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The Rector's Corner:

A message from Monsignor Robert F. Coleman '74, J.C.D., Rector and Dean

Some say we should not think of the passage of time, but I cannot help it. Often enough I find myself remembering some of the priests I have known when I was young. Where are they now? What do they think of their lives? What did the Lord say to them when they finally stood before Him?

No one ever wants to be considered "dated" because this would imply that the person is "outdated." Yet the passage of time is extremely significant in the life of each of us. Think of the fact that everything is dated from the moment of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem and that we live in the year 2010 because of the mystery of His Incarnation. Being dated is not necessarily a bad thing at all. For the Seminary, 2010 is a significant year because it opens the Sesquicentennial celebration of our founding by the first Bishop of Newark, James Roosevelt Bayley. Immaculate Conception Seminary has reached the extraordinary milestone of having existed for 150 years.

There are a number of times in the course of the year when we are especially conscious of milestones. Only a few months ago we witnessed the ordinations of deacons and priests. These are truly milestones in the lives of many of the men at the Seminary and they will remember well the date of the year that they were ordained.

For the men who were just ordained priests that wondrous day of priestly ordination must have come after what seemed to be several lifetimes. They have already left us now and are stationed in their parishes - and we already miss them and pray for them and hope that they will find that unsurpassable joy in the priesthood, like the man in the Gospel, who sold all he had to buy the field where the treasure was buried or the merchant who sold everything he had to enable him to buy "the pearl of great price."

In a little book with the English title, *Milestones*, Joseph Ratzinger recalls the events of the first 50 years of his life from 1927 to 1977. He remembers vividly the day of his priestly ordination, the day of his First Mass and the days that followed. All these things he shared with his brother who was ordained together with him. He wrote these words: "We were invited to bring the first blessing into people's homes, and everywhere we were received, even by total strangers, with a warmth and affection I had not thought possible until that day. In this way I learned, firsthand, how earnestly people wait for a priest, how much they long for the blessing that flows from the power of the sacrament. The point was not my own or my brother's person. What could we two young men represent all by ourselves to the many people we were now meeting? In us they saw persons who had been touched by Christ's mission and had been empowered to bring His nearness to men.

Precisely because we ourselves were not the point, a friendly human relationship could develop very quickly."

We pray that this joy and wonder and blessing will be with the new priests as they have gone forth from here into their parishes.

The new deacons also have experienced the excitement of exercising their diaconal ministry in the parishes in the summer months and they will continue to do so each weekend during the school year. Already they have learned that the necessary focus of their ministry must be Christ who told us that He came to serve and not to be served. And they have learned that as they return to the seminary this year, they must become the real leaders and examples for their brother seminarians.

For some of the men here, today is the date of the midpoint in their time at the Seminary. We hope they have realized that time moves quickly and that they need to enter more seriously and more deeply into their work of allowing themselves to be formed by God for the work He will assign them to accomplish in the priesthood.

As Jesus lived in constant union with His Father so His disciples must be eager to do the same. This is what makes the priest a "man of God." He will belong to God and will help other people to know and love Him.

Some of the men might erroneously think that they have all the time in the world, plenty of time to get serious about priestly formation. They will come to know that as the Apostle Paul says: "Now is the time." Their years in this "seed bed," which is the real meaning of the word "seminary," must produce real growth in order for them to go out from here as mature and dedicated priests. It is as simple as this: if they seek to live for their own pleasure and purposes, they will not find happiness or joy in the priesthood.

So very often, seminarians recognize the milestones in their lives. Yet as we mark off the time on our calendars, there are those things which have to remain constant in the training of future priests. Pope Benedict XVI brings this point to our attention in his last Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations which focuses on the idea that witness awakens vocations. The Holy Father clearly states that the fruitfulness of the work of promoting vocations depends first of all on God's free action, yet this is helped by the quality and the depth of the witness of the priests who have already answered the Lord's call. The testimony of their priestly life can awaken in others a desire to answer the call of Christ with generous hearts. The Pope makes use of three aspects of the life of a priest which he believes are absolutely necessary for the priest to be an effective witness. These three aspects of priestly life are at the core of the priestly formation here at the Seminary.

The first element which must be seen in every vocation to the priesthood is friendship with Christ. As Jesus lived in constant union with His Father so His disciples must be

eager to do the same. This is what makes the priest a “man of God.” He will belong to God and will help other people to know and love Him. So the seminarian must cultivate a deep intimacy with God, abiding in His love and making room to hear His Word. This happens above all by prayer. If it does not, then he will fail.

The second aspect of the priesthood is the complete gift of ourselves to God. In following Jesus the seminarian must surely give witness that he has given himself fully to God. This will enable him to give himself to those whom the Lord will entrust to him in priestly ministry with complete, constant and faithful devotion. The seminarian cannot give only a part of himself. We cannot compartmentalize our lives, otherwise, our priesthood will be only a show and a sham.

The third aspect that characterizes the priesthood is a life of communion. Jesus showed that the mark of those who wish to be His followers is profound communion in love. The seminarian must learn to be a man of communion, who is open to loving all God’s people and capable of gathering them into one. He will help to overcome divisions and to heal hearts that are hurting and settle conflicts and misunderstandings. He will forgive peoples’ sins.

The seminarian must make these things his own in order to remain faithful to his vocation and to radiate the joy of serving Jesus Christ and to draw all Christians closer to their Lord. He must learn here that the vocation to the priesthood is a most exalted one and a most mysterious one. Despite his weaknesses and limitations, he will have to live out and preserve this precious gift that Christ will give him, a share in His saving mission. Our understanding of the ministerial priesthood is bound to faith and requires a forceful dedication to seminary formation.

In an address that Pope Benedict XVI made to a gathering of clergy last spring, he stated: “...the men and women of our time ask us only to be priests and nothing more. The lay faithful will find in a great many other people what they humanly need, but in the priest alone will they be able to find the word of God that must always be on his lips; the Mercy of the Father, abundantly and freely bestowed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the Bread of new Life, ‘true food given to men.’” May this Seminary truly help our men to become this kind of priest!

Who were the priests in your life? Can you think of any of the priests you have known (some of whom may have now gone home to the Lord)? Did they ever do you any good? Did they ever make any difference in your life? Hopefully, their seminary years did them some good and made some difference in their lives!

So many things change as time passes, but the need for solid priestly formation remains. As we celebrate the first 150 years of Immaculate Conception Seminary I know that we could not have reached this great milestone without your generous help. Your continuing prayers and financial support for the work of this Seminary have enabled us to reach this Sesquicentennial celebration. Pray that the Lord Jesus will allow us to move on ahead, to form holy and healthy priests who are growing always stronger and better at serving God’s beloved people. †



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THE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS
OF 2010, MAY 2010.

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“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS, SEMINARIANS AND FRIENDS GATHER TO OPEN THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY ON APRIL 25, 2010, AND HEAR THIS IN THE REMARKS DELIVERED AFTER MASS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND JOHN J. MYERS, J.C.D., D.D. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ARCHBISHOP’S REMARKS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

Why are we gathered here today? We have come, in the words of the psalmist, sung at Mass by our choir, to “Sing joyfully to the Lord...to serve the Lord with gladness...to come before him with joyful song.” We rejoice today in the vision of the first bishop of Newark, James Roosevelt Bayley, nephew of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, who established this Seminary. We rejoice in the dedication of the dedicated faculty and staff of the past century and a half who have labored in the rich vineyard of seminary and theological education. We rejoice in the many benefactors whose generosity has supported their efforts. We rejoice in the thousands of seminarians who have served God’s people.

We rejoice in the hundreds of deacons, consecrated religious, and lay men and women who have offered their dedicated service to the Church.

One hundred and fifty years – what an astounding achievement. Why, this Seminary has been around even longer than Archbishop Gerety!

Bishop Thomas McLaughlin, rector for sixteen years and the first of the Seminary’s four episcopal gifts to the diocese of Paterson, the most recent being Bishop Serratelli, sternly reminded seminarians that the seminary is “not a place to have a good time,” and directed them to

“bury their own minds and wills to the direction

and rules of the rector in all matters, for such is the law of the Church, of God himself.” I understand that Monsignor Coleman has occasionally read this quote of Bishop McLaughlin to the seminarians. I wonder what effect it has.

This Seminary has been blessed with many fine professors, mentors and spiritual directors. One hundred fifty years ago, in the fall semester of 1860, Father Januarius DeConcilio taught the first class in theology, inaugurating Immaculate Conception Seminary. One of the most renowned theologians of the nineteenth century, Father DeConcilio was the chief editor of the famed *Baltimore Catechism*, the centerpiece of Catholic parochial education for almost a century. I have a great personal affection for Father DeConcilio. Later in life, he wrote scholarly articles speculating on whether the Redemption of Christ applied to extraterrestrial beings on other planets. As the author of *Space Vultures*, a science fiction book, I consider him my patron in a way. Father DeConcilio was followed by a long procession of distinguished scholars. I congratulate our faculty on following and even going beyond this great tradition with their incredible volume of books and scholarly publications.

Very significantly, this Seminary has been blessed with many fine spiritual directors, confessors and mentors. Among them were the fatherly confessor Archbishop Boland, and the wise, gentle and always witty Monsignor Walter Jarvais. Monsignor Jarvais, I am told, while at a convocation of priests, mentioned to a colleague: “This is a great gathering; I ran into three priests I thought were dead.”



The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark listens as The Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.S.L., S.T.D., Bishop of Paterson, preaches his homily during the celebration Mass.



Above, top to bottom: The Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, The Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, The Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, The Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.S.L., S.T.D., Bishop of Paterson, and The Most Reverend John M. Smith, J.C.D., D.D., Bishop of Trenton, join the procession into the Chapel of the Good Shepherd; the *Scbola Cantorum* enriches the celebration of the liturgy; The Most Reverend Peter L. Gerety, D.D., Archbishop Emeritus of Newark, concelebrates the celebration Mass; and the faculty, past and present, of Immaculate Conception Seminary process after the celebration of Mass.

TO VIEW HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY, VISIT THEOLOGY.SHU.EDU AND CLICK ON THE SESQUICENTENNIAL IMAGE.

No institution can function without the dedication of the many staff members whose work is seldom seen but always so necessary. Throughout the last century and a half, a legion of unsung heroes and heroines: secretaries, executive assistants, receptionists, cooks, housekeepers and many others, all dedicated to the mission of the seminary, have enabled this institution to grow and prosper. To them we owe a great debt.

Winston Churchill once said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Without its benefactors, Immaculate Conception Seminary would not be celebrating its sesquicentennial. When the Seminary was on the brink of bankruptcy in the nineteenth century, Bishop Michael Corrigan and his brothers, James and Joseph, provided the funds to avoid catastrophe. When Archbishop Walsh expanded the facilities at Darlington during the Depression, he reached out to the entire diocese and raised one and a half million dollars. Wise prelate that he was, Archbishop Walsh enlisted Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City to his fundraising committee.

Mayor Hague was a very efficient man. When President Franklin Roosevelt asked him how many votes he could deliver in an upcoming election, Mayor Hague responded: "How many do you want?"

When the Seminary returned to Seton Hall, the funds for this building were raised from the gifts of the priests and people of the archdiocese, with the exceptional generosity of Milton and Rita Lewis, after whom the residence hall is named. Each year we celebrate Mass in this chapel for those whose generous gifts, great and small, insure the continuation of the mission of Immaculate Conception Seminary. We are truly grateful to them.

The alumni - seminarians, deacons, religious, and lay students of Immaculate Conception Seminary - number nearly 4,000. How can we calculate their influence? How many Masses have been celebrated, how many souls baptized into the faith and comforted in their last moments, how many marriages joyfully witnessed, how many counseled in the darkest days of their lives? It is impossible to determine on this side of eternity.

And who were and who are these seminarians and students of Immaculate Conception Seminary? If we look back one hundred years ago, we find that they were young men of Irish, German, Polish and Italian heritage, many of them born in Europe. If we look back fifty years ago, we see that almost all were, to borrow a phrase from New Jersey's Bruce Springerton, "born in the USA." Today, in the eight years of our seminary program, there are seminarians from thirty-one nations who represent and reflect the national origins of the people in the dioceses and religious communities that this Seminary serves. We thank God for all our seminarians: diocesan and religious, from the United States and from all the continents of the world. And we challenge them.

Your predecessors took very seriously the motto of Immaculate Conception Seminary: to be the "Stewards of the Mysteries of God." The words from the first epistle to the Corinthians read: "Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that

they be found trustworthy."

Essentially, a steward is the servant of another. As a servant, you serve the Lord and you serve the people of the Lord. The mysteries and

sacraments over which you preside are not your own - they belong to the Lord. The Lord entrusts them to you. You must "be found trustworthy." You must be faithful to these mysteries and to the Lord. It is a heavy burden and not one to be undertaken lightly.

You must give of yourselves. You have a noble heritage. Over the years and today, quietly, often under great hardships, countless alumni have spent themselves in the service of the Gospel as faithful Stewards of the Mysteries of God. Their example must be your inspiration.

In *The Tempest*, William Shakespeare wrote: "What's past is prologue; what to come, in yours and my discharge." Inspired by those who have gone before us, with the support of all in this room, and most importantly, under the patronage of Our Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Conception, it is with confidence that Immaculate Conception Seminary celebrates the past, embraces the present and looks with confidence towards the future. †

Bring Forth Joy

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS 2010



The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., ordained 12 men to the priesthood for service to the Archdiocese of Newark at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on May 29, 2010. These new priests include the following from Immaculate Conception Seminary: Father Duverney Bermudez; Father Camilo Cruz; Father Joseph Simon Dos Santos; Father Julius Lucero; Father Anthony Marcantuono; Father Edinson Ramirez and Father Juan Carlos Vargas. Their current assignments, respective of the order above, St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus; St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield; Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth; Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack; Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington; St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City; and St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell.

The Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.S.L., S.T.D., ordained six men to the priesthood for service to the Diocese of Paterson at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson. These new priests include the following from Immaculate Conception Seminary: Father Manuel Guevara, Father Brian Quinn and Father Benjamin Williams. Their current assignments, respective of the order above, the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson; St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Clifton; and Sacred Heart Parish, Dover and Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Dover.

The Most Reverend John M. Smith, J.C.D., D.D., ordained five men to the priesthood for service to the Diocese of Trenton at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton, on June 5, 2010. These new priests include Father Ricardo Benitez and Father Roberto Padilla, both from Immaculate Conception Seminary. Father Benitez is assigned to Jesus, the Good Shepherd Parish, Riverside, and Father Padilla is assigned to Our Lady of the Angels, Trenton. †

Left and below, counterclockwise: The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., anoints the hands of the newly ordained and hands over the bread and wine; Reverend Julius Lucero, newly ordained, sings with the Cathedral Choir; the newly ordained administer the Eucharist to the faithful who have gathered to witness their ordinations; and Reverend Joseph Simon Dos Santos bestows his first blessings on family and friends.



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In Memoriam

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology mourns the loss of the members of our family of priest alumni who recently passed away. Let us offer our prayers to honor these faithful servants of God.

Reverend John M. Ballweg '52/
Ordained 1956

Reverend Monsignor Frederick M. Eid
'43/ Ordained 1947

Reverend James W. McFarland '43/
Ordained 1947

Reverend Antonio I. Bico '89/ Ordained
1993

Reverend Monsignor Louis F. Fimiani
'56/ Ordained 1960

Reverend Monsignor Raymond J. Pollard
'46/ Ordained 1950

Reverend Edmund G. Bernauer '57/
Ordained 1961

Reverend George M. Keating '50/
Ordained 1954

Reverend Monsignor Roger A. Reynolds
'39/ Ordained 1943

Reverend Walter D. Cron '56/ Ordained
1960

Reverend Edward S. Malkiewicz '67/
Ordained 1971

Reverend Joseph A. Stulb '57/ Ordained
1961

“Chesterton and America”

REVEREND J. IAN BOYD, C.S.B., PRESIDENT OF THE G.K. CHESTERTON INSTITUTE FOR FAITH & CULTURE AND EDITOR OF *THE CHESTERTON REVIEW*, DELIVERED THE GERETY LECTURE TO THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY ON DECEMBER 2, 2009. HIS LECTURE, TITLED “CHESTERTON AND AMERICA,” WILL BE AVAILABLE TO READ ONLINE THIS FALL AT THEOLOGY.SHU.EDU.

THIS LECTURE SERIES IS PART OF THE ARCHBISHOP GERETY FUND FOR ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY, ESTABLISHED BY THE MOST REVEREND PETER LEO GERETY, D.D., ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF NEWARK, TO ADVANCE STUDIES IN ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY, ESPECIALLY THE HISTORY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. ✠



Left, Father Boyd delivers the Fall 2009 Gerety Lecture in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Lewis Hall. For information on how to subscribe to *The Chesterton Review*, visit shu.edu/catholic-mission/chesterton-review



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Pastoral Formation News and Notes

On March 6, 2010, I joined the Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE) of Seton Hall University, which hosted a service trip to San Miguel, El Salvador. The trip involved 19 students of the University who devoted their Spring Break to attending to people in need in El Salvador. Students spent the week working at various sites, including a nursing home, an orphanage and a home for abused teen mothers. I assisted Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D., Associate Dean, Associate Professor of Moral Theology and Co-Director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality, who served as both the chaplain for the trip and a group leader.

The trip was absolutely fantastic! It was so great to be among the El Salvadorian people and help them in the little way we could. To see the students grow and be touched by the Lord in this challenging situation of poverty was truly a blessing from the Lord. I hope it continues for many years to come – it is a wonderful opportunity for the students and facilitators alike.

- Glenn Evers, Second Theology, Diocese of Wilmington



Photos courtesy of Glenn Evers



Before her graduation from Seton Hall University in 2008, Kaitey Sheldon, currently an M.A. student in Systematic Theology, stands next to a statue of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Sheldon is the first Fulbright Scholar from the School of Theology.

Kaitey Sheldon '08, an M.A. student in Systematic Theology and Ethics at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, a prestigious grant that will take her to Slovakia for ten months, beginning this fall. The first Fulbrighter in the history of the School of Theology, Sheldon expresses her gratitude to those at Seton Hall who have helped her to succeed: "This Fulbright award reflects beautifully on the many wonderful people who have supported me, challenged me, and advised me over the past several years."

Sheldon's application focused on her love of language and teaching, and demonstrated her profound appreciation for internationalization and her cultural awareness. Among those who wrote enthusiastic letters in support of her application were Reverend Thomas G. Guarino, S.T.D., Professor of Systematic Theology; Reverend Monsignor Richard M. Liddy, S.T.L., Ph.D., Professor of Religious Studies; and Anthony C. Sciglitano, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies.

In Slovakia, Sheldon's multi-faceted background will be a great resource for her as she teaches English and establishes an after-school cultural program. †

2010 Golf & Tennis Classic

THE 30TH ANNUAL JUDGE ROGER W. BRESLIN CORNERSTONE GOLF AND TENNIS CLASSIC HONORING THE MOST REVEREND JOHN W. FLESEY, S.T.D., D.D., TITULAR BISHOP OF ALLEGHENY, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF NEWARK AND FORMER RECTOR OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY, WAS HELD ON JUNE 24, 2010 AT CEDAR HILL COUNTRY CLUB IN LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY.

THE OUTING PROVIDES NON-ACADEMIC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENT SEMINARIANS. ALL SEMINARIANS WILL BENEFIT FROM FUNDS RAISED THIS YEAR.

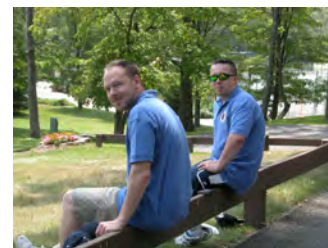


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Called Through a Petition of Holy Mother Mary

DEACON YEONGMIN KIM SHARES HOW HIS DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER HAS GUIDED HIS JOURNEY TOWARD ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

The heat of the afternoon sun while working in Mumbai; prayers of healing recited together with those suffering from leprosy; the hard life of factory labor; weathering the temper of a soldier in the Korean military. One seminarian has experienced all of these things, and more, throughout his life. It is a life he continues to reflect on, understanding that "love is practical and beyond all understanding."

Reverend Mr. YeongMin (Michael) Kim, Fourth Theology, has the wise antiquity of a life seasoned with hardships and happiness, yet he is only 34. Deacon Kim began his discernment at a young age. It was after a series of family difficulties when he was 13 that he became close to the Blessed Mother. Deacon Kim's older brother had grown seriously ill and threatened the lives of his family. Fleeing to Her intercession, Deacon Kim recalls: "On the night his illness reached its peak, fearing for my life, I ran away from home. I reached the Church, and in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I prayed for a long time: 'Holy Mother Mary, let no one be killed. Save and protect my family. I promise to live for God's glory.'" Deacon Kim's family was spared, and he felt strengthened through his commitment to the Blessed Mother. His discernment was nourished after entering Seoul Catholic University as a Franciscan Order seminarian in 1995.

His time of discernment was interrupted when he was called to enter the Korean military in 1996. With fervent prayer and obedience to God's will, Deacon Kim returned to the Franciscans after his military service. He would study with the Franciscans until 2003. At that time, Deacon Kim considered becoming a diocesan priest. He shares: "I asked my Superior to help me discern this new intention, to become a diocesan priest. A year after leaving the Franciscans, I transferred to the diocesan seminary in Gwang-Ju, where I studied for three years."

During his time in Gwang-Ju, God's presence soon led Deacon Kim in a new direction. In 2007, one of Deacon Kim's professors was taking a sabbatical year in Fort Lee, New Jersey, at Madonna Church. Through the introduction of his professor, Deacon Kim met Father Stephen Carey, the pastor at Madonna Church. Father Carey encouraged Deacon Kim to continue in prayer, which he did. After a month of prayer, Deacon Kim obtained permission from his bishop to serve the Archdiocese of Newark. Deacon Kim, ever responsive to the Lord, came to Madonna Church and served as a young adult choir director, a charismatic prayer staff member and an RCIA catechist for two years before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary.



Reverend Mr. YeongMin (Michael) Kim is preparing for his ordination to the priesthood, spring 2011. Right, Deacon Kim administers the cup during holy communion to the faithful gathered for his ordination to the diaconate, spring 2010. Deacon Kim received the Saint Frances X. Cabrini ESL Award in 2010.



Deacon Kim shares that his adult life was directly formed by his youth. The youngest of five children, Deacon Kim was separated from his parents at a young age and was raised by his grandmother and his uncle, who was a diocesan priest. He was permitted to visit his family on summer and winter vacations. Throughout his childhood, Deacon Kim witnessed Christ, as he says: "whenever I visited home and my parents, I noticed their faithfulness and service to Christ. Even though they suffered from poverty and had many difficulties, they always devoted time to prayer. Our family prayed to God every day like the Holy Family of Nazareth did. I truly learned to love God through the example of my parents."

Deacon Kim remains strengthened by the prayers of his family and through the intercession of the Blessed Mother as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood in the spring of 2011. †

Welcome, New Faculty!

REVEREND MARK FRANCIS O'MALLEY: A SHEPHERD FOR SHEPHERDS



Reverend Mark Francis O'Malley '91, M.Div. '95, Hist.Eccl.D., reflects the joy he has found in teaching at Immaculate Conception Seminary: "My students' hopefulness, their potential, and their real desire to serve the Church – the People of God – is exciting."

An alumnus of both St. Andrew's Hall College Seminary and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Reverend Mark Francis O'Malley '91, M.Div. '95, Hist.Eccl.D., feels privileged to have returned to his alma mater as a formator and first-time instructor at this stage in his priesthood. For Father O'Malley, whose teaching

and ministry are blessings to all in the ICS community, "the hand of God is so evident in the various aspects of the Seminary program – and the whole experience has been an incredible blessing to my priesthood."

at a very young age – I was captivated by Him – and knew He would somehow be the whole of my life. The experience was and remains – as John Paul II has said regarding a priestly vocation – 'a gift and mystery.'"

Appointed to the Seminary faculty in 2009, Father O'Malley, Assistant Professor of Church History, teaches such courses as *History of Christianity I and II*. In addition to teaching, he serves as a mentor to a number of seminarians. As a formator, it is in meetings with students and colleagues that Father O'Malley finds the greatest treasure: "The seminarians' openness to the formation process and their desire to give themselves in service of Christ and His Church is inspiring." Father O'Malley is further impressed by the "wisdom, goodness and passion for priesthood" evident at the weekly meetings of the formation faculty of ICS.

In the classroom, in the lecture hall and on the air waves, Father O'Malley's own "wisdom, goodness and passion" exude. A pioneer in his field, Father O'Malley set out, in his doctoral dissertation, to rectify the absence from the body of scholarly work of a comprehensive history of Catholic military chaplaincy in the U.S. Father O'Malley's April 21, 2010 Archbishop Gerety Lecture, "Providing Shepherds for Soldiers: An History of Catholic Military Chaplaincy in the U.S.," drew heavily on his dissertation, completed in 2009 at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. In July 2010, Seton Hall's WSOU Radio aired an interview of Father O'Malley on this topic.

While Father O'Malley has found his own niche within the realm of Church History, much of his enthusiasm for the field stems from the variety of angles from which it can be approached: "through a study of the Gothic Cathedrals of the Middle Ages, the lives of the Saints, the Church's liturgy, through sacred art and music." Through his attentiveness to each individual student's proclivities, Father O'Malley hopes to assist students in reaching the core of Church History: the ability "to discern the presence of Christ at work in and through His Church."

Father O'Malley also is a Weekend Assistant and RCIA Coordinator at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ. Parish work is complementary to his teaching and formational activities at ICS, he believes, since "helping people make the connection between our Faith and their daily lives is the work we are preparing the seminarians for. Staying involved in parish work helps me to keep that in mind and not get lost in the academic world of books and study."

Taking great joy in witnessing the fruits of his efforts to bring Church History to life for his students, and gratified to see students applying material discussed and studied in class to their own ministry and faith journeys, Father O'Malley declares: "My students' hopefulness, their potential, and their real desire to serve the Church – the People of God – is exciting. With ordained and non-ordained ministers with that type of commitment being sent forth from ICS, the future of the Church is bright and full of hope." †

The Church historian's own story began in Union City, NJ, where he was the third of four children in a family that lived around the corner from Ss. Joseph and Michael Church. Faith was such an integral part of Father O'Malley's family life that his vocation was natural to him. He explains: "I encountered Christ

DR. TIMOTHY P. FORTIN: FORTIFIED BY PHILOSOPHY AND FAITH

Attuned to the necessity to keep everyday life in sharp focus, Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology, admits that as a philosopher, he marches to the beat of an "atypical" drum. One would not think it out of the ordinary that prior to joining the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology in 2009, Dr. Fortin earned two degrees in Philosophy: an M.A. and a Ph.D. His M.S. in Clinical Psychology, however, might come as a surprise. Still, Dr. Fortin finds complementarity where others might find dichotomy. His study of psychology and work for a carpenter during graduate school have helped him to temper the abstractions of philosophy and to ground his work in his lived experience. When not grappling with philosophical texts, Dr. Fortin enjoys the arts, which "help to keep the mind open and receptive to the beauty and goodness of God's creation."

Throughout his wide-ranging journey, Dr. Fortin has demonstrated curiosity, openness, patience and perseverance. Raised in a suburb of Washington, DC, as a teen, he worked on a farm during summers. Dr. Fortin recalls the influence that reading "emotionally and intellectually charged" texts during his adolescent years, as well as regular Mass attendance, which "put Sacred Scripture in [his] heart and mind," had on him, "awakening a slumbering mind." Several years later, he would fully recognize his own philosophical bent: "I think Aristotle is correct when, in the *Metaphysics*, he says: 'all men by nature desire to know.' I've simply always wanted to get to the bottom of

things."

After a summer of working as an apprentice at an engineering lab and volunteering with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, he determined that electrical engineering, which he had begun studying at Villanova University, was not for him. He transferred to Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, CA, and earned a B.A. in Liberal Arts. Soon, through graduate studies, he further sought to quench his thirst for understanding, later earning a Ph.D. from the Pontifical Institute of the Holy Cross, Rome ('08).

Fortunately for Dr. Fortin's students, his curiosity, openness, patience and perseverance carry over into the classroom. "Having had to struggle to capture some bit of knowledge myself, I find myself in a decent place to show others the signs I have followed in tracking down a certain piece of knowledge." For Dr. Fortin, learning and teaching are adventures with unexpected obstacles and unimagined rewards: "It is a joy to see a student begin to make some piece of knowledge his own, to begin to engage his mind with reality, and to wrestle with the truth. Seeing students begin to open themselves to the gift of understanding and to find joy in learning and seeking the truth" is Dr. Fortin's reward.

While mulling things over is his usual *modus operandi*, upon his arrival at ICS, Dr. Fortin instantly discovered a truth that has become increasingly apparent to him: "the general sincerity and goodness" of the Seminary community. His work

with ICS students is spiritually edifying: "I have found hearts in the right place, hearts searching for God and for their place in His plan. It is moving to witness their striving, generosity and general good humor." Further, Dr. Fortin appreciates the collegiality and intellectual stimulation with which his colleagues provide him.

Dr. Fortin welcomes his work at ICS as a step in responding to God's call; it affords him opportunities to seek Truth and guide others in their search. "I firmly believe in the Second Vatican Council's emphasis on the universal call to holiness," he asserts. "My own little place in that universal call centers on the search for Wisdom, finally a search for Christ. As a teacher of philosophy, I must continually be growing in my relationship with and love for Wisdom, inseparable from my relationship with Christ. As a professor, I have the wonderful opportunity of sharing the fruit of my own search, situated within the great tradition of Catholic thought. This is a great blessing!" †



Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology in pictured here beside of the statue of St. Thomas Aquinas in front of Lewis Hall, shares: "It is a joy to see a student begin to make some piece of knowledge his own."

Institutions and Diaconate Ordinations

INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTES - OCTOBER 25, 2009: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY JOYOUSLY CELEBRATES THE INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTES FOR THE SECOND THEOLOGIANS EACH FALL. TOP RIGHT: SECOND THEOLOGIANS STAND WITH THE MOST REVEREND MANUEL A. CRUZ, D.D., AUXILIARY BISHOP OF NEWARK, IN FRONT OF THE CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.



ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY - NOVEMBER 22, 2009: SEVENTEEN MEN FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK WERE ADMITTED TO CANDIDACY FOR THEIR ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE. SECOND FROM RIGHT, THIRD THEOLOGIANS PREPARE FOR THEIR DIACONAL MINISTRY DURING THE PROFESSION OF FAITH AND OATH OF FIDELITY IN THE CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, LEWIS HALL.



INSTITUTION OF READERS - FEBRUARY 28, 2010: FIRST THEOLOGIANS ARE INSTITUTED AS READERS, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE READING OF THE SACRED SCRIPTURES, EXCEPT THE GOSPEL, DURING THE LITURGY. SECOND FROM BOTTOM, RIGHT: FIRST THEOLOGIANS GATHER AFTER THEY ARE INSTITUTED AS READERS BY THE MOST REVEREND JOHN J. MYERS, J.C.D., D.D., ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK, CENTER.



DIACONATE ORDINATION - ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK, MAY 23, 2010; DIOCESE OF TRENTON, MAY 15, 2010; DIOCESE OF PATERSON, MAY 27, 2010; DIOCESE OF METUCHEN, JUNE 12, 2010: 17 THIRD THEOLOGIANS WERE ORDAINED TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE DURING SPRING 2010. BOTTOM LEFT: NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK STAND WITH THE MOST REVEREND JOHN J. MYERS, J.C.D., D.D. AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART. ✝



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Looking Forward: A Joy-Filled Retirement

REVEREND JOHN F. RUSSELL, O.CARM., S.T.D., THE SEMINARY'S NEWEST PROFESSOR EMERITUS, LEAVES A LASTING LEGACY OF SPIRITUALITY WITH THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY.

On April 18, 2010, the Seminary community celebrated the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Reverend John F. Russell, O.Carm., S.T.D., who retired from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at the close of the 2009-2010 academic year. Family, friends, colleagues and students participated in a Mass in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd and shared a meal in the Seminary Refectory in commemoration of this milestone in the life of their spiritual mentor, who has spent more than half of his priestly life at ICS.

Father Russell joined the Carmelites in 1953 and professed first vows in August 1954. He graduated from St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY, with a B.A. in Philosophy. After studying at the Carmelite International House, Rome, and at The Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, Father Russell returned to the United States with an S.T.B. and an S.T.L. He completed an M.A. in Educational Administration at Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL, and an S.T.D. at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, with a doctoral dissertation on the development of the theology of revelation in the United States in the decade after *Dei Verbum*.

Subsequently, Father Russell began his association with ICS, teaching *Christian Anthropology* and a variety of courses in Christian and Carmelite Spirituality. From 1995-2000, he served as Spiritual Director at ICS. After spending two years as the Director of Novices and three years as the Prior Provincial of the Carmelite Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, he returned to the

Seminary. In addition to his service as Spiritual Director at ICS, he has filled the roles of Professor of Systematic Theology, Assistant Spiritual Director for the Seminary and Spiritual Director for the Institute for Christian Spirituality.

In light of Father Russell's tremendous dedication and long and exceptional service to the Catholic Church, its families and community, Pope Benedict XVI bestowed on Father Russell the papal *Benemerenti* Medal in spring 2009.

A sought-after speaker and accomplished author, Father Russell has facilitated retreats, delivered lectures and published extensively on the spirituality of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Lately, he has been especially prolific in this field. In November 2009, he captivated 75 retreatants at the Catholic Center for Family Spirituality's retreat "St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her Parents and Sisters: A Story of the Martin Family." His most recent book, *A Lenten Journey with Jesus Christ and St. Thérèse of Lisieux*, was released in November 2009.

Given Father Russell's good humor, passion for teaching and inspirational faith, it comes as no surprise that many of his students are further energized to pursue careers in Church ministry. At the reception in his honor, Father Russell explained that in the early years of his ministry, while serving as a disciplinarian at a high school in Mundelein, IL, he unexpectedly learned "that love manifests itself in many, many different ways." Throughout his years at ICS, Father Russell has demonstrated his great love for Christ and for the Church in his

interactions with all members of the Seminary community.

Several of Father Russell's former students who currently work at ICS describe his profound impact on their lives in this way:

"Father Russell's love for God and zeal for our faith are contagious. He is a brilliant man and at the same time, very humble and loving. He always encourages his students to use their intellect to try to grasp the mysteries of God, yet always reminds us that faith is fundamentally about developing a loving relationship with God, lived out through love of our neighbor." —Stephen B. Kass, M.N.E., M.A. '09, Coordinator of Marketing and Development, Institute for Christian Spirituality

"Father Russell not only is adept at imparting the content of the courses he teaches but also shares glimpses of his own spiritual journey, showing us how to blend the intellectual life and the spiritual life. The heart, mind and soul of the entire person, firmly grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, and in service to others, is a hallmark of the legacy he has left to the students, faculty, administration and staff of ICSST and retreatants of Institute for Christian Spirituality programs. Surely, he 'put his nickel down,' and we loved sharing a very special part of his journey." —Diane M. Carr, M.A. '07, Academic



Services & Admissions Coordinator and Coordinator of the Center for Prayerfully Speaking, Institute for Christian Spirituality

"If I had to pin-point the most memorable experience from my time as a seminarian at ICS, it would be the experience of the retreat given by Father Russell for my ordination class in 1995, the week before priestly ordination. I still have my notes from his talks, and refer to them when I make my annual retreat. It has been great to have had the opportunity to serve at ICS for a year with Father Russell: a man whose work in formation has made a great impact upon my own priestly identity." —Reverend Mark Francis O'Malley, Hist.Eccl.D., Assistant Professor of Church History, ICSST (B.A. '91, M.Div. '95)

The Seminary community rejoices in Father Russell's ministry, and prays that his retirement will be fruitful and joyful. We look forward to welcoming him back for formation sessions and other events. Father Russell, now Professor Emeritus, continues to play a vibrant role in the life and identity of Immaculate Conception Seminary. †

Recent Faculty Publications

Zeni V. Fox, Ph.D., Professor of Pastoral Theology, edited a book: *Lay Ecclial Ministry: Pathways Toward the Future*. Lanham, MD: Sheed & Ward/Rowman & Littlefield, 2010.

Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, published a book-translation, from Italian to English, of: Belli, Filippo. *Argumentation and Use of Scripture in Romans 9–11*. Analecta Biblica 183. Rome, Italy: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2010.

Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.), Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, published an article:

"Whirlwind." In *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Vol. 5, edited by Katharine Dobbs Sakenfeld, 844. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009.

Reverend Thomas G. Guarino, S.T.D., Professor of Systematic Theology, published a book: *Vattimo and Theology*. New York: T & T Clark, 2009. In addition, Father Guarino published the following: Review of *Church and Society: The Laurence J. McGinley Lectures (1988-2007)*, by Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J. *Nova et Vetera* 8, no. 1 (Winter 2010): 219-23; and Review of *Religion After Postmodernism: Rethorizing Myth and Literature*, by Victor E. Taylor, and *Theology After Neo-Pragmatism*, by Adonis Vidu. *Theological Studies* 71, no.

1 (March 2010): 225-27.

Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published an article: "Creation as Temple-Building and Work as Liturgy in Genesis 1-3." *Journal of the Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Studies* 2, no. 1 (2009): 1-13.

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On the cover: Immaculate Conception Seminary's 150th anniversary celebration year began on April 25, 2010. See page 4 for the post-Mass remarks by The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark. For the full calendar of events related to the Sesquicentennial, visit www.sbu.edu/academics/theology/sesquicentennial

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