to the field to wait for the next whistle. A few players were slow to get into the impromptu formation and Egan — a former semiprofessional soccer player himself — barked at them to hustle into line. It was a peculiar sight, at once formal and irreverent. A St. Mary's player came over to the area, also about to enter the game for his team. He shook his head slowly in both amusement and bewilderment as he took note of the Theological College soccer team's interesting way of

lining up. "It's always something with you guys. It's always gotta be a spectacle," the player observed. Indeed.

Though TC did not claim another Vianney Cup championship this year, the team and its fan base made their presence felt with their signature joy, zeal, and spirit. The player from St. Mary's was not wrong in his assessment. There is always something unique about the TC experience at the annual intra-seminary soccer tournament. The team and their fans are loud. And happy. They are a group of seminarians who genuinely enjoy being together. They are men who take themselves and the tournament seriously but not too seriously. They are seminarians who have great pride in their seminary, who look out for each other, challenge each other, defend each other.

After being blanked by St. Charles Borromeo, 1-0, in the opening round, Theological College's first goal came from an unlikely source: **Pat Mullan** (3-T, Washington). Mullan made a



TC's Rhett Williams (4-T, Charleston) faces off against St. Charles Borromeo defenders.



Patrick Mullan surges past St. Mary's challengers to score the first TC goal.

pregame declaration that he would score in the second contest. He made good in the first half when he followed a long sprint by and cleaned up a loose rebound to give TC an early lead. Mullan's goal was all that TC goalkeeper **Chris Masla** (3-T, Richmond) would need in the shutout but **Patrick Judd** (2-B, Charleston) and **Mark Dwyer** (2-T, Washington) chipped in tallies as well.

Under the leadership of superfan **Rev. Mr. Nick Redmond** (4-T, Richmond), the raucous TC cheering section once again dominated the bleachers. Wielding vuvuzelas, a megaphone, and a giant facsimile of the face of Rev. David Thayer, P.S.S., the TC fans escorted the team to the field and elicited both laughs and cringes with their Sulpician-themed cheers and chants. The team

saluted their "Twelfth Man" after the final horn sounded in recognition for their energetic support. Beloved facilities manager **Tim Murphy and his wife Barbara** — along with their dogs **Oreo** and **O'Riley** — made a special appearance.

This year's tournament was hosted by Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md. The Mount provided excellent hospitality in hosting the afternoon of competition and fraternity. The home team defeated St. Charles Borromeo, 3-0, in the championship game.

Next year, the Vianney Cup comes to Washington, D.C. Theological College will no doubt welcome their guests with their distinctive hospitality and enthusiasm — on and off the field.



MANAGING LIFE TRANSITIONS

By Rev. David Songy, O.F.M. Cap., S.T.D., Psy.D.

The life of a priest means a life of change: ordination, first parish assignment, appointment as a pastor, assignments to new parishes or ministries and, eventually, retirement. Some changes we seek, and others we seek to accept as part of our vocation and promise of obedience. Yet even when we welcome our transitions, change can be physically, psychologically, and spiritually challenging.

A change is an external event that affects our outward behavior and might occur suddenly. Transition is internal — the psychological, emotional, and spiritual process of adapting to a change. A transition may take place over weeks, months, or even years.

A new assignment is a change. The transition is what follows: the struggle to unplug from the former situation, to reorient oneself to new circumstances, to redefine ourselves, and to fully incorporate the change into our lives. Our goal should not be to accommodate or simply put up with change, but instead to become a better person because of it.

William Bridges, author of *Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes*, offers a simple model for understanding transition. He identifies three stages: endings, the neutral zone, and new beginnings. Every change begins with the end of an old situation, followed by a period of confusion and distress (the neutral zone), and, finally, a new beginning. Knowing our individual internal process for experiencing transition helps us to respond appropriately and to be patient when nothing can be done to speed up what can seem like a long and difficult journey.

Bridges's three stages of transition can be illustrated by three simple examples: falling off a cliff, treading water, and finding shore. Falling off a cliff is the first stage, which he refers to as "endings." Every transition begins with an ending. This can feel like a rocky descent. One loss, such as the termination of a ministry position, often leads to other losses: relationships, office and living space, status, and confidence in one's abilities.

The second stage, the neutral zone, is a period of confusion and distress. We may feel that we are treading water, drifting aimlessly, or perhaps riding the rapids. We can swim in many directions, but we never seem to make it to shore.

The third stage is the new beginning. We realize that we have come near to shore and can walk on solid ground again. This image of crossing water should sound familiar to us from reading the Scriptures. Jesus crossed over the Sea of Galilee more than once. Author Wilkie Au uses this image for transition in his book *The Enduring Heart*. "The biblical image of crossing the lake symbolizes all the transitions we make in the journey through life. Transitions entail leaving familiar and solid ground (*terra firma*) and embarking on unknown terrain, like the unpredictable and storm-prone Lake of Galilee, and enduring an in-between place before reaching solid ground once again on the other shore."

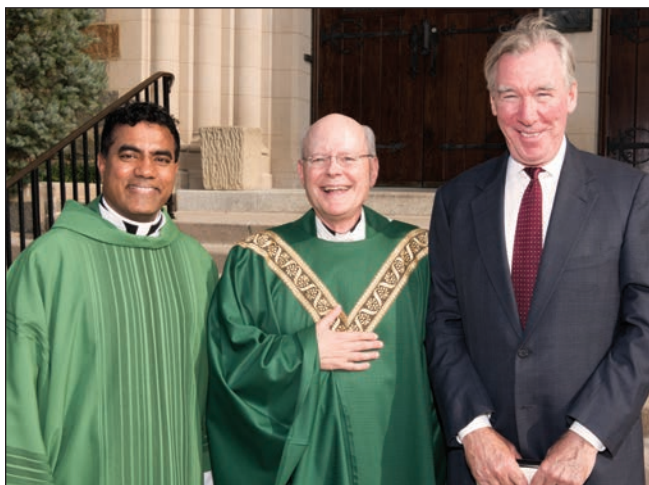
Transition can be a truly spiritual experience if we take the opportunity to reflect on our lives, noticing the action of God in moments of change. In the Christian tradition, all transitions are not only a circular process but a linear one as well, leading us toward the fullness of salvation that God desires for each of us. Transition challenges us to be humble at this particular moment in life and cede control to God, who molds us in the image of Christ. A transition offers a priest the opportunity to learn over time the truth of his limited perspective and to become less satisfied in himself; in short, to grow in spiritual humility.

Adapted from an article that first appeared in The Priest magazine, this column was provided by SLIconnect, the continuing formation resource of Saint Luke Institute, offering online and print resources for Catholic clergy, religious, and lay leadership designed by experts in psychological and spiritual health.



TC alumni from the Class of 1967 have witnessed many transitions and new beginnings over the past 50 years. Left to right, front row: Rev. Erwin Schweigardt, Bishop Michael Jarrell, and Rev. Gerald Thury. Back row: Rev. Charles Roland, Rev. William Menzel, Mr. James Ahrens, Mr. Joseph Foy, and Rev. Martin Peter. Congratulations to all celebrating their golden jubilee and other milestone anniversaries!

TC WELCOME



Rev. Chris Arockiaraj, left, with Father McBrearity and Catholic University President John Garvey.

New Formation Faculty

Rev. Inniah Christy T. Arockiaraj, P.S.S., Ph.L., Ph.D., D.Min.

In August 2017, Father Chris Arockiaraj joined the formation faculty at Theological College and the academic faculty at The Catholic University of America, where he will be teaching two Supervised Ministry classes.

Ordained in 1995, Father Chris is a priest of the Archdiocese of Madras, India, who joined the Sulpician Fathers in 2010. He holds a Ph.L. from *Institut Catholique de Toulouse*, France, and a D.Min. with a concentration in Pastoral Counseling from San Francisco Theological Seminary, as well as a Ph.D. in Pastoral Psychology from the Graduate Theological Foundation, Indiana. He previously served as faculty and/or spiritual director at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park, Cal., for seven years, as well as on the faculty of the Sacred Heart Seminary in Chennai, India, for five years. He has taught both philosophy and theology.

As a priest, he has had various responsibilities, including those of pastor, hospital chaplain (for five years in Baltimore, Md.), formation advisor, spiritual director, academic dean, dean of men, director of field education, and coordinator of pastoral-year programs. He is a certified Pastoral Counselor and has clinical experience working with families and individuals. He has a certificate in spiritual direction from the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, Neb. Father Chris has received a warm welcome from faculty, staff, and seminarians, and is excited to be part of the formation and academic program at TC and Catholic University, forming and educating priests for today's American Church!

New Music Director

David Brian Lang, M.M

Introduced to the seminary community over the 2016-2017 academic and formation year, David Lang began working with Theological College's long-time music director, Gerald Muller, D.M.A., before his retirement in the summer of 2017. Lang then took up the reins as solo music director for the entire seminary population, plus a smaller cohort of seminarians involved in the Schola Cantorum.

Lang received his Bachelor of Music degree in choral music education (grades K-12) and sacred music from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. He attained his Master of Music degree in organ performance from the University of Louisville. Since arriving in the Washington, D.C., area in 2000, he has gained prominence as a leading professional accompanist, vocal coach, concert organist, and choral conductor. He has prepared choruses for such venues as The Kennedy Center, George Mason University's Center for the Arts, and Wolf Trap. He has also worked with notable conductors, including Emil de Cou, Plácido Domingo, Rodney Eichenberger, Marvin Hamlisch, Kurt Masur, and Leonard Slatkin.

Now in his seventh season as the artistic director for The Reston Chorale in Virginia, Lang also serves as director of music at Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church in McLean and as keyboard artist for Washington Hebrew Congregation. In addition, he is sales director for Rodgers Instruments digital organs, Roland Corporation organs, and Ruffatti Brothers pipe organs through R.A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc.

Previously, Mr. Lang served as the director of music and master of the choristers for Saint John the Beloved Catholic Church in McLean, as director of music for Saint Catherine of Siena in Great Falls, and as principal organist for Saint John's Episcopal Church-Lafayette Square (Church of the Presidents).



Dr. Gerald Muller, left, handed over the music director reins to David Lang, right, in August.

CLASS NOTES

50s

Rev. Thomas J. McGrath, '59, of the Diocese of Syracuse, retired from active priestly ministry on July 1, 2017, after serving as pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake, Skaneateles, since 1997. Father McGrath's dedicated priestly ministry has spanned over five decades, and he continues to serve God's people in his diocese with his appointment as temporary administrator of St. Charles–St. Ann's Parish, Syracuse.

60s

Rev. Paul J. Drobin, '66, of the Diocese of Syracuse, received the 2017 Dream Maker award in May from the Women's Fund of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc., of Utica, N.Y., for his help in "honoring, protecting, and enhancing the role of women."

70s

Monsignor Paul F. Stefanko, '76, of the Diocese of Portland, Maine, has been transferred from his ministry as pastor of the cluster parishes of St. Joseph (St. Joseph Church, Bridgton; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fryeburg) and St. Teresa of Calcutta (St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Norway; Our Lady of Ransom Church, Mechanic Falls; St. Mary Church, Oxford) to serve as pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Scarborough, St. Bartholomew Parish in Cape Elizabeth, and St. John and Holy Cross Parish in South Portland. He continues to serve as judicial vicar and director of the diocesan tribunal for the Diocese of Portland. Monsignor Stefanko just concluded a generous six-year double term of faithful service on the Theological College Alumni Board as vice-chairman.

80s

Rev. Stephen J. Rossetti, '84, of the Diocese of Syracuse, professor of pastoral theology at The Catholic University of America, also serves as the Catholic chaplain for the Washington Nationals professional baseball team. Father Rossetti recently presented a lunchtime talk, "Why Priests Are Happy," to TC seminarians at the invitation of the Prayer and Worship Committee.

Mr. Wayne Barry, '87, living in retirement on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, recently congratulated Bishop John Barres on his appointment as bishop of Wayne's diocese of birth: Rockville Centre, N.Y. Wayne reminded Bishop Barres that his appointment to Rockville Centre coincides with the 30th anniversary of TC's softball team, which they both were privileged to play on, winning The Catholic University of America's intramural softball championship (beating the School of Law). Bishop Barres responded very appreciatively

and fraternally, including the encouragement to "Get Back to Your Word" (the team motto). Wayne assured Bishop Barres that he follows the Word faithfully (however imperfectly)...

90s

Bishop Thomas R. Zinkula, '90, was ordained the ninth bishop of Davenport, Iowa, on June 22, 2017, by Archbishop Michael Jackels of the Dubuque archdiocese at St. John Vianney Church in Bettendorf, Iowa. Bishop Zinkula was formerly serving as a priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and was named monsignor in 2012. From 2014 to his appointment as bishop on April 19, 2017, he served as rector of St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque.

Rev. John Dillon, '98, of the Archdiocese of Washington, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Derwood, Md., has completed a six-year double term of dedicated service on the Theological College Alumni Board.

00s

Rev. Anthony Lackland, '06, of the Diocese of Dallas, has been appointed Vice Rector of Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Tex., located within the University of Dallas campus, effective July 1, 2017. Father Lackland had served as pastor of All Saints Catholic Community in Dallas since July 2013 before receiving this appointment.

Rev. Matthew R. Paratore, '09, of the Diocese of Metuchen, has been transferred from his ministry as pastor of Ss. Patrick and Rose of Lima Church, Belvidere, N.J., to serve as pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church in Fords, and will continue to serve in the tribunal office in the diocesan chancery as well.

10s

Rev. Ismael (Mel) Ayala, '10, of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been transferred from his ministry as director of the Office of Divine Worship at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Hyattsville, to serve as pastor of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Laurel, Md.

Rev. Robert Boxie III, '12, of the Archdiocese of Washington, after returning from completing graduate studies in Rome, has been assigned to serve as parochial vicar at St. Joseph Church in Largo, Md. (Pictured on p.25)

Rev. Daniel Carson, '12, of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been transferred from his ministry as temporary administrator of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Newtowne, Md., to serve as pastor of St. John Vianney Parish, Prince Frederick.

Please remember Theological College in your estate plans.

Rev. Joseph Goldsmith, '12, of the Diocese of Richmond, has been transferred from his ministry as parochial vicar at Blessed Sacrament Church, Harrisonburg, to serve as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Newport News.

Rev. Stephen Wyble, B'12, of the Archdiocese of Washington, after returning from completing graduate studies in Rome, has been assigned to serve as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Potomac, Md.

Rev. Michael Bissex, B'13, ordained by Bishop John O. Barres on June 24 for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, is serving as associate pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Huntington, N.Y.

Rev. Christopher Cambre, B'13, ordained by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel on June 10, is serving as parochial vicar at St. Joseph's Church in Rayne, La.

Rev. Scott Holmer, '13, of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been transferred from his ministry as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Church, Bowie, Md., to serve as administrator of St. Edward the Confessor Church, Bowie.

Rev. Charles (Chip) Luckett, '14, of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been transferred from his ministry as parochial vicar at St. Mary's Parish, Rockville, to serve as parochial vicar at St. Elizabeth, Rockville.

Rev. Matthew Fish, '15, of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been transferred from his ministry as parochial vicar at St. Pius X, Bowie, to serve as parochial vicar at Holy Redeemer, College Park.

Rev. William Wuenschel, '15, of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, has been transferred from his ministry as parochial vicar at St. Benedict the Abbot Church, McMurray, to serve as administrator of St. Fidelis Parish, Butler.

Rev. Cody Ford, '16, of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has been transferred from his ministry as associate pastor at St. Michael's Parish, Wheeling, and as priest-secretary to Bishop Michael Bransfield, to serve as pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Follansbee, and as chaplain at West Liberty University, West Liberty.

Rev. Matthew Gworek, '16, of the Archdiocese of Hartford, has been transferred from his ministry as parochial vicar at St. Mary's Church, Branford, to serve as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Hamden, and to begin campus ministry work at Quinnipiac University, Hamden.

Rev. Anthony Amato, '17, ordained by Bishop Salvatore R. Matano on June 3 for the Diocese of Rochester, is serving as parochial vicar at Blessed Trinity and St. Patrick Parish in Owego, N.Y.

Rev. Benjamin Barr, '17, ordained by Bishop David A. Zubik on June 24 for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, is serving as parochial vicar at St. Bernard Parish in Pittsburgh.

Rev. Michael Baynham, '17, ordained by Bishop Edward J. Burns on June 3 for the Diocese of Dallas, is serving as parochial vicar at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson, Texas.

Rev. Benjamin Garcia, '17, ordained by Cardinal Donald Wuerl on June 17 for the Archdiocese of Washington, is serving as parochial vicar at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, Md.

Rev. Timothy Iannacone, '17, ordained by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano on June 24 for the Diocese of Bridgeport, is serving as parochial vicar at St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield, Conn.

Rev. Mark Kowalski, '17, ordained by Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo on June 3 for the Diocese of Richmond, is serving as parochial vicar at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in North Chesterfield, Va., and is designated as chaplain for St. Edward-Epiphany Catholic School in Richmond, Va.

Rev. Matthew Lyons, '17, ordained by Bishop Robert J. Cunningham on June 3 for the Diocese of Syracuse, is serving as parochial vicar at Holy Family Church in Syracuse, N.Y.

Rev. Miguel Melendez, '17, ordained by Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo on June 3 for the Diocese of Richmond, is serving as parochial vicar at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Harrisonburg, Va.

Rev. Harry Prieto, '17, ordained by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano on June 24 for the Diocese of Bridgeport, is serving as parochial vicar at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Conn.

Rev. Michael (Casey) Sanders, '17, ordained by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz on May 27 for the Archdiocese of Louisville, is serving as associate pastor at St. James Catholic Church in Elizabethtown, Ky.

Rev. Andrew Wakefield, '17, ordained by Cardinal Donald Wuerl on June 17 for the Archdiocese of Washington, is serving as parochial vicar at Annunciation Catholic Church in Washington, D.C.

Rev. Daniel Waruszewski, '17, ordained by Bishop David A. Zubik on June 24 for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, is serving as parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish and is part-time chaplain to the students at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa.

Please remember Theological College in your estate plans.

In Memoriam

† **Rev. Joseph F. Ryder, '46**, died on October 31, 2013, at the age of 92. Father Ryder was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 8, 1946. During his dedicated priestly ministry, which spanned over six decades, Father Ryder served the archdiocese in nine parishes. His first assignment was at Guardian Angels Parish, Detroit, where he served as associate pastor, followed by service at Assumption Grotto Parish, Detroit; St. Ignatius Parish, Detroit; and St. Anselm Parish, Dearborn. Father Ryder was then named pastor at St. Alexander Parish, Farmington, and later at St. Louis Parish, Mt. Clemens; St. Andrew Parish, Rochester; and the Church of St. Owen, Bloomfield Hills. Father Ryder finished his active ministry as senior priest at Prince of Peace Parish, West Bloomfield, where he served for 21 years until his retirement in 2012. Throughout his years of service as pastor, Father Ryder was known to have attempted to visit and bless the home of every parishioner in his care. Most Reverend Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, presided at the Mass for Christian burial for Father Ryder at the Church of St. Owen, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial donations may be made to the Archdiocese of Detroit, Senior Priests of AOD, 2600 Crooks Rd., Troy, MI 48084. He is interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

† **Rev. John R. Roos, B '52**, died on January 3, 2017, at the age of 86. Father Roos was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Albany on July 17, 1955, at the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Rome by Archbishop Luigi Traglia. After returning from Rome in June of 1956, Father Roos was assigned temporarily as chaplain to St. Peter's Hospital and then served as associate pastor at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, both in Albany. From 1957 to 1960, he completed graduate studies in Canon Law at The Catholic University of America, where he was awarded a J.C.D. degree in 1960. In his next assignment, he served as secretary to the Marriage Tribunal and as chaplain to the College of St. Rose in Albany. In 1963, he was appointed rector of Mater Christi Seminary in Albany, where he served until January of 1971. His priestly ministry spanned 62 years and also included serving as pastor at four parishes, as well as acting as assistant Vicar for Religious and being appointed to the College of Consultors for the diocese. After his retirement from active ministry in June 2000, Father Roos continued to serve God's people as sacramental minister to the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle in Cherry Valley. On June 14, 2015, he celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood in a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake Church in Cooperstown, N.Y., where he had served as pastor in his final assignment. Father Roos is remembered by many faithful parishioners for his "kind, understanding, humble, and calm-

ing presence." He once remarked, "There's a quote I've always liked: *If Jesus is for real, things fit. Without him, nothing makes any sense at all.*" Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Albany, presided at the Mass of Christian burial at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake Church, Cooperstown. Father Roos is interred at Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

† **Monsignor John J. Cuddy, '53**, died on January 20, 2017, after an extended illness, at the age of 88. Monsignor Cuddy was ordained to the priesthood on May 14, 1953, by Bishop Henry J. O'Brien at The Cathedral of Hartford for the Diocese of Savannah. His priestly ministry, which spanned over five decades, was varied and full. In his first assignment, he served as assistant pastor at Holy Family Church in Columbus, Ga. In 1957, he was named pastor at St. Michael's Church on Tybee Island where he served for four years. Additionally, he served as a professor at St. John Vianney Minor Seminary on the Isle of Hope, and as vice rector and dean. During much of this time from 1957 to 1968, Monsignor Cuddy also acted as superintendent of schools for his diocese. In 1968, he was assigned as pastor of St. James Church in Savannah, where he served until 1974. In his final and longest assignment, from 1974 to 2004, Monsignor Cuddy served as pastor at St. Joseph Church in Macon, Ga. One year before his retirement from active priestly ministry, he was named a prelate of honor with the designation of monsignor by Pope St. John Paul II in 2003. Remembered especially for his integrity and humility, Monsignor Cuddy was described as a "man of God" who was "so kind to everyone." Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, O.F.M. Conv., Bishop of Savannah, presided at the Mass for Christian burial for Monsignor Cuddy at St. Joseph Church in Macon with over 40 priests of the diocese concelebrating. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Church, 830 Poplar St., Macon, GA 31201. He is interred at Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon.

† **Monsignor Edward J. Hajduk, '53**, died on February 28, 2015, at the age of 87. Monsignor Hajduk was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1953. In his first assignment, he served as associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst, for 16 years. During this time, he also served as a member of the juvenile conference committee and mental health board for the archdiocese and founded a Pre-Cana program, including the Cana Family groups. In 1969, he was appointed youth director for the archdiocese, a role he served until 1978 when he was named a chaplain to Pope John Paul II with the title of monsignor. He was then appointed administrator of St. James Parish, Newark, and in 1979 was named rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark. He became pastor of St. Hedwig's Parish, Elizabeth, in 1984. In 1992, he returned to his hometown to serve as pastor of St. Henry Roman Catholic Church, Bayonne. Monsignor Hajduk was involved in diocesan and community service projects through-

Please remember Theological College in your estate plans.

out his five decades of active priestly ministry, including serving as dean in each of the four vicariates of the archdiocese, being elected twice to the Priest Senate, serving on the national board of Boy and Girl Scouts, and serving on the planning committee of the citywide observance of 9/11 each year before his retirement. After his retirement from St. Henry's in 2004, Monsignor Hajduk served as director of the residence at St. John Vianney in Rutherford, where he resided until 2015. Most Reverend Dominic A. Marconi, auxiliary bishop emeritus of Newark, presided at the Mass for Christian burial for Monsignor Hajduk at St. Henry Roman Catholic Church in Bayonne. A second funeral Mass was offered at St. Stanislaus Church in Adams, Mass., with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Adams. Memorial donations may be made to St. Henry Roman Catholic Church, 82 West 29th Street, Bayonne, NJ 07002, or to The Newark Archdiocese Priest Retirement Fund, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104.

† **Bishop William C. Newman, D.D., '54**, retired auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, died on May 20, 2017, at Mercy Ridge Retirement Community in Timonium, at the age of 88. Bishop Newman studied philosophy at St. Mary's Seminary on Paca Street from 1948 to 1950, and earned a licentiate in theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1954. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Baltimore by Archbishop Francis P. Keough in the Baltimore Basilica in 1954. After completing two brief assignments at St. Augustine in Elkridge and St. Joseph in Taneytown, Bishop Newman was associate pastor at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Highlandtown for seven years, where some of his duties included teaching religion to the fourth grade classes, basketball to the older students, and guiding the Sodality and its Ladies of Charity. In 1962, he became the first principal of St. Paul's Latin School in Baltimore, a new day seminary for high-school-aged boys. Bishop Newman was elevated to monsignor in 1965, when he earned a master's degree in education, administration, and supervision from what was then Loyola College. Cardinal Lawrence Shehan, the archbishop of Baltimore, asked him to be superintendent of schools for the archdiocese in 1967, a role he served for nearly a decade. He also served as secretary for education for the archdiocese from 1972 to 1974. He became pastor of Ss. Philip and James near Johns Hopkins University in 1976, and in 1981 was appointed rector of The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Charles Street. In 1984, Pope John Paul II appointed him to be an auxiliary bishop of Baltimore. For almost two decades, he oversaw the Eastern Vicariate, which included 65 parishes in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Harford counties, where he confirmed more than 1,000 young people. "I feel privileged to be the channel of grace, bringing the Holy Spirit upon the young people I met along the way," he told an interviewer at his episcopal retirement in September 2003. Bishop Newman was a

member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' committees on education, religious life, and ministry, and women in the Church and society. He was a member of the board of directors of Good Samaritan Hospital, Mercy Ridge, Catholic Charities of Baltimore, and Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services, which he represented on a mission trip to Guatemala in 2000. Most Reverend William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, presided at the Mass for Christian burial for Bishop Newman at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen with entombment in the cathedral crypt. Memorials may be made to Stella Maris, 2300 Dulaney Valley Rd., Timonium, MD 21903 or to Catholic Relief Services, 228 West Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

† **Bishop David R. Choby, '73**, 11th bishop of the Diocese of Nashville, Tenn., died on June 3, 2017, at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville after complications from a fall in February. Bishop Choby was educated at three Catholic elementary schools in Nashville and graduated from Father Ryan High School in 1965. After studying one year at Aquinas College in Nashville, Bishop Choby entered the seminary of St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, where he earned a B.A. in philosophy. He then pursued graduate studies in theology at The Catholic University of America and earned his S.T.B. degree. On September 6, 1974, at St. Henry Catholic Church, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Nashville by Bishop Joseph A. Durick, D.D. Bishop Choby first served as associate pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Madison, and as the administrator of St. Ann Parish in West Nashville. In 1979, Bishop Choby began studies in Canon Law at The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. After earning his degree, he returned to serve as judicial vicar for his diocese from 1981 to 1984, during which time he also served at Christ the King Church. In August of 1984, he was appointed to teach canon law at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and remained there for five years. In his next assignment, Bishop Choby served as pastor at St. John Vianney Church in Gallatin, Tenn., for almost two decades until February 2006, when he was ordained as the 11th bishop of Nashville. He was the second priest in his diocese to become its bishop. During these years, he was an active member of many organizations, and served on the Board of Trustees for the Pontifical College Josephinum and St. Ambrose University. Most Reverend Joseph Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville, presided at the Mass for Christian burial for Bishop Choby at the Nashville Catholic Pastoral Center with Most Reverend Alexander Sample, Archbishop of Portland, Ore., delivering the homily. Bishop Choby, who had been Bishop Sample's spiritual director and later his Canon Law professor, was remembered as a "patient and kind man" whose "ministry was hands on, and it was personal." He is interred at Calvary Cemetery in Nashville.

Please remember Theological College in your estate plans.

Theological College

2016–2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Celebrating 100 Years

Theological College

Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report

Mission

Theological College participates in the mission and responsibility of the bishops to provide for the people of God wise and holy priests close to the heart of Christ and consumed in his work of salvation. In affiliation with The Catholic University of America, Theological College assists seminarians in the task of vocational discernment and in the preparation for priestly life and ministry at the diocesan level, particularly as experienced in the United States.

Sulpician Tradition

The formation program of Theological College is guided by the principles and ethos of the Sulpician Fathers as articulated by Father Jean-Jacques Olier, founder of the Society of St. Sulpice: “to live supremely for God in Christ Jesus our Lord, so much so that the inner life of his only Son should penetrate to the inmost depths of our heart and to such an extent that everyone should be able to say, ‘It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.’” Originally founded to reform the clergy in the 1630s in France, the Society retains its commitment to “developing men of character, educating effective priests, forming pastoral leaders, and nurturing an apostolic spirit.”

Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S. '73
Rector

Ann Lesini
Treasurer, Theological College, Inc.

Kevin R. Callahan
Director of Development

The FY 2017 Annual Report is published by the Office of Development of Theological College. It gratefully acknowledges contributions received by the seminary during the period of July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

Every effort has been made to be as accurate as possible with the listing of names that appear in this annual report. We apologize for any omission or error in the compilation of these lists.

Theological College
401 Michigan Ave., N.E.
Washington, DC 20017
202-756-4900 Telephone
202-756-4908 Fax
www.theologicalcollege.org



Left, Rev. Robert Boxie III (pre-theology alumnus, '12, Archdiocese of Washington) and Deacon Leo Song (B '14, Diocese of Rockville Centre) visit TC during orientation 2017.

Theological College Administration and Operations Staff *

Jean D. Berdych
Senior Financial Analyst

Timothy Murphy
Facilities Manager

William H. Smith IV
Maintenance Engineer

Kevin R. Callahan
Director of Development

Gerald F. Muller, D.M.A.
Director of Music

Suzanne Tanzi
Media and Promotions Manager

Nanette Cepko
Bookkeeper

Mary K. Nauman
Administrative Assistant

Ann Lesini
Treasurer

Sofia Olkiewicz
Assistant to Rector

Catholic University Officials*

John Garvey, J.D.
President

Mike Allen, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Scott P. Rembold, M.A.
Vice President for University Advancement

Andrew V. Abela, Ph.D.
Provost

Monsignor Ronny E. Jenkins, S.T.L., J.C.D.
Dean, School of Canon Law

John C. McCarthy, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Philosophy

Robert M. Specter, M.S., M.B.A.
Vice President for Finance and Treasurer

Christopher P. Lydon, M.A.
Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing

Very Rev. Mark Morozowich, S.E.O.D.
Dean of Theology and Associate Professor of Liturgical Studies and Sacramental Theology

Frank F. Persico, M.A.
Vice President for University Relations and Chief of Staff

*Current as of June 30, 2017

Leadership of Theological College

Board of Trustees

Theological College, Inc.

Very Rev. John C. Kemper, P.S.S. <i>Chairman</i>	Rev. Daniel F. Moore, P.S.S.	Rev. Anthony J. Pogorelc, P.S.S.
	Rev. Richard M. Gula, P.S.S.	Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, P.S.S.

University Seminary Committee

Cardinal Donald Wuerl B'63, <i>Chairman</i>	Bishop Samuel J. Aquila	Bishop Thomas J. Tobin
Cardinal Timothy Dolan	Bishop Michael F. Burbidge	Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S. '73, <i>Secretary</i>
Cardinal Blase Cupich	Bishop Wilton D. Gregory	Very Rev. John C. Kemper, P.S.S., <i>Provincial Superior (Ex Officio)</i>
	Bishop Paul S. Loverde	

TC Alumni Association Board

Rev. John A. Abe '84, Chairman	Rev. Anthony F. Lackland '06	Mrs. Suzanne Tanzi, <i>TC Staff (Ex Officio)</i>
Monsignor Paul Stefanko '76, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Rev. John J. Wagner III '87	Rev. Mr. Mark Kowalski '17 <i>Student Government Representative (Ex Officio)</i>
Rev. John Dillon '98	Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S. '73, <i>Rector (Ex Officio)</i>	
Rev. Steven M. LaBaire '87	Mr. Kevin R. Callahan, <i>TC Staff (Ex Officio)</i>	

TC Rector's Advisory Committee

Mr. Mark E. Chopko	Mr. David Montgomery	Mr. Kevin R. Callahan, <i>TC Staff</i>
Dr. Joan M. Holmer	Mr. Jonathon Smith	
Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S. '73, <i>Rector</i>	Mr. Michael Steele	

100th Anniversary Planning Committee

Rev. Daniel B. Carson '12	Rev. Sean M. Prince '12	Rev. David D. Thayer, P.S.S., TC <i>Faculty</i>
Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson '68	Rev. Mr. Nicholas Redmond '18	Rev. Mr. Rhett Williams '18
Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S. '73, <i>Rector</i>	Rev. Christopher Seibt '13	Mr. Kevin R. Callahan, <i>TC Staff</i>
	Monsignor L. Thomas Snyderwine '68	

Alumni Class Representatives

1946	Rev. John Mattingly, P.S.S.	1974	Rev. Jerome Rodenfels	1997	Rev. Rusty Rabalais
1948	Rev. John Mattingly, P.S.S.	1975	Rev. Raymond O'Brien	1998	Rev. John Dillon
1949	Monsignor William Nagle	1976	Monsignor Paul Stefanko	1999	Rev. Mark Cunningham
1951	Rev. Thomas Esper	1977	Rev. Michael Carrion	2000	Rev. John McDonough
1954	Most Rev. William Newman †	1978	Rev. Stephen Gosnell	2001	Rev. Adrian Porras
1955	Rev. John McCaslin	1979	Rev. William Verrilli	2002	Rev. James Fennessy
1956	Monsignor Joseph Riedman	1980	Monsignor Michael Clay	2003	Rev. Ken Shuping
1957	Rev. Thomas Peterman	1981	Rev. G. Michael Gribble	2004	Rev. William Coffas
1958	Rev. James B. Sullivan	1982	Rev. Edward Steiner	2005	Rev. Robert Kinnally
1959	Monsignor Paul Cook	1983	Rev. William McKee	2006	Rev. Leonardo Gajardo
1960	Rev. Lyle Schulte	1984	Rev. John Abe	2007	Rev. Thomas Lawless
1961	Rev. Stanley Russell	1985	Rev. Donald Bourgeois	2008	Rev. John David Ramsey
1962	Monsignor William Biebel †	1986	Rev. Michael Watson	2009	Rev. John Naugle
1963	Rev. Peter Graziano	1987	Rev. John Wagner III	2010	Rev. Jared Suire
1964	Rev. Donald Karlen	1988	Rev. Robert Hyde	2011	Rev. Tyler Smedley
1965	Rev. Leo Gallina	1989	Rev. Thomas Parlette	2012	Rev. Daniel Carson
1966	Rev. J. Timothy Power	1991	Rev. Joseph O'Brien	2013	Rev. Scott Holmer
1967	Rev. Martin Peter	1992	Rev. Darrin Connall	2014	Rev. Michael Ackerman
1968	Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson	1993	Rev. R. Kent Bowlds	2015	Rev. Matthew Kiehl
1969	Rev. Dr. James Dallen	1994	Rev. Thomas Graner	2016	Rev. Ryan Pineda
1971	Mr. Donald Roberts	1995	Rev. Glenn McCreary	2017	Rev. Miguel Melendez
1973	Rev. Gerald McBrearity, P.S.S.	1996	Rev. David Poecking		

Theological College Seminary Community

Formation Faculty

Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S. '73,
Rector

Rev. Hy Nguyen, P.S.S.,
Vice-Rector

Rev. David D. Thayer, P.S.S.

Rev. Dominic Ciriaco, P.S.S. Cand.

Rev. Robert Cro, P.S.S. Cand.

Rev. James P. Froehlich, O.F.M. Cap.

Deacon Ed McCormack

Mrs. Kathi Kramer

2016–2017 Seminary Community By Arch/Diocese

Diocese of Birmingham, Ala.

Jacob (Daniel) Sessions

Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn.

Timothy Iannacone

Harry Prieto

David Roman Jr.

Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio

James (Jon) Hawkins

Diocese of Charleston, S.C.

Patrick Judd

Rhett Williams

Diocese of Corpus Christi, Tex.

Ramiro (RJ) Regalado

Diocese of Dallas, Tex.

Wade Bass

Michael Baynham

Garrett Bockman

Mark Garrett

Elmer Herrera-Guzmán

Ryan Hiaeshutter

Stephen Ingram

Diocese of Fort Worth, Tex.

Jason Allan

Jeffrey Ambreit-Quepóns

Jonathan Demma

Kevin Hathaway*

William Hayes

Austin Hoodenpyle

Brett Metzler

Maurice Moon

Diocese of Galveston-Houston, Tex.

Anthony Carona

Jeison Cortes

Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn.

Anthony Federico

Christopher Kelley

Joseph MacNeill

Jaime Maldonado-Avilés

Diocese of Lafayette, La.

Reed Bellingham

Nicholas Hebert

Michael Vidrine

Diocese of Littlerock, Ark.

Matthias Hagge

Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky.

Michael (Casey) Sanders

Archdiocese of New York, N.Y.

Walter Genito

Carlos Limongi

Diocese of Paterson, N.J.

Joseph Boykow

Diocese of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Benjamin Barr

Brendan Dawson*

Timothy Deely*

David Egan Jr.*

Joseph Farren*

Gregg Kotchey

Mingwei Li*

Daniel Waruszewski

Diocese of Portland, Ore.

Joseph Moreshead

Diocese of Richmond, Va.

Philip Decker

Anthony Ferguson

Armando Herrera-DosReis

Alexandre Jiménez de Alcántara

Joseph Kauflin

Mark Kowalski

Thomas Lawrence

Christopher Masla*

Miguel Melendez

John Minnich

Nicholas Redmond

Kevin Riedel

Cassidy Stinson*

Riley Winstead

Diocese of Rochester, N.Y.

Anthony Amato

Jeffrey Chichester

Aaron Kelly

Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Matthew Browne

William Cassese

Diocese of Spokane, Wash.

Peter Fazzari

Raymond Kalema

Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y.

James Buttner
Matthew Lyons
Tyler Santy

Diocese of Venice, Fla.

Crawford Bennett

Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Andrew Clyne
Mark Dwyer
Benjamin Garcia
Stefan Megyery
Patrick Mullan
Michael Russo
Andrew Wakefield

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va.

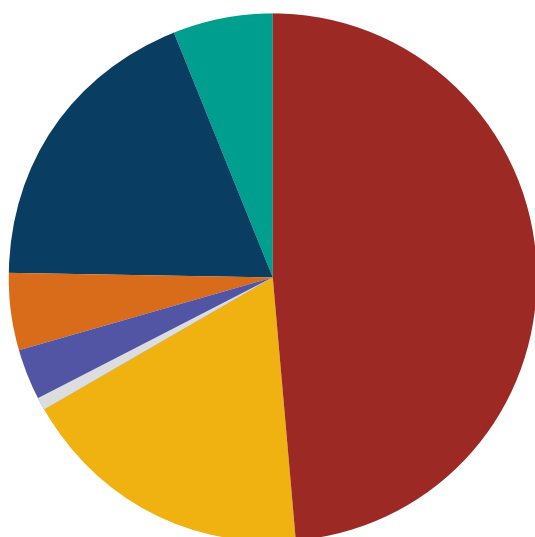
Vincent DeGeorge
Nye (Joseph) Wiley*

Diocese of Worcester, Mass.

Michael Hoyer

*Pastoral Year in FY17

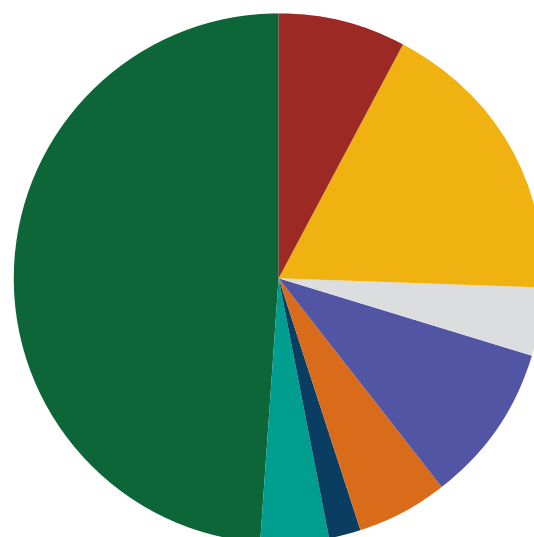
Financial Statement FY 2017

**Revenues**

■ Tuition and Fees	\$ 3,493,699
■ Seminary Room and Board	\$ 1,291,778
■ Formation Income	\$ 1,000
■ TC Property Income	\$ 270,393
■ Gifts and Grants*	\$ 340,180
■ Building Rental Income and Fees	\$ 1,348,661
■ Catholic University Academic Formation Support	\$ 421,506
Total Revenues	\$7,167,217

* Gifts and Grants include donations to the Vieban Annual Fund, Rectors Portrait Project, Capital Campaign, Bequests, restricted donations and other operating subsidies.

The unaudited financial information set forth above is preliminary and subject to adjustments and modifications.

**Expenditures**

■ Formation Program	\$ 558,862
■ Administration and General Services	\$ 1,286,856
■ Development and Alumni	\$ 286,892
■ Food Service	\$ 699,211
■ Plant Management	\$ 409,104
■ Debt Service	\$ 140,742
■ Capital Maintenance	\$ 291,851
■ Tuition Payment to Catholic University	\$ 3,493,699
Total Expenditures	\$7,167,217

Vieban Annual Fund Honor Roll of Donors Fiscal Year 2017

Bishop's Circle

Special recognition and thanks are given to the following friends and individuals who contributed \$5,000 or more in the form of an unrestricted gift to the Vieban Annual Fund during FY 2017:

Archdiocese of Hartford	Rev. Melvin C. Blanchette, P.S.S.	Rev. Gary Schexnayder '69
Diocese of Pittsburgh	Monsignor Milam J. Joseph '64	Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon A. Smith
The Associated Sulpicians of the United States	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. David Montgomery III	

Rector's Circle

Thank you to the following individuals, organizations, and arch/dioceses who made gifts to the Vieban Annual Fund in the form of an unrestricted gift of \$1,000 to \$4,999 during FY 2017:

Anonymous	Rev. Daniel B. Carson '12	Rev. John T. McDonough '00
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston	Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Chopko	Monsignor James W. McLoughlin '65
Archdiocese of New York	Monsignor Paul G. Cook '59	Monsignor Michael T. Meagher '65
Archdiocese of Washington	Rev. John J. Dillon '98	Rev. Raymond C. O'Brien '75
Diocese of Arlington	Rev. Jerome A. Dixon '57	Rev. Thomas M. O'Donnell '61
Diocese of Charleston	Cardinal Timothy J. Dolan	Rev. Martin A. Peter '67
Diocese of Fort Worth	Rev. Paul J. Drobin '66	Rev. Don A. Piraro '67
Diocese of Lafayette	Rev. Leo J. Gallina '65	Rev. Robert J. Randall '51
Diocese of Rochester	Monsignor Vincent S. Gatto '55 †	Bishop Frank J. Rodimer '51
Diocese of Syracuse	Mr. and Mrs. James N. Hahn	Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski '84
Rev. John A. Abe '84	Rev. Scott Holmer '13	Rev. Stanley J. Russell '61
Rev. Donald E. Bourgeois '85	Mr. and Mrs. Alan Holmer	Rev. Erwin H. Schweigardt '67
Monsignor Charles L. Brown III '67	Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson '68	Monsignor Paul F. Stefanko '76
Dr. and Mrs. William J. Carroll '73	Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S. '73	Monsignor John F. Wippel Ph.D. '56
Rev. Edward E. Carroll '50	Monsignor James A. McCloskey '46	Cardinal Donald Wuerl '63

Right: Cardinal Wuerl celebrates the annual Alumni Days Mass with concelebrants, from left, Rev. Hy Nguyen, P.S.S., TC vice-rector; Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell of the Diocese of Lafayette ('67); and TC rector, Rev. Gerald McBrearity, P.S.S.

Sulpician Circle

Thank you to the following individuals, organizations, and arch/dioceses who made gifts to the Vieban Annual Fund in the form of an unrestricted gift of \$500 to \$999 during FY 2017:

Archdiocese of Louisville
 Diocese of Corpus Christi
 Diocese of Portland (Maine)
 St. Josaphat's Ukranian Catholic
 Seminary
 Monsignor Nicholas P. Amato '70
 Rev. Christopher T. Begg
 Chorbishop Seely R. Beggiani '61
 Mrs. Jean Berdych
 Rev. Bernard R. Bonnot '64
 Rev. David L. Brownfield '90
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cepko
 Bishop Thomas J. Costello '54
 Mr. Herbert Goldman
 Monsignor Thomas J. Harrington '64

Rev. Kenneth W. Haydock '81
 Rev. James E. Healy '72
 Rev. Robert W. Hughes '68
 Rev. John M. Hynes '65
 Bishop Michael Jarrell D.D. '67
 Monsignor Raymond N. Kertz '67
 Rev. Robert Kinnally '05
 Rev. Mark A. Kreder '03
 Rev. Ryan Lerner '14
 Rev. Kenneth Marlovits '14
 Rev. John F. Mattingly, P.S.S. '48
 Rev. Thomas J. McGrath '59
 Deacon and Mrs. Jose M. Melendez
 Monsignor Thomas G. Miller '71
 Bishop William C. Newman '54

Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, P.S.S.
 Rev. Leo P. O'Brien '56
 Bishop Michael F. Olson '89
 Mr. and Mrs. Marion V. Ratuiste
 Rev. Daniel J. Ring '68
 Mr. Federick B. Scheetz
 Mr. Robert Schreiber
 Rev. Lyle L. Schulte '60
 Monsignor L. Thomas Snyderwine '68
 Monsignor Robert S. Sokolowski,
 Ph.D. '57
 Rev. Richard S. Sturtz '56
 Rev. William Wuenschel '15



Seminary Circle

Thank you to the following individuals, organizations, and arch/dioceses who made gifts to the Vieban Annual Fund in the form of an unrestricted gift of \$100 to \$499 during FY 2017:

Diocese of Memphis	Rev. Cody Ford '16	Mr. Kerry Mack '80
Prince of Peace Catholic Community	Monsignor John J. M. Foster, JCD	Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Mahan '51
Scavone Photography	Monsignor David R. Funk '74	Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Maldonado-Machado
EWTN	Rev. Peter J. Gaspeny '82	Mr. and Mrs. John M. Manion '60
Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Agli Jr. '70	Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Genito	Bishop Dominic A. Marconi '53
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald V. Anzia '54	Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Goebel '78	Mr. J. Michael McCauley '63
Rev. John P. Beal	Rev. Peter N. Graziano '63	Mr. James McConnell '71
Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Beaudrie	Monsignor Thomas J. Green	Rev. Glenn E. McCreary '95
Rev. Thomas A. Belleque '85	Monsignor Edmund O. Griesedieck '65	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick K. McDonald '74
Mr. Donald F. Bennewitz '55	Very Rev. Joseph A. Grimaldi '89	Mr. Robert A. McGowan '68
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Blanc	Dr. Bernard F. Gross '64	Monsignor Roger E. McGrath '71
Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Bonnike '52	Rev. Andrew Haissig '15	Rev. Miguel Melendez '17
Rev. R. Kent Bowlds '93	Bishop Bernard J. Harrington	Rev. Jeremy Mohler '15
Rev. Thomas J. Brosmer '69	Rev. Alex J. Hazzouri '57	Rev. Thomas J. Monaghan '70
Rev. Phillip J. Brown, P.S.S. '89	Monsignor Francis J. Houghton '51	Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Morelli
Rev. James J. Caldarella '70	Monsignor T. Allen Humbrecht '72	Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Murphy
Mr. James A. Cepko	Rev. Thomas R. Hurst, P.S.S.	Monsignor Allan F. Nilles '49
Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Clark	Rev. William M. Jerse '76	Rev. Mariusz M. Olbrys '07
Mr. Peter M. Collins '62	Rev. Peter J. Joyce '83	Ms. Megumi Osada
Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John T. Coyne	Rev. Leonard J. Kempinski '66	Rev. Matthew R. Paratore '09
Rev. Joseph G. Culotta '83	Rev. John J. Kleinwachter '77	Rev. David J. Pickens '09
Rev. James Dallen '69	Cmdr. and Mrs. Daniel V. Knoerl '79	Rev. Ryan Pineda '16
Dr. Paul J. DeSante '59	Mr. Earl T. Kumfer, Ph.D. '67	Mr. Raymond J. Preski
Mrs. Ana Diaz	Rev. Nicholas J. Landsberger '61	Mrs. Mary Purcell
Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Dougher	Mr. Bruce M. Laufer	Dr. and Mrs. Mohammad Z. Qureshi
Rev. Dustin Dought '13	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lawrence	Rev. David R. Raymond '03
Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Doyle	Mr. and Mrs. William G. Laxton '70	Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Regan '67
Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Dyer '66	Ms. Ann M. Lesini	Monsignor Joseph G. Riedman '56
Mr. and Mrs. David Egan	Rev. Theodore V. Lewandowski '59	Mr. Paul Rieschick '83
Rev. Norman A. Ermis '83	Rev. Martin A. Linebach '87	Rev. Joseph E. Rogers '03
Rev. F. William Etheredge '79	Mr. Robert J. Livingston '62	Mr. Rufus B. Rogers
Mr. Robert L. Faherty '66	Monsignor David A. Lockard '71	Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rev. Rodney L. Farke '72	Rev. Robert P. Longobucco '98	Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sabourin '64
Ms. Sally Flowers	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Lyons	

Rev. Christopher J. Samele '03

Rev. Joseph A. Sanches '70

Dr. Madeline Sapienza

Rev. John S. Sarge '68

Mr. Mike D. Sargent '74

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schultz '63

Rev. Hugh F. Schwartz '56

Rev. Christopher Seibt '13

Rev. Eugene P. Selzer '61

Monsignor James P. Shea '98

Rev. Edward J. Sherman '56

Rev. Tyler Smedley '11

Dr. Owen M. Smith '83

Dr. Diane K. Starkovich

Rev. Kenneth J. Suibielski '76

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Suire

Rev. Peter Tassini '16

Mr. L. Rick Tedesco

Rev. Jon Peter Thomas '10

Rev. John Paul Trask '15

Dr. and Mrs. Richard I. Vande
Veegaete '66

Mr. Joseph A. Vitacco III

Dr. and Mrs. John T. Werning

Rev. William H. Whalen '56

Mr. Mason E. Wiggins Jr. '80

Rev. John A. Williamson '00

Very Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S.

Sedes Cup Golf Classic

The 4th Annual Sedes Cup Golf Classic was held on September 27, 2016, and the following sponsors made this event a success. With the money raised by this tournament, we were able to make improvements to TC's physical plant, which accommodates our seminarians as they strive to meet their formation and education goals.

A.G. Prada Company

American Hotel Register Co.

Bay Bank, FSB

Brown Advisory

Buch Construction, Inc.

Monsignor Joseph Carroll '74

Consolidated Coating, Inc.

Mr. Greg Curtain of Curtain Call
Communications, Inc.

Elcon Enterprises, Inc.

Ellin & Tucker, Chartered

Gordon Feinblatt, LLC

Hirrlinger Electric, Inc.

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Hoppes

Infrastructure Innovation, LLC

Ironmark Printing

Lawrence Burner Service, Inc.

Lynx Investment Advisory

Magnolia Plumbing Heating & Cooling

Petersen's Carpet & Flooring

Rev. Ryan Pineda '16

Ron Ruff Roofing

Schoenbauer Furniture Services

Suburban Signs

T & J Lawn Service

Tidewater Insurance Associates

Turf Valley Resort & Golf Club

The Associated Sulpicians



Sedes Cup tournament organizers, from left, Craig Day (from Turf Valley) and TC staff Mary Nauman and Kevin Callahan.

Alumni Contributors by Class

Class of 1946

Monsignor James A. McCloskey

Class of 1948

Rev. John F. Mattingly, P.S.S.

Class of 1949

Monsignor Allan F. Nilles

Class of 1950

Rev. William J. Amann

Rev. Edward E. Carroll

Class of 1951

Monsignor Francis J. Houghton

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Mahan

Rev. Robert J. Randall

Bishop Frank J. Rodimer

Class of 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Bonnike

Class of 1953

Bishop Dominic A. Marconi

Class of 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald V. Anzia

Bishop Thomas J. Costello

Bishop William C. Newman †

Class of 1955

Mr. Donald F. Bennewitz

Monsignor Vincent S. Gatto

Monsignor Julian B. Varettoni

Class of 1956

Monsignor James A. McCauley

Rev. Leo P. O'Brien

Monsignor Joseph G. Riedman

Rev. Hugh F. Schwartz

Rev. Edward J. Sherman

Rev. Richard S. Sturtz

Rev. William H. Whalen

Monsignor John F. Wippel, Ph.D.

Class of 1957

Rev. Jerome A. Dixon

Rev. Alex J. Hazzouri

Monsignor James E. Pieper

Monsignor Robert S. Sokolowski, Ph.D.

Class of 1958

Rev. Paul E. Hulsman

Honorable and Mrs. John P. O'Rourke

Class of 1959

Monsignor Paul G. Cook

Dr. Paul J. DeSante

Rev. Theodore V. Lewandowski

Rev. Thomas J. McGrath

Class of 1960

Mr. and Mrs. John Manion

Rev. Lyle L. Schulte

Class of 1961

Chorbishop Seely R. Beggiani

Rev. Nicholas J. Landsberger

Rev. Thomas M. O'Donnell

Rev. Stanley J. Russell

Rev. Eugene P. Selzer

Class of 1962

Mr. Peter M. Collins

Mr. Robert J. Livingston

Mr. Patrick C. Runde

Class of 1963

Rev. Peter N. Graziano

Mr. Michael J. McCauley

Rev. James T. O'Brien

Rev. Edward J. Ruetz

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schultz

Cardinal Donald Wuerl

Class of 1964

Rev. Bernard R. Bonnot

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Gross

Monsignor Thomas J. Harrington

Monsignor Milam J. Joseph

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sabourin

Class of 1965

Rev. Leo J. Gallina

Monsignor Edmund O. Griesedieck

Rev. John L. Heagle

Rev. John M. Hynes

Monsignor James W. McLoughlin

Monsignor Michael T. Meagher

Class of 1966

Rev. Paul J. Drobin

Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Dyer

Mr. Robert Faherty

Rev. Leonard J. Kempfski

Rev. Paul J. Pace

Dr. and Mrs. Richard I. Vande

Veegaete

Class of 1967

Monsignor Charles L. Brown III

Bishop C. Michael Jarrell, D.D.

Monsignor Raymond N. Kertz

Mr. Earl T. Kumfer, Ph.D.

Rev. Martin A. Peter

Rev. Don A. Piraro

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Regan

Rev. Erwin H. Schweigardt

Class of 1968

Mr. Richard P. Fahey

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Henzler

Rev. Robert W. Hughes

Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson

Mr. Robert A. McGowan

Mr. Alfred E. Morrey

Rev. Joseph H. Phillips, Ph.D.

Rev. Daniel J. Ring

Rev. John S. Sarge

Monsignor L. Thomas Synderwine

Class of 1969

Rev. Thomas J. Brosmer

Rev. James Dallen

Rev. Gary Schexnayder

Class of 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Agli Jr.

Monsignor Nicholas P. Amato

Rev. James J. Caldarella

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Laxton

Mr. and Mrs. James B. McGill

Rev. Thomas J. Monaghan

Rev. Joseph A. Sanches

Class of 1971

Monsignor David A. Lockard
Mr. James McConnell
Monsignor Roger E. McGrath
Mr. Michel G. Methot
Monsignor Thomas G. Miller

Class of 1972

Rev. Rodney L. Farke
Rev. David M. Foley
Rev. James E. Healy
Monsignor T. Allen Humbrecht

Class of 1973

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Carroll
Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S.

Class of 1974

Monsignor David R. Funk
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick K. McDonald
Mr. Mike D. Sargent

Class of 1975

Rev. Anthony F. Krisak
Rev. Raymond C. O'Brien

Class of 1976

Rev. William M. Jerse
Monsignor Paul F. Stefanko
Rev. Kenneth J. Suibielski

Class of 1977

Rev. John J. Kleinwachter

Class of 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Goebel

Class of 1979

Rev. F. William Etheredge
Rev. Douglas C. Hall
Cmdr. and Mrs. Daniel V. Knoerl

Class of 1980

Mr. Kerry Mack
Mr. William R. Trainor
Mr. Mason E. Wiggins Jr.

Class of 1981

Rev. Kenneth W. Haydock

Class of 1982

Rev. Peter J. Gaspeny

Class of 1983

Rev. Joseph G. Culotta
Rev. Norman A. Ermis
Rev. Peter J. Joyce
Mr. Paul Rieschick
Dr. Owen M. Smith

Class of 1984

Rev. John A. Abe
Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

Class of 1985

Rev. Thomas A. Belleque
Rev. Donald E. Bourgeois

Class of 1987

Rev. Martin A. Linebach
Rev. John J. Wagner III

Class of 1989

Very Rev. Phillip J. Brown, P.S.S.
Very Rev. Joseph A. Grimaldi
Bishop Michael F. Olson

Class of 1990

Rev. David L. Brownfield

Class of 1993

Rev. R. Kent Bowlds

Class of 1995

Rev. Glenn E. McCreary

Class of 1998

Rev. John J. Dillon
Rev. Robert P. Longobucco
Monsignor James P. Shea

Class of 2000

Rev. John T. McDonough
Rev. John A. Williamson

Class of 2003

Rev. Mark A. Kreder
Rev. David R. Raymond
Rev. Joseph E. Rogers
Rev. Christopher J. Samele

Class of 2005

Rev. Robert Kinnally

Class of 2007

Rev. Mariusz M. Olbrys

Class of 2009

Rev. Matthew R. Paratore
Rev. David J. Pickens

Class of 2010

Rev. Ismael N. Ayala
Rev. Jon Peter Thomas

Class of 2011

Rev. Tyler Smedley

Class of 2012

Rev. Daniel B. Carson

Class of 2013

Rev. Dustin Dought
Rev. Scott Holmer
Rev. Christopher Seibt

Class of 2014

Rev. Ryan Lerner
Rev. Kenneth Marlovits

Class of 2015

Rev. Andrew Haissig
Rev. Jeremy Mohler
Rev. John Paul Trask
Rev. William Wuenschel

Class of 2016

Rev. Keith Burney
Rev. Ryan Pineda
Rev. Peter Tassini

Class of 2017

Rev. Miguel Melendez

† Deceased

Friends and Parents

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston	Rev. Melvin C. Blanchette, P.S.S.	Dr. Nelson H. Minnich
Archdiocese of Hartford	Mr. Winston Broussard	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. David Montgomery III
Archdiocese of Louisville	Mr. and Mrs. Kevin R. Callahan	Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Morelli
Archdiocese of New York	Mr. James A. Cepko	Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Murphy
Archdiocese of Washington	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cepko	Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, P.S.S.
Diocese of Arlington	Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Chopko	Ms. Megumi Osada
Diocese of Charleston	Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Clark	Ms. Diana Philpott
Diocese of Corpus Christi	Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John T. Coyne	Mrs. Corina V. Porras
Diocese of Fort Worth	Mrs. Ana Diaz	Mr. Raymond J. Preski
Diocese of Lafayette	Cardinal Timothy J. Dolan	Mr. William A. Prince
Diocese of Memphis	Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Dougher	Mr. Kenneth R. Proulx
Diocese of Pittsburgh	Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Doyle	Mrs. Mary Purcell
Diocese of Portland	Mr. and Mrs. David Egan	Dr. and Mrs. Mohammad Z. Qureshi
Diocese of Rochester	Ms. Sally Flowers	Mr. and Mrs. Marion V. Ratuiste
Diocese of Syracuse	Monsignor John J.M. Foster, JCD	Mr. Rufus B. Rogers
EWTN	Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Genito	Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Paulist Press	Mr. Herbert Goldman	Dr. Madeline Sapienza
Prince of Peace Catholic Community	Monsignor Thomas J. Green	Mr. Federick B. Scheetz
Scavone Photography	Mr. and Mrs. James N. Hahn	Mr. Robert Schreiber
St. Josaphat's Ukranian Catholic Seminary	Bishop Bernard J. Harrington	Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon A. Smith
The Associated Sulpicians	Mr. and Mrs. Alan Holmer	Dr. Diane K. Starkovich
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anstoetter	Rev. Thomas R. Hurst, P.S.S.	Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Suire
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Barr	Mr. Bruce M. Laufer	Mr. L. Rick Tedesco
Rev. John P. Beal	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lawrence	Mr. Joseph A. Vitacco III
Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Beaudrie	Ms. Ann M. Lesini	Dr. and Mrs. John T. Werning
Rev. Christopher T. Begg	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Lyons	Very Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S.
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Bellingham	Rev. Emanuel P. Magro	Monsignor Eugene Yennock
Mrs. Jean Berdych	Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Maldonado-Machado	
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Blanc	Deacon and Mrs. Jose M. Melendez	

The Rectors Portrait Project*

Portraits of the 16 rectors of Theological College were commissioned and masterfully created by Rev. Peter Wm. Gray, P.S.S., in honor of these shepherds of the seminary. TC alumni and friends who contributed to this project during FY2017 include:

Monsignor Gaspar Ancona '59	Rev. David Brownfield '90	Mr. Karl Miltz '69
Mr. Peter Bakarich '70	Rev. William Cahill '61	
Very Rev. Phillip Brown, P.S.S. '89	Monsignor Michael Clay '80	

*Gifts given in Fiscal Year 2016–17

The Reverend Albert C. Giaquinto, S.S., Chapel Endowment Fund

Since The Reverend Albert C. Giaquinto, S.S., Chapel Endowment Fund was announced in October 2006, over \$350,000 has been contributed in endowed support of the Chapel at Theological College.

Restricted Operating and In-Kind Gifts

Theological College acknowledges the following individuals, organizations, and arch/dioceses for their kindness and generosity for restricted operating gifts and other special gifts..

Rev. Melvin C. Blanchette, P.S.S.

Sodexo, Inc. & Affiliates

The Associated Sulpicians of the
United States

Ladies of the Knights Auxiliary

Endowed Support

During FY 2017, approximately \$337,000 was contributed to Theological College through a property fund contribution.

Society of St. Sulpice Foundations, Inc.

Bequests

Theological College received a planned gift of \$29,754, from a TC alumnus who remembered the seminary in his estate planning. Because of his generosity, his legacy will live on at Theological College.

Monsignor William E. Biebel '62

In Memoriam

Please remember those alumni who passed into eternal life during 2016-17, and those whose passing before this year came to our attention during this time. In addition, we ask that you remember other friends, benefactors, and alumni of Theological College whose names do not appear on this list. May they rest in peace.

Mr. Jerome Braeger '50 (2015)

Rev. Jeremiah Lowney '88

Rev. Thomas W. Rhomberg '53 (2014)

Monsignor William E. Biebel '62

Monsignor John R. Madden '59

Monsignor Roy J. Rihn '42

Bishop David R. Choby '73

Mr. Edward J. Murphy '63

Rev. John R. Roos '52

Rev. Bernard Head '53

Bishop William C. Newman '54

Rev. Kenneth J. Wolnowski B '61 (2015)

Amazon Associate Program

Thank you to the individuals who made purchases through our Amazon Associate Program at <http://www.theologicalcollege.org/amazon-link>. We regret that we could not send individual notes of appreciation, as Theological College does not have access to the names of the customers using this program, their credit card numbers, or any other personal information.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
401 Michigan Ave., N.E.
Washington, DC 20017



The National Seminary of The Catholic University of America

Ecce Quam Bonum:
A History of Theological College

Celebrating 100 Years
1917-2017



Celebrating 100 Years

The centennial volume *Ecce Quam Bonum: A History of Theological College* is now available upon request:
202-765-5510 or
TCCentennialBook@gmail.com.