

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY

PATRICIAN

MAGAZINE

WINTER 2012



THE YEAR OF FAITH

Inside This Issue

President/Rector's Letter.....	1
The Diaconate Class of 2012.....	2
A Word from the Student Body President.....	3
Student Body Profile.....	4
Admissions Report.....	5
The Meaning of Faith.....	6
Receiving God's Love by Faith.....	7
2012 Four Pillars Gala.....	8
Welcome Archbishop Cordileone.....	10
A Gem at the Seminary.....	11
Rest in Peace, Father Eugene Konkell.....	12
In Memoriam.....	12
Board of Trustees.....	13
Donor Appreciation.....	13



This painting is taken from the back wall of our Main Chapel just above the entrance door. It is a symbolic ordination scene showing seminary founder, Archbishop Patrick W. Riordan (1884- 1914) ordaining a young deacon to priesthood.

Front Cover: *Pictured here is a small part of our Year of Faith banner, designed by Executive Assistant, Amy Yamamura. It shows our Sedes Sapientiae (Seat of Wisdom) statue which graces the front of our Main Chapel.*

Publisher: Reverend James L. McKearney, S.S.

Editing Team: Mrs. Katie Bailey, Mrs. Lauren John, Mr. David Kriegh

President/Rector's Letter

By Reverend James L. McKearney, S.S.

Here at the Seminary, God is reminding us of a time when we think of all the things for which we are grateful. The leaves are changing color, the air is getting cooler, and night comes earlier each day, yet we are continually blessed by the glorious climate of Northern California.

This is our 114th year and we had hoped to celebrate the coincidence of starting it with an enrollment of 114 men. While this would have been a poetic and symbolic coincidence, we ultimately ended up with 112 to start the year. However, four new seminarians are set to join us in January, so we will still miss the elusive 114, but we are nevertheless grateful for God's abundance and sense of humor.

We have so much more to be grateful for this season. Many of the things we do here were only made possible with the help of our generous donors, supporters and volunteers, especially those giving to

the seminary for the first time. We deeply appreciate these amazing gifts of time and resources to help the seminary reach its goals.

We are grateful that Archbishop Cordileone has shown great interest in our seminary and has pledged his full support of our mission. We look forward to carrying this fruitful and joyous relationship into the future.

We are also grateful to the many alumni priests who joined us, along with our new Archbishop, this November to celebrate Priests' Day. Seeing our former seminarians thriving as priests brings great joy to my heart and reaffirms how important our work in formation is.

Lastly, but certainly not least, we thank our Oblate Sisters and all of the refectory staff, who sustain our community every day with delicious meals.

We especially thank them for preparing our American Thanksgiving feast, celebrated by the St. Patrick's community the Friday before the Thanksgiving holiday.



This time of thankfulness and gratitude comes as the Year of Faith begins in the Universal Church, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. On this momentous occasion, our Holy Father Benedict XVI stated that the Church must be forward thinking in communicating the faith clearly with a new evangelization that is coherent for our particular times. We are flying a banner designed by St. Patrick's staff members to remind all of our commitment in this Year of Faith. Finally, as we move into the busy and festive seasons of Advent and Christmas, let us together take a moment to acknowledge and express our gratitude to our great God, for all the wondrous things we receive each and every day of our lives.

You can read more articles and updates from the President/Rector on our website at <http://www.stpsu.org>



Pictured in our Main Chapel from Left to Right:

Leonard Marrujo (Oakland)
Antonio Racela (Sacramento)
H. David Mendoza-Vela (Oakland)
Thi Van Hoang (Oakland)
Moses Brown (Santa Rosa)
Thomas Martin (San Francisco)
Dat Luong (San Jose)
Michael Syjueco (San Jose)
Ronald Torres (Sacramento)
Ernesto Madrigal (Stockton)
Arnold Parungao (Sacramento)
Mendie Nguyen (San Jose)
Benedict (Pradit) Wonganant (Oakland)

Not Pictured:

Juan Alejo (San Francisco)
Peter Hoang (Portland)
Antonio Silveira (San Jose)

The Diaconate Class of 2012

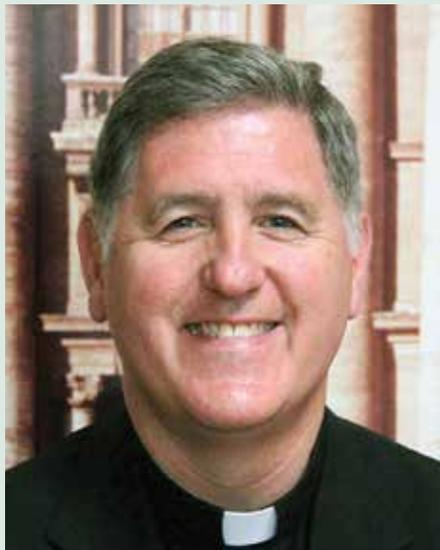
A Word from the Student Body President

By Andrew Spyrow

I am more than proud and pleased to have been nominated and voted in as Student Body President, representing all seminarians, both inside and outside Saint Patrick's Seminary & University. I plan to do my best to live up to the challenges of this office. However, this is not a one man job. I share the responsibilities of this office with my fellow elected seminarians. I am proud to be working with Justin Liu, our new Secretary, and Edgar Elamparo, our new Treasurer, as well as five Class Representatives and twenty new Committee Representatives.

"We are all in this together."

As our past President Ace Racela said when he took office last year, "We are all in this together!" I cannot say it any better. Our responsibilities began



Seminarian Andrew Spyrow

with the vigil and funeral of our Sulpician Father Gene Konkell, S.S. The next task was to prepare for the ordination of 13 of our Seminarians to the Diaconate, and then, the installation of our new Archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore J. Cordileone.

Many thanks to our prior Student Body President Ace Racela, Secretary

Ernesto Madrigal and Treasurer Andrew Ginter, and the Class and Committee Representatives who served in 2011-2012. This year's Student Council thanks you for all of your hard work and commitment.

As Student Body President, I am the Chairperson of the Student Council. Our monthly meetings involve formulating proposals, preparing for upcoming events, setting goals that promote community, and assigning duties for various functions. This is done in an environment of collaboration. I also meet monthly with our President/Rector Father James McKearney to keep him informed.

We look forward to being of service to the first superior of the house, Archbishop Cordileone, the President/Rector Rev. James McKearney, S.S., our donors and benefactors, and the entire seminary community.

St. Patrick's Seminary Student Council (2012 - 2013)

President: Andrew Spyrow
Secretary: Justin Liu
Treasurer: Edgar Elamparo

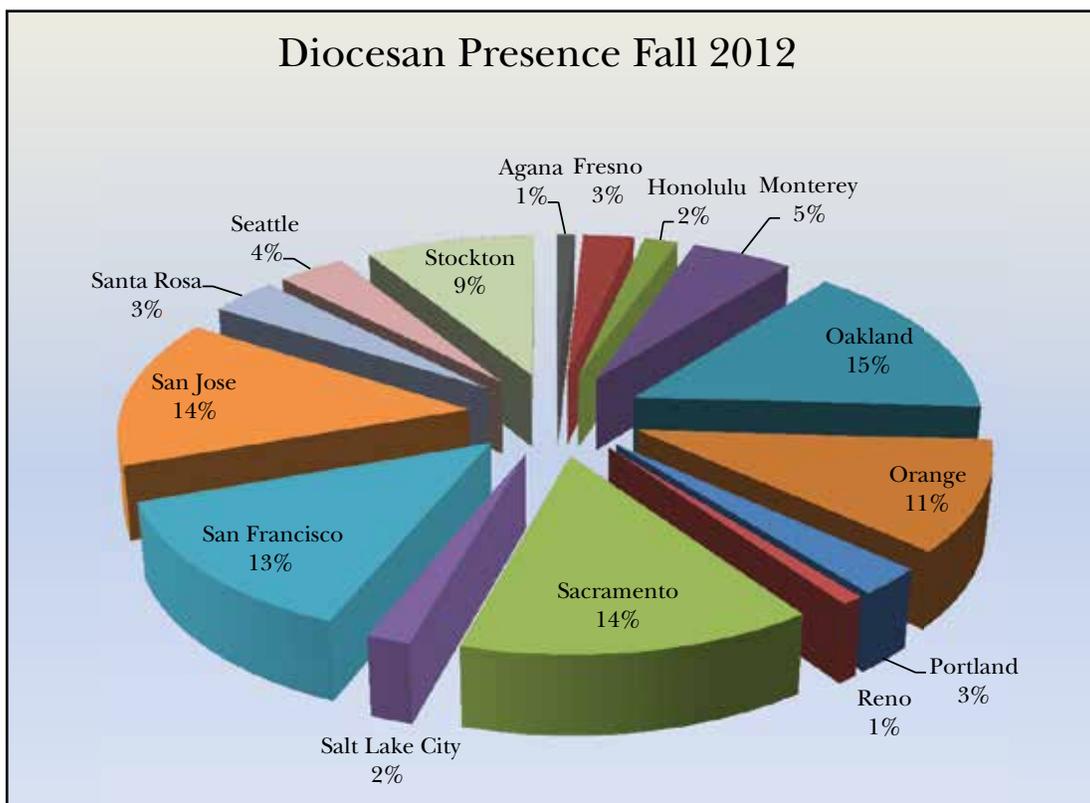
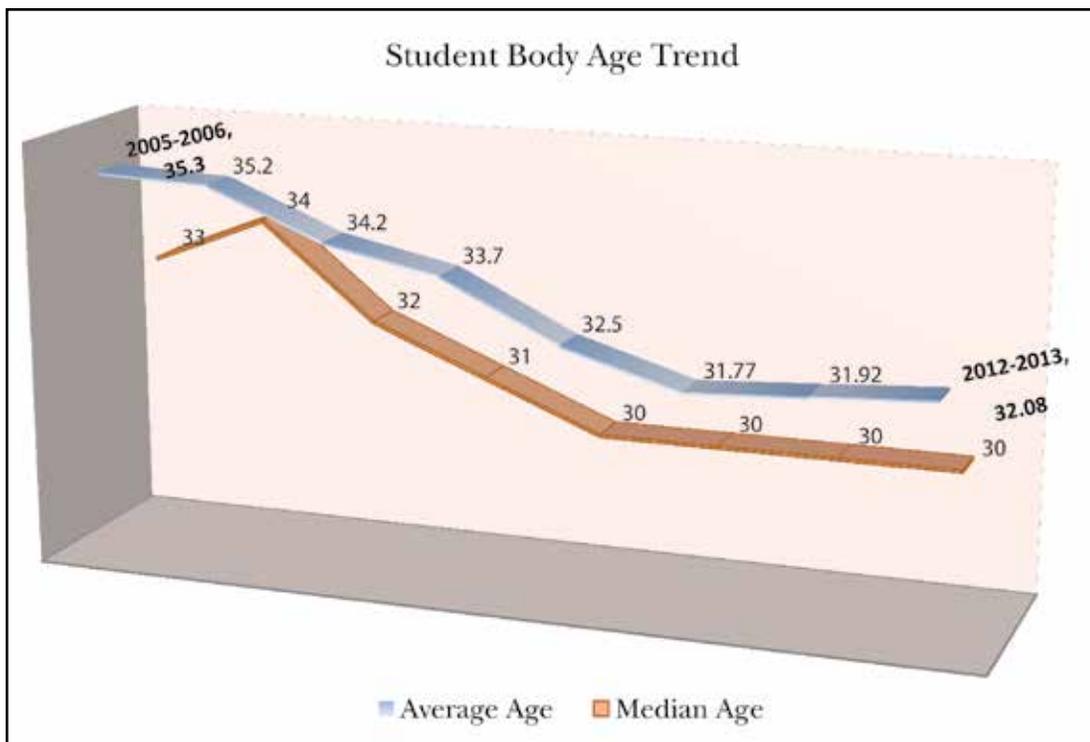
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Pre-Theology: David Lopez
First Year Theology: Joseph Malinis
Second Year Theology: Brandon Dang
Third Year Theology: Michael Pham
Fourth Year Theology: Leonard Marrujo

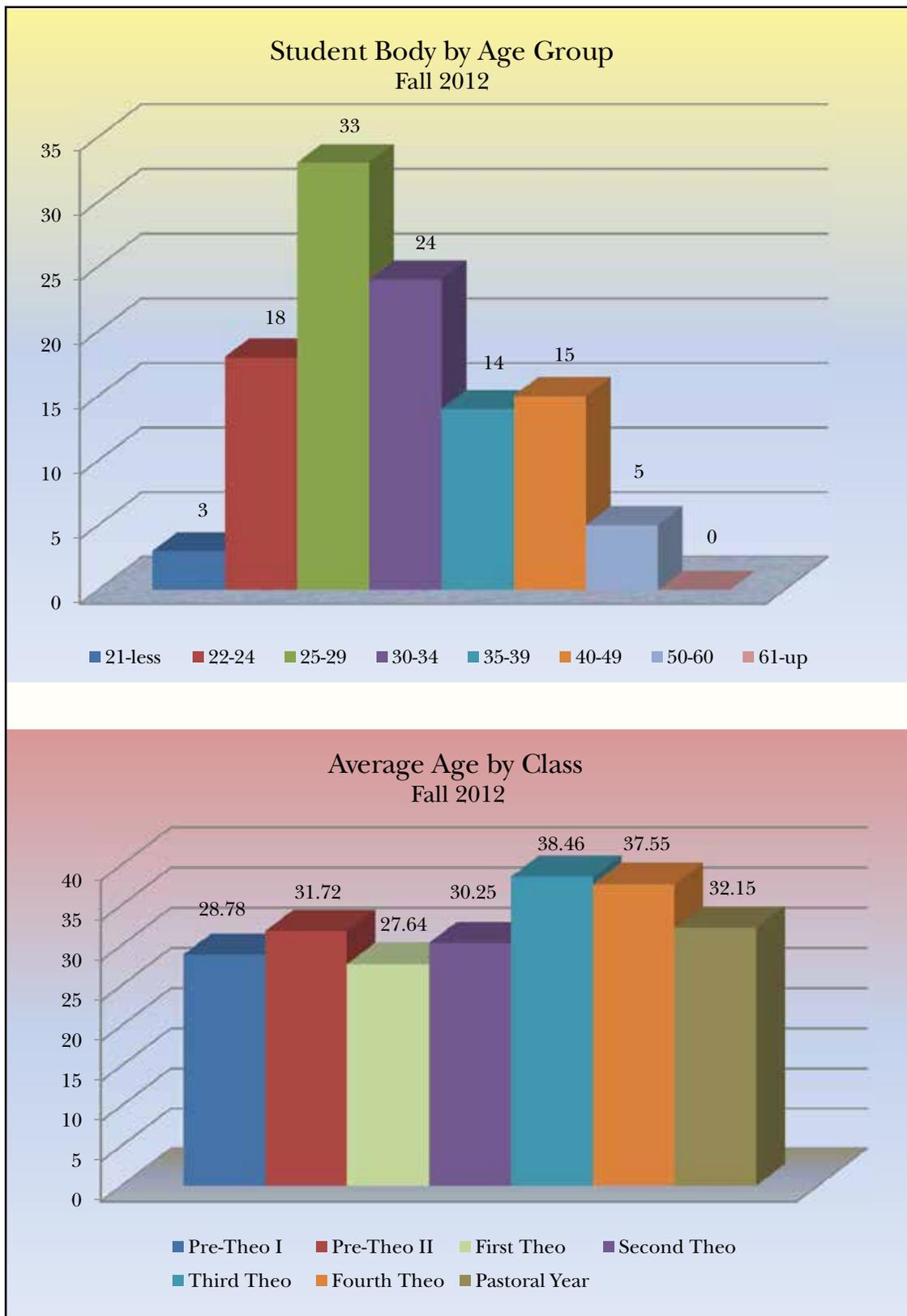
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Academic: Michael Andrade and Arnold Parungao
Community Life and Growth: Gabriel Lee and Tom Orlando
Ethnic Affairs: Victor Trinidad and Gepaul Carpio
Facilities: Richard Kidd and Ronald Manango
Field Education: John Ngo and Guadalupe Vargas
Library: Moses Brown and Chris Hoiland
Liturgy: Alfred Guerrero and Andrew Pacheco
Peace and Justice: John Duy Nguyen and Joel Rojas
Spiritual Life: Ryan Mahar and David Mendoza-Vela
Walk-for-Life Subcommittee: John Hoang and Manuel Rodriguez

Student Body Profile Report from the Academic Dean



Admissions Report from the Academic Dean





The Meaning of Faith

By Deacon Moses Brown

On my first day at the Seminary in 2006, Fr. Jerry Brown, then President/Rector, spoke about the Seminary as our new place of formation and growth in the Christian faith.

Many things have nourished my faith, but three have been particularly important: classes, prayer time and spiritual direction.

Our faith is deepened as we ask questions, and challenge each other, reasoning through discussion.

My time in prayer has enriched me. We have so many chapels to pray: our beautiful main chapel, the chapel filled with Eastern icons, and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Monday mornings we have lessons in different ways of praying, some multicultural, that may be new to some of us.

My favorite time to pray is as I walk through the many trees, flowers and plants on our beautiful grounds.

Each seminarian is blessed with an individual spiritual director – a priest who guides him in his walk toward God. Our spiritual director also helps us to deal with the obstacles on that spiritual path.

As I move from the Diaconate to Priestly Ordination in 2013, I feel blessed with a deeper awareness of

“My favorite time to pray is as I walk through the many trees, flowers and plants on our beautiful grounds.”



Deacon Moses Brown, seated to the right of Archbishop Cordileone

God’s love and mercy. I feel ready to serve people and to speak with them about the love of Christ.

I will return to my home diocese of Santa Rosa on the north coast of California with the intention of serving those who are in need. I will speak the truth of Jesus’s death and resurrection to those who do not yet know him.

Receiving God's Love by Faith

By Fr. Armando Gutierrez (Class of 2012)
St. Matthew Catholic Church, San Mateo

Every morning before putting my hands to work, I pray the Liturgy of the Hours and the Lectionary.

Faithfulness to this discipline gives me the courage as a newly ordained priest, to accept God's call to conversion daily.

Throughout my day, I am called to give spiritual direction, attend various parish meetings, counsel couples facing difficulties, and address the needs of various parish groups.

At the end of the day, when I reflect on these experiences, I thank God for his presence in our lives.

Also, I have seen that some parishioners who feel the worst and most in need paradoxically have a much stronger faith than mine; they would do almost anything to change and find a new life in Christ.

"...I have seen that some parishioners who feel the worst and most in need paradoxically have a much stronger faith than mine; they would do almost anything to change and find a new life in Christ."



Reverend Armando Gutierrez (Class of 2012)

I teach the lay ministers in the parish as St. Patrick's Seminary & University taught me, using original sources and commentary to support ideas. For example, liturgical ministers and I studied a section of Beal, Coriden and Green's *New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law* while reviewing the sacrament of initiation. I am also recommending the USCCB's study edition of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to catechists and catechumenates.

I am also teaching the Bible Study Group how to use a concordance.

St. Patrick's taught me to rely less on my knowledge, as if it were to be something exclusive to the clergy, and more on God's spirit working in His people.

"I am also teaching the Bible Study Group how to use a concordance. St. Patrick's taught me to rely less on my knowledge, as if it were to be something exclusive to the clergy, and more on God's spirit working in His people."

I share the rectory with other St. Patrick's Seminary alumni: Frs. Tony McGuire, Bill Ahlback, and Dominic Lee. St. Patrick's Seminary, adjunct faculty member, Msgr. Warren J. Holleran, S.S., joins us on the weekends, too.

They are joyful priests and I am blessed to be mentored by them. I also thank the Archdiocese of San Francisco for providing me with the opportunity to work with them. Their positive influence helps me to keep a balanced life between prayer, work, friends and leisure.

With their support, I hope to continue to grow.



Auxiliary Bishop, Thomas A. Daly, Diocese of San Jose (Class of 1987) addressing the Gala

A Night to Remember

By Mrs. Katie Bailey

On September 15, 2012, St. Patrick's Seminary & University hosted the 5th annual Four Pillars Gala. The Pillars are: Human, Spiritual, Intellectual and Pastoral; these characteristics enable Christ centered men to grow and excel. It was a wonderful evening, and over four hundred guests attended. Vespers began at 5:00 p.m. with President/Rector Reverend James L. McKearney, S.S. presiding.



Dinner under the stars

A Night to Remember cont'd...



The Seminary lights up for the Gala

Following vespers, the seminarians offered tours of the historic Seminary buildings and grounds, while cocktails and conversations flowed. As dinner began, Reverend Larry Goode, from the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in East Palo Alto, offered grace. The evening's entertainment included a raffle and live Italian music. This year's big raffle winner was library volunteer, Mr. Jim Johnson, who won the grand prize of \$10,000 and selflessly returned it as a donation to St. Patrick's Seminary.

The recipients of this year's Four Pillars Gala Award were the three Archbishops of San Francisco: Cardinal William J. Levada, the Most Reverend George H. Niederauer and the Most Reverend John R. Quinn. The audience was treated to a history of these three teachers, friends and leaders, with wonderful testimonies from Bishop William J. Justice and Bishop Tod D. Brown. We are forever grateful for their years of leadership and dedication.



Reverend Paul Maillet, S.S. in vespers



*Sr. Nancy Usselman, F.S.P.,
and Reverend Vincent Bui, S.S.*



*Most Reverend George H. Niederauer
and Most Reverend John R. Quinn*



*Cardinal William J. Levada receives his award
from seminarian, Cameron Faller*

Welcome Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

By Mr. David Kriegh

On October 4, 2012, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone was installed as the ninth Archbishop of San Francisco at the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

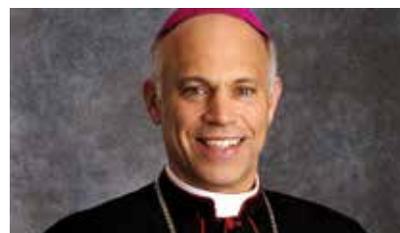
Archbishop Cordileone was born in San Diego on June 5, 1956. He graduated from Crawford High School in 1974 and from the University of San Diego in 1978, with a degree in philosophy. He then studied for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College and later earned a doctorate in Canon Law at the Gregorian University in Rome.

On July 9, 1982 he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Diego and served as Associate Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish in La Mesa, California. Later, as Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Calexico, California, he worked closely with the Hispanic community, helping immigrants and laborers.

In 1995 he went to Rome, where he served as an assistant at the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura. His studies and work in Rome gave him a global perspective on the Church. In 2002, he returned to California to fill the appointment of Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego at the request of Pope John Paul II.

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Cordileone to lead the Diocese of Oakland. His service as Bishop of Oakland gave him a deep understanding of the unique diversity of the Bay Area and a dedication to multicultural ministries. Two years later he was called across the Bay to be the Archbishop of San Francisco.

The Community of St. Patrick's Seminary & University congratulates and welcomes Archbishop Cordileone.



Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone



President/Rector Reverend James L. McKeamey, S.S. (on the right) during Priests' Day celebration



Archbishop Cordileone celebrates Priests' Day 2012 at St. Patrick's Seminary



Public Services Librarian, David Kriegh (standing), Library Director, Lauren John and catalog Librarian Wayne Davison (seated).



The Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Memorial Foundation Library – a gem at the seminary

By Mr. David Kriegh

The library at St. Patrick's is more than the place that holds the books. It also serves as a research and information center for the entire seminary community.

The library collection holds over 150,000 volumes, which sets the book-to-seminarian ratio at over 1000 to one—a ratio that is far beyond that of most academic libraries. When you walk through the front door, you will be just a few steps away from the reference room, which showcases our latest periodical holdings and excellent “starting” resources such as encyclopedias, almanacs and dictionaries. You'll also find valuable primary sources, such as the writings of the early Church fathers.

Just beyond this room you will find our growing collection of DVD's which both educate and entertain our community, as well as our special display tables arranged each year by seminarians. Head downstairs and

you will see the bulk of our theological collection.

With so many volumes available, how do you find exactly what you need? Our more recent acquisitions and most popular materials, such as the DVD movie collection can be browsed and searched via our online catalog, available to you anywhere, anytime at <http://books.stpsu.org>.

We suggest that you Bookmark it!

Our online catalog also serves as a wider information portal for the seminary and community, with links to Catholic news resources. You'll also find databases of journal articles you can search for and read from your own computer.

To date, our physical card catalog is still the workhorse of the library, containing records for approximately two-thirds of the collection. We're still catching up with automation because our records go back to the 1890's. We are constantly working to make more records available online—but plan to keep the card catalog physically in

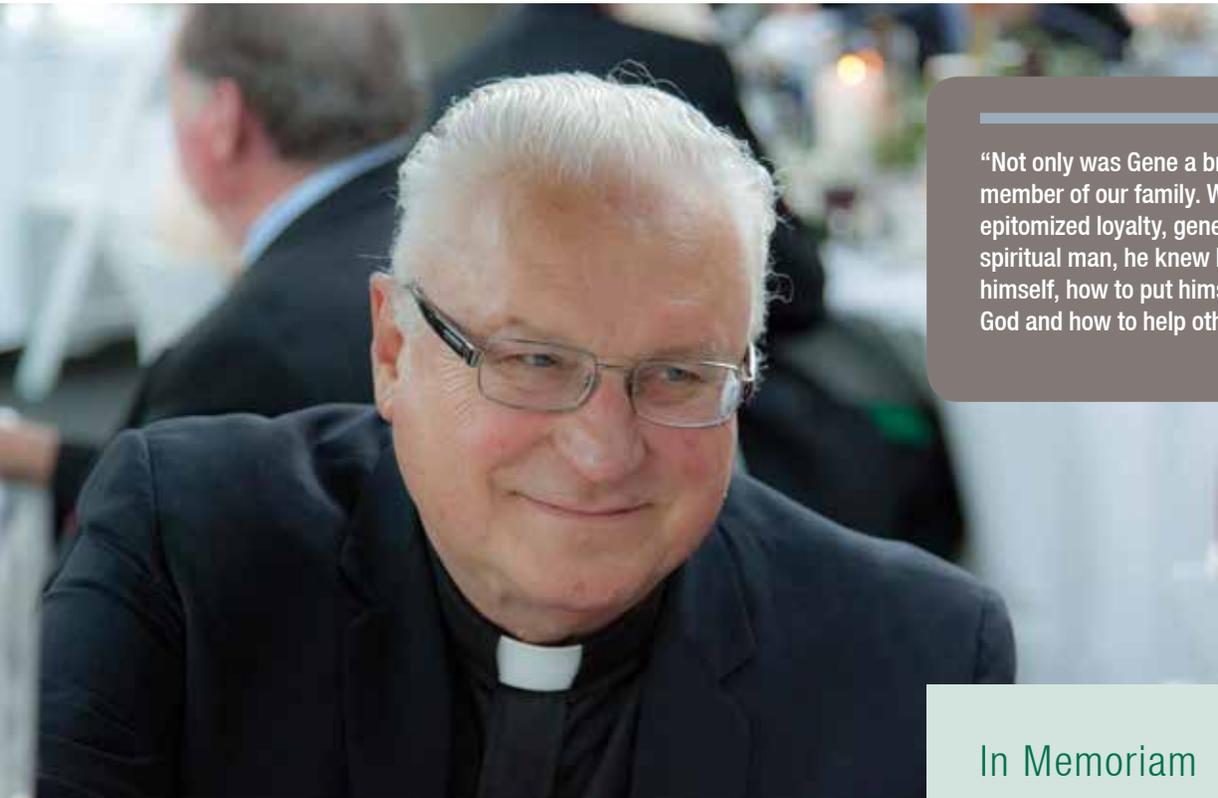
place, too, as an important part our history.

Since our collection has many unique and special items, we routinely get requests from libraries across the nation and around the world. In turn we are able to borrow hard-to-find books and articles from a large cooperative network of libraries.

None of this would be possible, however, without the generous financial contributions from our donors and the hardworking spirit of our volunteers from the community. The library team of volunteers, seminarians and the staff make the library the gem that it is through their inspired teamwork. Together we strive to make the library an exceptional academic, scholarly and ecclesial resource for our community of users.

If you would like to take a Library tour, please contact Lauren John, Library Director, at 650-321-5655 or lauren.john@stpsu.org

Rest in Peace, Father Eugene J. Konkol, S.S. (1931-2012)



“Not only was Gene a brother and friend, he was a member of our family. We loved him and still do. He epitomized loyalty, generosity and integrity. A deeply spiritual man, he knew how to listen, how to be himself, how to put himself into the hands of his loving God and how to help others do the same.”

-Reverend Jerry Brown, S.S.

By Mrs. Katie Bailey

Father Gene Konkol died on September 14, 2012, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at his home at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University. He was 81 years old.

Gene was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Elizabeth [Paczocha] and John Konkol, and grew up there with his sister Eleanor “Dolly,” and his brother, Richard, who have both preceded him in death.

He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1957, and held graduate degrees from Catholic University and Marquette University. He was admitted into the Society of Saint Sulpice in 1959. Father Gene taught at seminaries in Baltimore, Louisville, and Honolulu, and at Saint Joseph’s College in Mountain View until it was closed in 1989 after the Loma Prieta earthquake.

Gene was best known for his ministry of more than 35 years as a spiritual director. He also served as the Director of the Vatican II institute between 1976 and 2002. In his many roles, he touched the lives of countless people and will be remembered for his kindness and generosity, wisdom and humor. May he share in the joys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In Memoriam

Msgr. William Lenane, R’44
Larry Walsh, R’45
Rev. Angelo Re, R’54
Jack Baker, R’50
Michael Joseph Hester, R.53
Msgr. James O’Malley, R’39
James M. McDonald, R’56
Liam Wait, C’84
Peter Gosch, C’74
Patrick C. McLaughlin, R’66
Dominick Doherty, HS’79
Charles Dowd, R’64
Richard J. Siggins, R’47
Rev. Eugene Konkol, S.S., September 2012
Rev. Robert Cipriano, October 2012
Rev. John Bitterman, S.S., R’62, October 2012

Note:

- “R” indicates that the seminarian graduated in the Rhetoric Class of the stated year--the Rhetoric Class was the second year of College at St. Joseph’s, training students in oratory and preparing them to give sermons (homilies) at St. Patrick’s Seminary. At this time, the minor seminary included four years of high school and two years of college.
- “H.S.” After 1969, the minor seminary consisted of four years of high school and four years of college. The “H.S.” indicates that the seminarian attended or graduated from the high school.
- “C” indicates that the seminarian attended or graduated from St. Patrick’s College.

Thanks to Mr. Jim Murphy, St. Joseph’s College, R’64, for explaining these initials.



Board of Trustees

Most Reverend George H. Niederauer
Archbishop of San Francisco
Chair, Board of Trustees

Most Reverend William J. Justice
Auxiliary Bishop,
Archdiocese of San Francisco

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Bishop of Salt Lake City

Most Reverend Tod D. Brown
Bishop of Orange

Most Reverend Thomas A. Daly
Auxiliary Bishop
Diocese of San Jose

Reverend Msgr. James T. Tarantino
Moderator of the Curia

Reverend Msgr. Francis V. Cilia
Vicar General, Diocese of San Jose

Reverend Thuan V. Hoang

Reverend Raymund Reyes

Sr. Rosina Conrotto, P.B.V.M.

Ms. Laura T. Bertone

Mr. Richard P Hannon
Chief Financial Officer,
Archdiocese of San Francisco

Mrs. Anne Kearney

Mrs. Kerry C. Perez

Donor Acknowledgement Spotlight

Paul and Helen Spaete Scholarship Endowment Recipients

Mr. Christopher Kanowitz (Seminarian, 1st Year Theology, Diocese of Reno)

Rev. Wade Bjerke (Class of 2010, Archdiocese of San Francisco)

Rev. Michael Cox (Class of 2010, Diocese of Fresno)

Rev. Ivan Hernandez Melchor (Class of 2009, Diocese of Oakland)

Rev. Ivan Hernandez (Melchor) Class of 2009, Diocese of Fresno)

Rev. Justin Le (Class of 2009, Diocese of San Jose)

Rev. Andrew Nguyen (Class of 2009, Diocese of San Jose)

Rev. Tan Nguyen (Class of 2009, Diocese of San Jose)

Rev. Ernesto Orci, (Class of 2009, Diocese of San Jose)

Rev. Samuel West (Class of 2009, Diocese of Stockton)

Rev. Khanh Nguyen (Class of 2006, Archdiocese of Seattle)

Mr. Joseph Campos

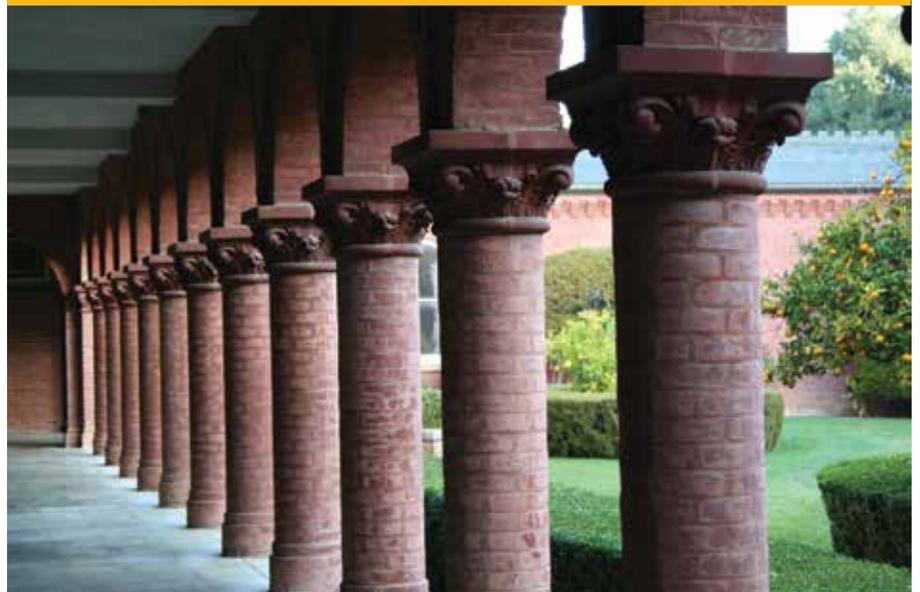
Mr. (Julio) Carlos Isaza

Mr. Philip Lugala

Dear Alumni,
Please stay in touch.

Let us know if you have moved
or have news or photos you would like to share.

Email us: advancement@stpsu.org





Saint Patrick's Seminary & University
320 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

www.stpsu.org

Non Profit Org
U.S. Postage

PAID

Menlo Park, CA
Permit # 9

If you would like to take a tour of our Main Chapel, here at St. Patrick's Seminary, please call Lauren John, Library Director at 650-321-5655 or e-mail at lauren.john@stpsu.org

Saint Patrick as seen on stained glass window in our Main Chapel

