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So what happened to last month's *Guardian*? For six years now we have been publishing our monthly newsletter and are proud of our on-time performance. Like clockwork, we write our articles and send the finished product off to the printer towards the end of the month. The mailing is assembled and taken to the Post Office by the final day of each month.

In June, however, our proud record was broken. When we went to put out the mailing, we found that the computer would not print the labels! The software was outdated and would have to be replaced. Quickly, the new software was ordered, with the promise that it would arrive in 3-5 days. We waited. And waited. After 10 days Father called the company, only to find that our shipment had accidentally been put on the wrong truck and wound up somewhere in northern California.

Finally, the new disc arrived and the mailing was promptly sent out. We apologize for this inconvenience. The Father's Day names will be kept on the altar throughout June and July, and our triduum of Masses for Fathers will be offered in July, to provide adequate time for all of you to get your intentions to us.

The highlights of our final three weeks of school were the ceremonies for Corpus Christi and the Queenship, our annual trip to Seattle and the graduation of our seniors. His Excellency, Bishop Pivarunas, came for the graduation, which made for a memorable occasion. Peter and Cavan both gave speeches afterwards, thanking their parents, teachers and the parishioners for their support. They then loaded their things in their parents' vans and off they went,

beginning the next phase of their lives. We wish them well, especially that they always seek to do the will of God and are always a credit to our seminary.

Good-bye!

by Mr. Tim Duff

As some of you know, this is the last year I will be privileged to teach at St. Joseph Seminary. My crippled, ventilator-dependent daughter has developed asthma and the dry air in the Spokane area is not good for her. So we are moving back to Cincinnati because of its needed humidity (I never thought I'd say that!).

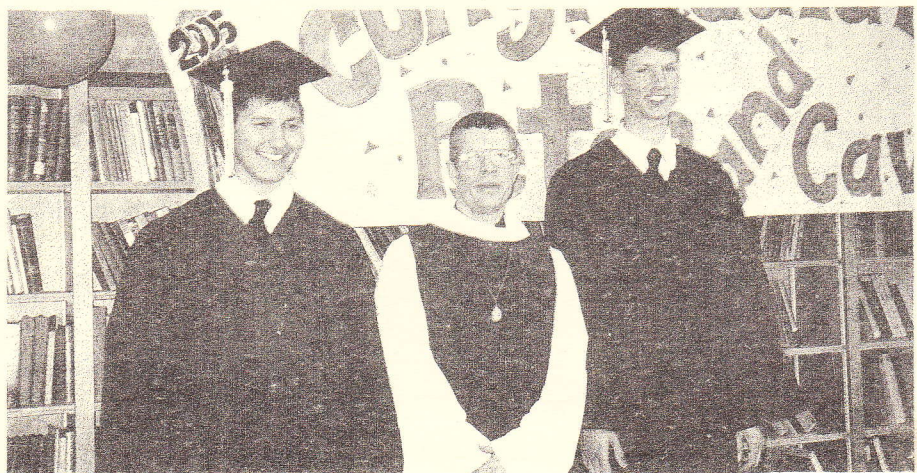
I wish I could express what an honor it has been to work for Fr. Benedict and all here at the Seminary, to be part of laying its foundation. Traditional Catholics must often start from scratch today, founding parishes, schools, convents and seminaries, but there may be nothing more difficult than starting a minor seminary, because of its narrowly-defined mission of educating high school

boys interested in the priesthood. However, the degree of difficulty may perhaps be surpassed only by the degree of importance.

There has already been good fruit from the Seminary—at least one vocation to the priesthood, and possibly one or two more in the near future. Let us all continue our Seminary support, especially our prayers and alms, so that God in His good time will draw the fruit He desires.

I wish to extend my personal and heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Benedict, to the parents of seminarians, to the staff, and to all the Seminary benefactors who have allowed me to labor in this special part of Our Lord's vineyard these past 4½ years. If any of you would like to keep in contact with me, my email address is timothyduff@earthlink.net.

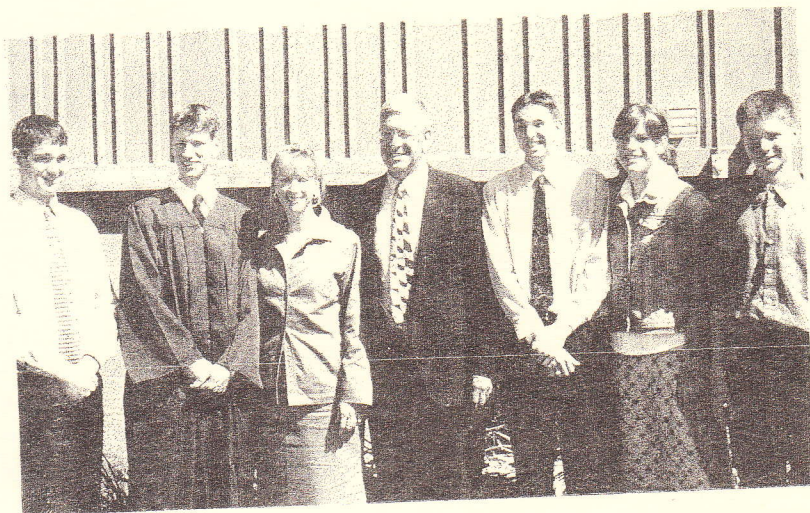
May God bless you all, and, as Our Lady said at Fatima, may her Immaculate Heart be your sure refuge and the path that shall lead you to God.



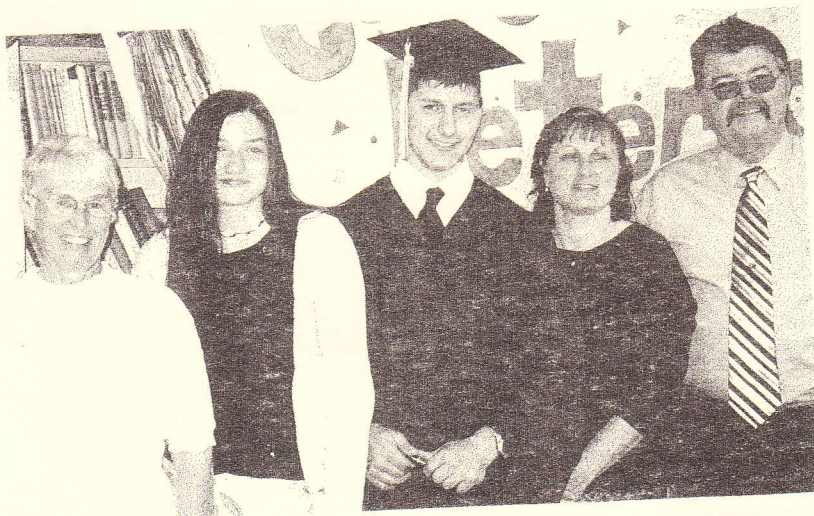
Cavan and Peter are all smiles after receiving their high school diplomas on June 4, 2005.



The seminarians are seen here at Seattle's Waterfront on their end-of-the-year trip.



Peter Linder's parents and four of his siblings made the trip from British Columbia, Canada, for his graduation.



Cavan O'Sullivan's parents, grandmother and sister are proud of his accomplishments.

Prayers in honor of The Precious Blood

taken from the Raccolta

O Precious Blood of Jesus, infinite price of sinful man's redemption, both drink and laver of our souls, thou who dost plead continually the cause of man before the throne of infinite mercy; from the depths of my heart, I adore Thee, and so far as I am able, I would requite Thee for the insults and outrages which Thou dost continually receive from human beings, and especially from those who rashly dare to blaspheme Thee. Who would not bless this Blood of infinite value? Who doth not feel within himself the fire of the love of Jesus who shed it all for us? What would be my fate, had I not been redeemed by this divine Blood? Who hath drawn it from the veins of my Saviour, even to the last drop? Ah, this surely was the work of love. O infinite love, which has given us this saving balm! O balm beyond all price, welling up from the fountain of infinite love, grant that every heart and every tongue may be enabled to praise Thee, magnify Thee and give Thee thanks both now and for evermore. Amen.

An indulgence of 500 days.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in atonement for my sins, and in supplication for the holy souls in purgatory and for the needs of holy Church.

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An indulgence of 3 years, if this prayer is recited during the month of July.

A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions for the daily recitation of this act of oblation for an entire month.

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Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, my Saviour and my God, for the spread and exaltation of my dear Mother, Thy holy Church and for her bishops and priests.

Glory be to the Father, . . .

Blessed and praised for evermore be Jesus, Who hath saved us with His Blood!

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, my Saviour and my God, for peace and concord among Catholic kings and princes, for the humbling of the enemies of our holy faith and for the welfare of all Thy Christian people.

Glory be to the Father, Blessed and praised . . .

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, my Saviour and my God, for the conversion of unbelievers, the rooting-up of all heresies and the conversion of sinners.

Glory be to the Father, Blessed and praised . . .

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, my Saviour and my God, for all my relations, friends and enemies, for those in need, in sickness and in tribulation, and for all those for whom Thou knowest that I am bound to pray, and willest that I should pray.

Glory be to the Father, Blessed and praised . . .

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, my Saviour and my God, for all those who are to pass this day to the other life, that Thou wouldst deliver them from the pains of hell, and admit them with all speed to the possession of Thy glory.

Glory be to the Father, Blessed and praised . . .

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, my Saviour and my God, for all men who are lovers of this great treasure and who are united with me in adoring and glorifying It and who labor to spread this devotion.

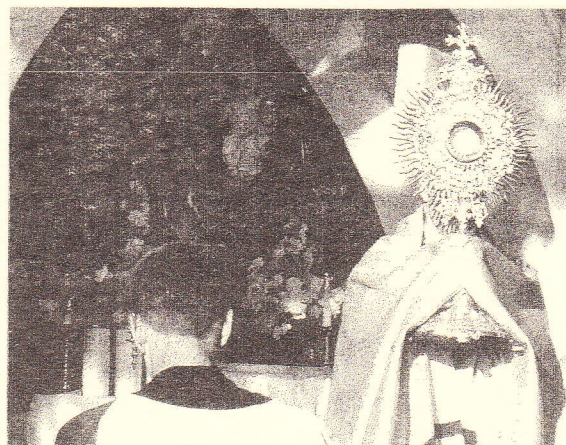
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Eternal Father, I offer thee the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, my Saviour and my God, for all my needs, both temporal and spiritual, as an intercession for the holy souls in purgatory, and in an especial manner for those who were most devoted to this price of our redemption, and to the sorrows and sufferings of our dear Mother, Mary most holy.

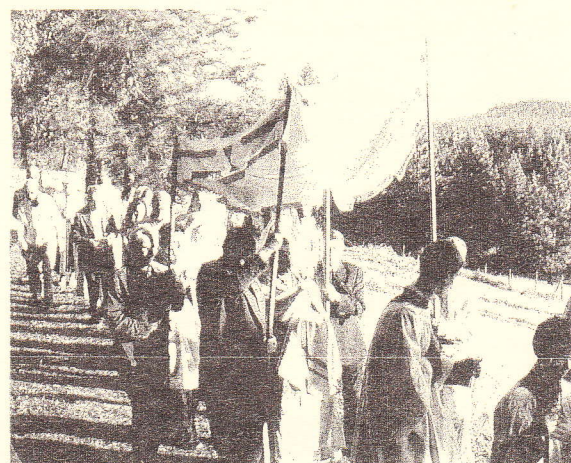
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Glory to the Blood of Jesus both now and for evermore and through the everlasting ages. Amen.

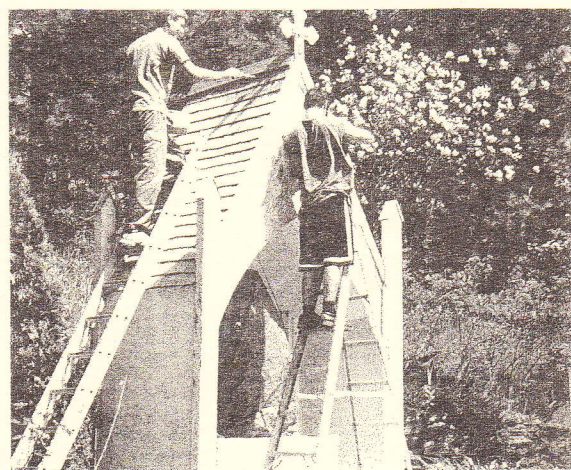
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During our outdoor Corpus Christi procession, Father stops at Our Lady's shrine to give Benediction to the faithful.



We were blessed with beautiful weather for our Corpus Christi procession in May.



The seminarians scraped and painted Our Lady's shrine in preparation for the Queenship Feast.

The price of souls

During the month of July each year the seminary seems like a ghost town. My focus is primarily on rejuvenation of body and spirit. Canon Law requires all religious to make a retreat each year, and this obligation is a great blessing that we all appreciate. I will also spend some time away from the seminary this month on vacation. Toward the end of July we will have our first Boys' Camp, something that we hope to continue each year. A Catholic Boys' Camp can be a means of promoting vocations from the early years, besides providing wholesome activity and spiritual guidance.

Of course, the work of preparing for next year will quietly continue, changing into a bustle of activity in August. In the meantime, we ask your prayers for vocations. There are several young men who are weighing an entrance into the seminary. Let us all pray that they will have the graces they need to cooperate with God's will.

July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus, one drop of which is of greater value than all our private prayers. Let us daily unite with the priest as he offers the Precious Blood in Holy Mass to the Heavenly Father. May the Precious Blood of Jesus bring down upon this world the graces needed for the perseverance of the faithful and for the conversion of sinners — for the salvation of souls for which Christ shed His Precious Blood.

May God bless you and your families. We thank you for your support and pray that we may all be pleasing to God, each day of our lives.

Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI



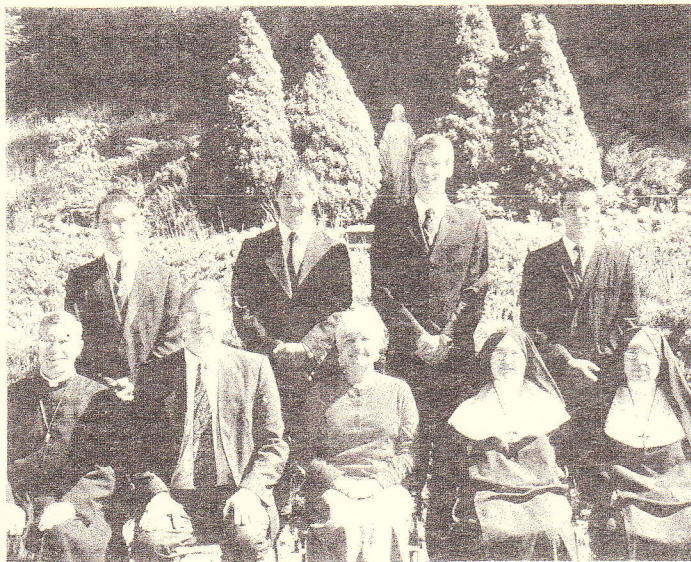
The newly refurbished shrine is a tribute to Our Lady.

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.

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.



The students, faculty and staff of St. Joseph Seminary pose for a group photo before leaving for the summer.

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