



# THE GUARDIAN

As you can see by our articles this month, the main event during December was the ordination of Father Augustine in Omaha. We seminarians were greatly privileged to be able to attend that magnificent ceremony, and it is something we will never forget.

Now that we have two priests at the seminary, there are more Masses to serve. Sometimes, there is only one public Mass of the day, which means that one of us will go over to the church to serve a private Mass for the other priest. On other days, there are two public Masses. So this means more opportunities for us to serve the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

The weather is turning decidedly colder, so that means there will be a white Christmas in the northwest.

But wherever you are, we hope that you have a wonderful Christmas season and a joyful New Year.

## Mon Pere's Ordination

*by Nicholas Middleton-Ensign, gr. 9*

It all started during the Second Week of Advent, when suddenly I found myself stuffed inside a white van with four other teenage boys and two men, ready for a brutal 22 hour "road trip." When all was done, we teenagers survived the way there, with the exception of poor Thiet, who was tickled (also known as being brutally tortured) for about 90% of the trip.

Once in Omaha, we got out of the van and went to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. A couple hours later, we were ready for bed and slept

## January Calendar

- 5 – Resume classes; blessing of Epiphany water
- 6 – Feast of the Epiphany; special observances
- 19 – Semester Break; Ski Day
- 22 – Third Quarter begins
- 24 – Priests' visit to the seminary

until Brother Sebastian, CMRI, (one of our superiors) conveniently woke us up in time to go to the 6:00 am Mass. For me, it was the first time I had ever seen four Masses going on at the same time, in the same church (three at the front altars, and one in the choir loft altar). It was stunning, but nothing compared to what was to come.



*Thou art a priest forever!*

Around 8:00 am the church bells began to ring, the organ began to play, the choir began to sing, and the procession began its debut down the aisle. It was quite aesthetically pleasing as the procession emerged into the sanctuary, with the Bishop presiding.

The first part of the ordinations seemed to repeat itself several times as the minor orders and the first two major orders were bestowed upon the

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blessed young men. However, once the preliminary ordinations were complete, we started into a much more illustrious ceremony, as Father Augustine Marie (*Mon Pere*) received the sacred priesthood. After the Bishop laid his hands upon him transmitting the Holy Priesthood, the other priests present did the same. The bishop then anointed the hands of the newly ordained priest. The ordinations ended with a cheerful recession out of the Church, and with the grand choir singing angelic hymns.

After the ordinations, there was a reception where I got to meet and talk with many of our newly-ordained clerics, and offering my sincere congratulations to all of them (especially *Mon Pere*). The ordinations were both a beautiful and sensible way to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe.

Sadly, our trip was cut short, as the news of a snow storm forced us back to the seminary one day early, but all in all, it was a magnificent privilege to have been able to go on this trip.

the snow falls and whitens the dry grounds of the Arctic tundra of northern Idaho. And because of this cold most of our time is spent inside, limiting our outside activities. For there now is basketball down in the gym as we begin our practices with the high school boys. And also, the snow outside can be fun for we all can have snow ball fights, go sledding and skiing, and build a snow man. But as much as these water crystals can be fun, there is work involved too, such as plenty of shoveling to do.

There are other aspects to look at as well, besides the fun. For there is a time for recreation and then there is a time of work and study. For we see that we have already finished the first semester and so we are halfway through the school year. So let us look back at our efforts and make a resolve to do better. For some time we students may put in a little less effort compared to the first half, because we get tired from the school routine of waking up early, and then classes and homework etc. But we should resolve that in this new semester we will do better than we have done before and ask Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother to help us to do so. And so let us make this New Year one in which we become closer to our Creator who is our ever loving Redeemer.



*The Rocky Mountains loom in the distance along I-90.*

## A Brand New Year

*by Robert Kolinsky, gr. 12*

**G**uess what? After we all have our Christmas break, we will come back to school and see that a whole new year accelerates. Yes, another year which is the year of 2018 in the year of Our Lord. It is another year for us on this earth. And we all should look at it as another chance for us Catholics to sanctify our souls and get closer to God. And in this article I will give you a little look on what will be going on at the seminary in this little town of Rathdrum as the year begins to unfold.

Now this month of January, of course, is a time of winter. For the New Year brings forth the season in which

## Adventure to the High Altar

*by Dominic Scherling, gr. 10*

**T**he morning came when the adventure to Omaha was scheduled. It was December 10<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday of Advent, and we were all ready to depart. After the early Mass at the City of Mary, everybody who was going on the trip, Brother Sebastian CMRI, Mr. Gerard Keaveney, Mark Vincent Jr., and us four seminarians, ate a hearty breakfast, loaded up the last of our things and set out for Omaha. The weather on the forecast for our entire trip was looking very

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*Father Augustine Marie gives his first blessing to his parents at the conclusion of the ordination Mass.*



*Winter means basketball in the gym.*



*Father Augustine offered his first solemn Mass on the feast of Saint Lucy.*



*Mark served one of the early morning Masses on our last day in Omaha.*



*With the many priests present for the ordination ceremony, multiple Masses were offered at any given time each morning.*

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good (snow-wise), and it was scheduled to be clear skies and sunny. Finally, we set out on our glorious trip to Omaha.

It was not long on our trek, that Brother Sebastian and I spotted two bald eagles. After a few hours, we already had a time change, and had to set our clocks ahead one hour. As we made our way through the mountain passes, the views increased in beauty and magnificence as the sun glimmered over the mountain tops. Soon enough our journey took us into Montana. Many of you know that

much of Montana is very plain and flat, but I personally loved the scenery and the climate. At the end of day one, we ultimately exited Montana and found ourselves in Wyoming. That night, we stayed in Buffalo, Wyoming, at the hotel Days Inn.

The next morning we ate breakfast at the hotel, then set off for the other half of our adventure. While we slowly approached the point in time when

our journey would end, I was trying to make plans to go to dinner with my brother, P.J., who is a senior and boarding at Mater Dei Academy. Sooner or later, the plans came through and I was able to spend time with my awesome brother.

Finally, we arrived at our destination. We made a brief visit to Our Lord, and then departed to the house where we were privileged to stay. This adventure to Father Augustine's ordination was one of the best road trips of my life!



*On the way home we stopped for a visit to the memorial for Custer's Last Stand.*

## “Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus”

During the Christmas season we gaze at the lovely manger scene in our churches, chapels and homes. There we see depicted the Infant, His holy Mother, the angels, shepherds, animals, magi, and... standing silently in his role as guardian, Saint Joseph. What must have been the thoughts of the foster-father of Jesus, as he gazed at the adorable Christ Child, the new-born Savior?

Just as the archangel Gabriel had revealed the name of the Child to Our Blessed Mother at the Annunciation (Luke, 1:31), so also did an “angel of the Lord” tell Saint Joseph: “thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save

His people from their sins” (Matthew, 1:21). One can only imagine the reverence and joy with which this blessed man uttered the holy name, for to him, as father, was given the right and privilege to apply the divinely-chosen name to the Child.

January is called the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. Let us during this month recall the sanctity of that

name and often lovingly invoke the holy name of Jesus. As Saint Bernard puts it so well: “No voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find, a sweeter sound than Thy blest Name, O Savior of mankind!”

We pray that you, our readers, will receive many blessings from the Infant Jesus during this New Year of 2018. Please continue to pray for our seminary and for more vocations. And may God reward you for supporting this important work.

*Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI*