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Summer is nearly over and the new school year fast approaches. Our first issue of *The Guardian* begins a new practice as we will feature each month the seminary schedule of events. This will help you keep up on what is going on here at the seminary.

As we did for our September issue last year, we also provide a brief description of our staff. This does not include elective teachers, whom we will tell you about in a future issue.

Our class schedule this year will expand to include the junior level. We have included on the second page an outline of this year's curriculum so that you can see what classes the various seminarians will be taking. Also, in our next issue we will give you a brief description of our new seminarians.

Finally, we have also included with this issue a card with a prayer to

St. Joseph. As Father explains in the final article, we ask that you recite this prayer daily for the success of our seminary.

The beauty of God's house

One of the most fascinating stories of the Old Testament is that which tells of the construction and dedication of the temple. King

David wished to build the first temple, but that task fell to his son and successor, King Solomon. No material was considered too precious, no expense too great for the house of God.

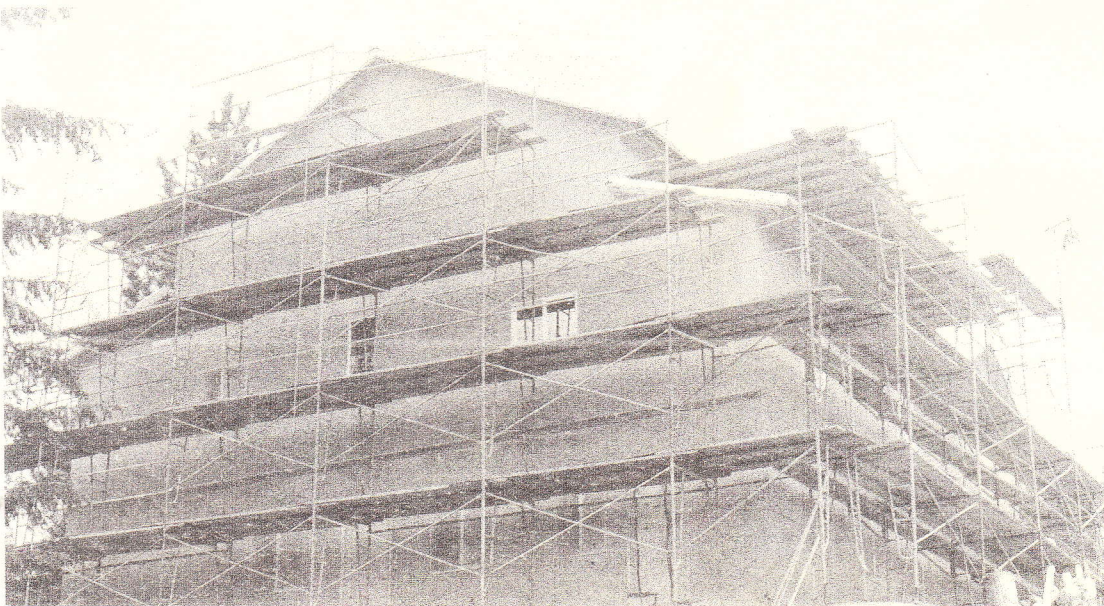
These thoughts come to mind as we watch the construction work on our parish church. The seminary is located on a large parcel of ground belonging to Mary Immaculate Queen Church. This

September calendar

- 6 — Seminarians arrive; orientation
- 7 — First day of classes
- 8-9 — Camping trip
- 12 — Kevin's 16th birthday
- 27 — Philip's 16th birthday
- 29 — Feast of St. Michael (no home-work)

parish church was built 30 years ago and has outgrown the original dimensions. The sanctuary and sacristy were especially too small, so an expansion project has been underway over the past year. During this past summer that building project has been moving steadily along, under the guidance of Mr. Cornel Strain and Mr. Mark Vincent.

We are still a good way from completion and it is sometimes difficult to have to contend with the various changes in the sacristy, but the prospect of the new sanctuary, when finished, is much anticipated. The expanded facility will allow us at the seminary to have liturgical ceremonies in a larger and more fitting setting. While not as magnificent as Solomon's temple or St. Peter's basilica, Our Lord is surely pleased with the efforts to enlarge and beautify His house here.



A view of the south side of the parish church during remodeling.

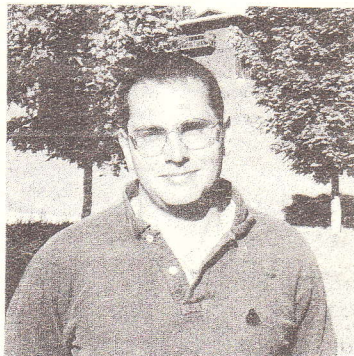
Meet our staff

The following is a brief description of our staff members and the classes they will teach this year at St. Joseph Seminary.



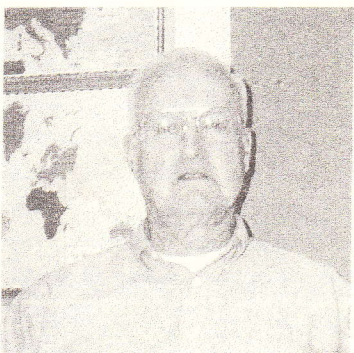
Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

Fr. Benedict will once again serve as rector of St. Joseph Seminary. He will also teach Theology to all students, as well as Latin II, English Grammar and mathematics (all levels) to the seminarians.



Mr. Mark Glenn

English Literature and phys. ed.



Mr. Richard Gilfoil

football and basketball. This year Mr. Gilfoil will teach physics to the juniors.

Fr. Benedict begins his second year of service at the seminary. A member of the Religious Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen, he made his first profession of vows in 1974 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1979. Father is an experienced teacher who has taught for more than 20 years, both on the high school level and in the major seminary.

Mr. Glenn is a new addition to our teaching staff, having just moved to Idaho with his wife Vicki and five children from Cincinnati. Mark's college education, at the University of Cincinnati, centered on history and foreign languages. We welcome his expertise in these fields.

Mr. Glenn will teach Latin I, Italian, U. S. History, to the seminarians. He will also have a weekly elective class.

Mr. Gilfoil is a retired teacher who helped out last year by teaching health and science. He received his education at the University of Dayton, graduating with a degree in history and social studies, and a degree in health and P. E. He has taught at public and private schools and has coached both



Mrs. Athena Abernathy



Mrs. Donna Carpenter

Mrs. Abernathy graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor of arts degree in biology. Athena taught biology and was music director for a year at Loyola Sacred Heart High School. She is also the mother of eight children. An accomplished pianist, Mrs. Abernathy will teach choir and music appreciation at St. Joseph Seminary.

Mrs. Carpenter's job has increased this year with several more mouths to feed. She keeps the seminarians healthy and happy with her culinary skills. In addition, she performs various tasks around the seminary, such as taking care of the garden and flower beds. Mrs. Carpenter will continue this year as our main cook and also teach home

economics.

Curriculum

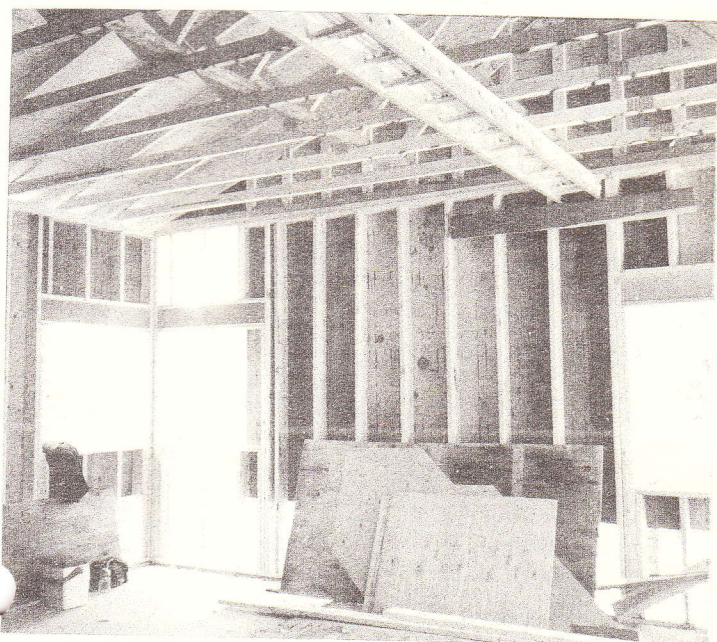
The following curriculum will give you an idea of the subjects which the various seminarians will be taking this year.

<u>Freshman</u>	<u>Sophomores</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
Theology I	Theology II	Theology III
Latin I	Latin II	Latin II
English I	English II	English III
Algebra I	Algebra II	Advanced Math
U. S. History	U. S. History	U. S. History
Italian I	Italian I	Italian I
Phys. Ed.	Phys. Ed.	Physics
Elective*	Elective	Elective

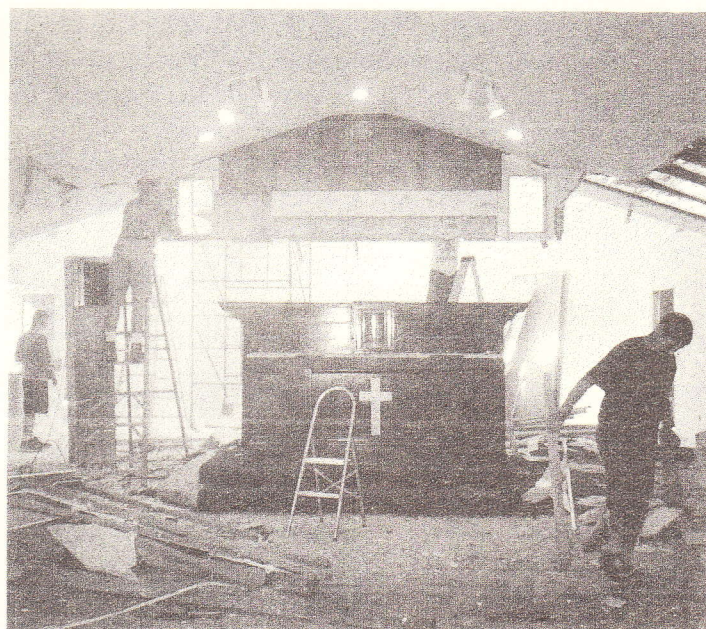
* Electives are taught every Wednesday and include auto shop, leather shop, archery, and home economics.



In the early stages of the church remodeling project, Mr. Cornel Strain and daughter Jacinta place forms for new foundation.



The new sacristy is framed in.



Volunteers remove the old wall from behind the altar.

A new and better year

I would first like to thank those who responded to our appeal for scholarship support. We still have several students who are in need of some support funds to complete their tuition payments. If you would like to help with this, please let me know.

Well, the summer tasks have been mostly accomplished here. With the help of Mrs. Carpenter and members of the seminary guild, as well as that of some of the seminarians who live in the area (particularly Fulton, who has spent a lot of time here), we have washed windows, painted walls, built book shelves, cleaned carpets and rooms, split and stacked fire wood, and sorted books, to name a few of the tasks.

The summer has not been without an opportunity for some relaxation, however. In mid-August some of the seminarians and a couple boys of the parish joined me for a brief camping trip and some swimming and water-skiing. We thank Mr. Gary Petzinger for the use of his boat. That was a great way to quench the heat of this past summer!

Finally, I would like to ask that you all join in praying daily for the success of our seminary. Not only each of us individually, but our enterprises as well, are utterly dependent on Almighty God for their success. The 126th Psalm expresses this thought beautifully in the words: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it." Our seminary has thus far been successful, thanks to God, but we have had only one year. I am sure that this new school year will not be without its crosses and trials. We can be sure, too, that the devil will not rest and leave us alone as we endeavor to please God.

So we ask that you pray daily the enclosed Novena Prayer to St. Joseph. This prayer card was distributed last year at this time, but many of you have joined our mailing list since then, and hence never received this prayer. We are blessed to have such a wonderful and powerful patron in St. Joseph. Let us beg his help in this work of the seminary. Surely, you could add this one prayer to your daily schedule of prayers?

As always, we are most grateful for your financial contributions, without which our seminary could not exist. May St. Joseph bless and reward each of you.

Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

Do you have a vocation?

If you are a young man of high school age who has a vocation, then St. Joseph Seminary may be the place for you. Our four-year course of studies offers the regular high school curriculum, with an emphasis on Theology, Latin, choir and foreign language. A well-rounded program of daily Mass, prayer and sports complements our academic schedule. For more information, write to the rector of St. Joseph Seminary at the address below.

Seminary Support Club

If you are not yet a member of the Seminary Support Club and would like to become a member, you may write to the seminary at the address below. Members pledge to pray for the success of the seminary and, if able, to send a regular financial contribution for its support.



Fr. Benedict picks cherries from one of the trees next to the grade school.

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