



THE GUARDIAN

April brought with it the triumphant Paschal season. During Easter week, we were fortunate enough to stay again at the lake-house on Lake Coeur d'Alene, thanks to the generosity of a parishioner. After this outing, it was back to the regular routine of classes and schedule here at the seminary.

Then, last week, we held our annual Forty Hours Devotion. At Mary Immaculate Queen, this is always held in April, the month of the Blessed Sacrament. Each seminarian attended several holy hours during this wonderful exercise.

Now, as we reach May, we see the end of the school year approaching. This last month is al-

shrine in the classroom. We pray the Rosary at a special time – 7:00 pm, after dinner, rather than at the usual 5:00 pm. Also, we have daily exercises in preparation for making or renewing the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, as promoted by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. We will make or renew this Consecration on June 1st this year.

On the second week of May, we will hold our Rogation Processions and then celebrate Ascension Thursday. A few days later we will leave for our annual camping trip during the third week. The fourth week will involve wrapping up academics, and then we bid farewell to our seniors who graduate

May Calendar

- 1 – Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker High Mass; mid-quarter
- 11 – Tonsure and minor orders in Omaha
- 11-13 – Rogation processions
- 13 – Diego's 15th birthday
- 14 – Ascension Thursday; seminary outing
- 25 – Memorial Day; no classes; Queenship procession
- 30 – Senior graduation; Confirmation
- 31 – Brothers' Vows ceremony

A Higher Calling

by Henry Bryson Tucker, gr. 12

“**A**nd I say to thee: That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matt. 16:18). How true these words are! Our Lord promised that the gates of hell will never win against the Church. Although the Novus Ordo Church has greatly weakened the True Church, Catholicism is still prevalent and not prevailed against. Even though there are less churches than before Vatican II, there are still many all around the world. There are many mission churches which, while having few parishioners, keep growing. It is very important that

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All kneel at the unveiling of the Cross on Good Friday.

ways a busy one here. Each day special devotions are held in honor of Our Lady. The seminarians take turns gathering flowers for her

on the 30th.

Please pray for us to have a great and holy end to our school year, as we continue to pray for you.

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all these churches have priests.

I recently had the privilege to go to multiple mission chapels with one of the priests here in Idaho. In addition to the drive, Father had to write a sermon, say Mass, hear confessions, and meet with parishioners. Witnessing the tireless efforts of Father, I really saw the importance of a priest.

What is a priest? St. John Marie Vianney answers that a priest is “a man who holds the place of God, a man who is invested with all the powers of God.” Who can absolve sins and give us the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No one except a priest can, not even Our Lady or all the angels. All worldly possessions and even the relics of the Church are not as precious as the fingers of a priest. These fingers, as the Curé d’Ars taught, “touched the adorable Flesh of

the grace of God.

We should congratulate and pray for the priests who were just recently ordained. These men will be doing the Will of God, assisting us, for the rest of their lives. These men hold the place of God. When we see a priest, we should do as St. John Vianney said and “think of Our Lord Jesus Christ,” because “the priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.”

“After God, the priest is everything.”

~ *The Curé d’Ars, St. John Marie Vianney* ~

The Great Schism

by *Diego Diaz, gr. 9*

During my short two-year stay here at the minor seminary so far, the seminarians have been split on one point—a point so important, so fundamental, and so crucial that it practically defines any teenage boy. This one indispensable point, that brings so much sorrow to the ears of Father Benedict, is: Which sport is better, soccer or hockey?

Okay, come on, whoever knows anything about sports knows that hockey is the best one, right? (buzzer) **WRONG! INCORRECT! FALSE!** Sadly, that is how most minor seminarians think. Poor, poor people, who have strayed from the path of truth. What do you learn in hockey? How to hit people? How to shoot a dangerous, heavy puck at a guy? Oh no, hockey is all about being a one-man sport. Teamwork? Ha, ha, ha, funny.

Now you see, soccer is a non-contact sport. I know that many people will call me a wimp, maybe even a baby, but let me explain: When the sport is non-contact, there are fewer injuries, which means a longer life. Also, in soccer, people don’t lose their teeth and eyesight, as there is no puck flying towards them at dangerously high speeds. Teamwork defines soccer. One man can’t take on the whole eleven-man team; how can he? Getting past eleven people who are trying to get the ball from you? I don’t think so. **IMPOSSIBLE!**

Okay, I will say this: soccer and hockey are even when it comes to skill. You can’t play hockey if you don’t know how to skate, and you can’t play soccer if you don’t know how to run. I would say they’re pretty even. As I mentioned before, this debate has brought much havoc to the minor seminary. It’s almost like the great schism. Of course, those who like hockey are in the wrong. I pity them really, poor people.



Father Aloysius (as deacon) and Fr. Martin (as subdeacon) assisted Father Benedict with the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday.

Jesus Christ... have been plunged into the chalice which contained His Blood,” and moved “into the pyx where His Body has lain.” St. John Vianney was once asked, “Does St. Philomena, then, obey the Curé d’Ars?” He replied, “She may well obey him, since God obeys him.” By this, he means that in the Mass, the words of a priest make Our Lord descend into the Host, something more powerful than the creation of the world. Are we obedient to our priests, listening to their teachings during sermons, or do we often ignore them?

The gates of hell will not prevail against the Church because it is the Church of God in which He is present in the Holy Eucharist. This is the Body of Christ which the priest placed in the tabernacle, the priest who baptizes, opening heaven to a soul, the priest hears who many confessions, absolving people from sin, the priest who gives up his life for his people. And of course, none of this would be possible without

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The Holy Thursday procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the church to the Altar of Repose



The Solemn Orations on Good Friday



The deacon chants the Gospel during the Mass of the Easter Vigil.



The blessing of water during the Easter Vigil



With the spring weather we have been able to go on more outings.



The Brothers have been busy butchering our pigs this past month.

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On the serious side, everything we do should be for the honor and glory of God, our loving Father and Guide. Did you know that you can give glory to God by playing sports? Crazy, right? Well, what if I told you that you can? To put it in the words of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII: "Sport, properly directed, develops character, makes a man courageous, a generous loser, and a gracious victor; it refines the senses, gives intellectual penetration, and steels the will to endurance. It is not merely a physical development, then. Sport, rightly understood, is an occupation of the whole man, and helps man to achieve that end to which all others must be subservient, the service and praise of his Creator."

May God bless you, and remember to always have recourse to Our Lady in everything. In desolation, tribulation, and in happiness, we must always remember her as she is the Mediatrix of all graces, and nothing that she asks is denied. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

The End Is Near

by Liam Isakson, gr. 8

Well, it is already May. The Lakehouse has been visited; Thanksgiving dinner has been eaten; Christmas was more than four months ago; Lent and Easter have passed us. And let us not forget that the end of the school year is in one month. I am telling you: time goes by way too fast. Lately, all the seminarians have been talking about the jog-a-thon, the camping trip, and, as I mentioned earlier, the end of the school year (which is what every single teenager in the world is looking forward to), and it has been getting pretty exciting. I am not going to talk about the jog-a-thon much (because I don't like running and I am not that fast). But hopefully it will be fun.

But what I do want to talk about is the camping trip. I am really excited about this trip because I love everything about camping – the hikes, the food, the fresh air, even the sleep is awesome – but the best part of camping is the campfires. They are always fun, whether we are telling scary stories or roasting marshmallows. What I am expecting from this trip is that we will go to the forest (can't tell you where) and make our own campsite and basically survive off all the stuff we brought (and hope we haven't forgotten something important like a tent cover) until we get back at the end of the week. That is pretty much what I'm expecting.

But the end of the school is probably even more exciting than the camping trip, because I cannot wait for summer. There will be no homework, no more memorizing math formulas, I will have more time to go outside, and what I am most excited about is that I can sleep in for at least two more hours. Overall, I think this year was really fun and I can't wait to see what next year will bring us.

Busy Doing God's Will

Of all the months of the school year, this month is the most beautiful. Spring is in full bloom, and it is the month of special devotion Our Blessed Mother and of our outdoor processions. But it is also the busiest month of the school year!

Try as I might to get things done in advance, somehow there are always many duties which accumulate toward the end of the year, which for us will be June 3rd. All of this keeps us quite busy, but that is a blessing. Indolence is a curse that drags down the soul into mediocrity and waste of time. That last of the capital sins, sloth, is a common danger to which we are all prone.

So we thank God for all the activities and duties, seeking to diligently fulfill His holy Will as we are kept busy in His service. May we all embrace our daily duties as the means of sanctification, calling to mind Our Lady's words, that the first penance which God requires of each of us is the penance of daily duty. It is also our means of sanctification and salvation. So let us fulfill our duties with generosity and love, always thanking God that He keeps us busy, for that is a blessing.

Be assured of a remembrance in our daily May devotions and prayers. May we all grow in our love for Our Blessed Mother this month. Thank you for your support of our seminary.

— *Father Benedict Hughes, CMRI*



The First Communicants lead the procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the opening ceremonies of the Forty Hours.

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