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Dear friends and benefactors,

Praised be Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph. During the past month, both Fr. Gabriel and I have made our annual retreat. We have also worked on some projects around the seminary, attended our priests' meeting in Omaha, prepared for the annual Boys' Camp, and even found time for some vacation. Nino has been with us for the entire summer, thus far, and other seminarians have spent part of the summer here.

Speaking of Nino, we will wish him a fond farewell in a few weeks as he departs for the major seminary in Omaha. There he will join several other former seminarians from our minor seminary in pursuing his studies for the priesthood. Let us all continue to remember all these seminarians in our prayers.

Although it is very quiet and peaceful here during the summer, there is still much going on. Our chickens have continued to produce more than a dozen eggs daily, most of which are given away. Our cherry trees (one of sour "pie" cherries and the other two of sweet cherries) have been harvested and their fruit will last for some time to come. Bro. John is helping Fr. Gabriel with the project of refinishing our seminary pews, and the sanctuary in our seminary chapel has also been prepared for new flooring. So, all in all, the seminary remains a busy place.

Now we are beginning in earnest to prepare for the new school year, which will soon be upon us. I know that we can count on your prayers for the success of our upcoming tenth year of operation. Certainly prayer is the solution to the critical need for more

vocations. It is the only means given us by Our Lord for obtaining the grace of vocations. ("Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest.") Remember, however, not only to pray for more vocations, but also to daily commend in prayer those young men who have entered the seminary, that they will "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." For we need, above all, holy priests.

We are most grateful for your prayers and financial support, and we remember our benefactors in our daily prayers. The daily monthly Mass for our benefactors is considered a sacred obligation by us. God will certainly reward you for your support, without which we could not continue this work. *Spes Messis in Seminē.*

Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

Good-bye to one of our seminarians

by José Castellanos, gr. 12

I met Nino ten months ago. This was very interesting at first, because when he arrived here at the seminary, we introduced ourselves to him and we all engaged in a conversation of about 20 minutes before we went into the chapel to pray the rosary. He told us about his favorite foods and games in the Philippines.

After the first few weeks he started getting used to all his surroundings. But then after a couple months, when he was almost used to everything, there was another thing he had to start getting

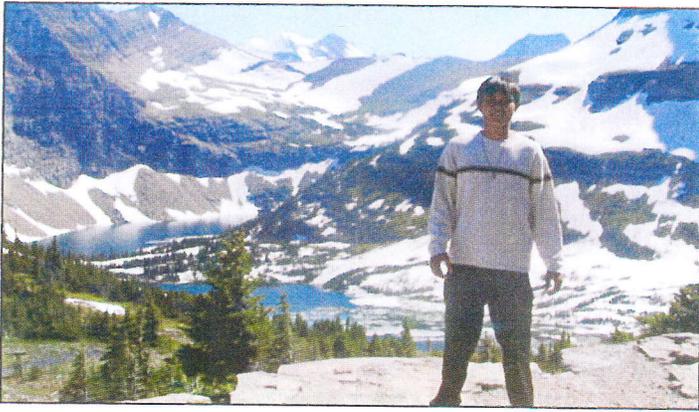
used to — the cold and snow here in Idaho. At first he used to say every morning, "Oh! So cold," when it was about 50 or 60 degrees. Eventually, however, after a cold spell, when the weather warmed up to 40 degrees, he would go out and say, "Oh! So warm." So he was very funny and a very nice friend to all of us.

When the basketball season started we were glad that we had Nino on our team because he is a good player. Consequently, our team did very well this past school year. I love basketball too, so I used to play with Nino a lot and we just played one-on-one. We had quite a few highly intense games.

Nino has also been a good example for all of us here at the seminary, because he works diligently in school, he is pious, patient, and is always light-hearted. We are all happy for him that he is going to Omaha to continue his studies for the priesthood. And we pray for him as well as for Caleb and all the seminarians that are in Omaha. Although we are going to miss him as much as we miss Caleb, they will always be in our prayers and in our hearts.

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Nino takes in the view while hiking in Glacier National Park.



Nino visited the historic church at Cataldo Mission in Idaho.



Wildlife abounds in the Park.



You lookin' at me?



Fr. Lavery poses with a family from Kalispell, Montana.



Bro. John refinishes pews for our seminary chapel.

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