



THE GUARDIAN

The past month of May has been packed with activities. Our two Brothers who were tonsured returned from Omaha, and now we have to get used to calling them "Frater." We chanted the Litany of the Saints for all three days of Rogation and sang a High Mass after the procession each day. The next day for the feast of the Ascension we sang and served a Solemn High Mass. So there have been many liturgical activities this month.

We have continued throughout

spring camping trip. Fortunately, it didn't rain. We had Mass each morning at the campground and spent time canoeing, fishing and hiking. We also have enjoyed our trips to the park for recreation, such as soccer and disc golf.

By the time you receive this issue we will have had our senior graduation and will say goodbye to our two graduates. As our two seniors graduate and leave, we wonder who will be the new seminarians to join us next year.

Soon we will return home and



We held our annual Queenship procession on Memorial Day.

May with our devotions to Our Blessed Mother during her month. Each day a different seminarian gathers flowers for her shrine. We also join in on the public Rosary during this month. Toward the end of the month we had our Queenship procession.

Last week we had our annual

join our families for the summer vacation. We know that we must maintain our prayer life during the summer, and we are resolved to do just that. Please remember us in your prayers, that we persevere in God's grace and that there will be many more to join us here in the seminary next school year.

June Calendar

- 1 – Feast of the Queenship; Solemn High Mass
- 2 – Graduates leave on their senior class trip
- 3 – Annual School picnic
- 5 – School program; awards ceremony; closing ceremonies of the school year
- 22-25 – Annual religious retreat

Our Final Hurrah

by Henry Harris, gr. 12

At the end of every school year, we minor seminarians go on our annual camping trip. This year our camping trip was a little shorter than usual, but it was still tons of fun. We camped for two nights at Round Lake State Park and went fishing, hiking, and swimming.

We were there for three days. The first day, we set up our new Mass tent and made dinner. After dinner, we found out that we had forgotten our volleyball net, so one of us went back to get it. By then, dinner was ready; after dinner we played volleyball until it was too dark to see the ball.

The next day, we attended Mass at our campsite, made a nice breakfast of eggs and bacon, and discussed the plan for the day. We finally decided to hike to the top of one of the nearby mountains. The

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hike took about two hours, and the view from the top was amazing. We ate lunch there and enjoyed the scenery. After we got back, we played more volleyball and went swimming.

After swimming in the very cold lake, we made our homemade brats for dinner. Later, we went on a Rosary walk, or more like a rosary hike, up to a nice open spot on the side of the mountain where we built our own campsite, which we named Rivendell. We built a fire, brought up all our gear, and slept there that night.

The next morning, we packed up our new camp and hiked back down the mountain for Mass. Then, we packed up all our stuff into the trailer so that we could relax until we had to leave. We went swimming, fishing, and played a few games of spikeball on the beach. Later in the afternoon, we drove back to the seminary and had a delicious pizza dinner made by Father Aloysius. This year's trip was a little shorter than usual, but we made it just as fun.



We had some great volleyball games during our camping trip.

Summer Hobbies

by Liam Isakson, gr. 8

It is finally summer, and there are so many things to do! There is swimming, which is one of my favorite sports because it cools you off and is relaxing. Camping is another big summer thing to do. But I think the best thing to do in summer is hanging out with friends and family, which is a lot of fun.

There are many hobbies to do in summer like riding bikes, painting, sports like basketball and soccer, cooking, and getting a job. And there are so many more, but I want to focus on a few this month – in particular, getting a job. When you get a job, you realize you don't have to depend on your parents for everything anymore because you can make your own money. And with money you can buy food, drinks, gadgets, books, Legos, and whose knows what else. And you can buy things for your friends as well.



We enjoyed our campfire during our camping trip.

Summer is also a great time to go on road trips. Many families go on road trips and see cool theme parks or see National monuments or museums. Traveling during summer helps you relax and learn about different cultures while taking a break from everyday routines. Even the small trips close to home can be exciting and fun.

Summer is also the time to go to drivers' education and get your driver's license, because then you have even more freedom, because then you can drive to work or to your best friend's house when you are allowed and not have to beg someone else to drive you. So, I would say that if your parents let you go to Drivers Ed this summer that you should go try it out.

Finally, I would like to finish by saying that summer is a great time to get things done, but it is also a time to have a great time to make many good memories with your family and friends and make sure to keep all your loved ones in your prayers. Thank you and God bless America!



Bryson helps the Brothers make sausage from the pigs we butchered.



Mr. Keaveney joins the seminarians for some evening recreation.



Father Martin gives Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



A group of seminarians pose with Diego at his birthday celebration.



We prayed the Rosary daily during May in front of our May shrine at the church.



A requirement for graduation is a "senior project," which requires a PowerPoint presentation.



Mr. David Hyde is our history teacher.

Sport of the Year

by Louis Albin, gr. 11

One of the things that really stood out this year at the seminary was hockey. Ever since my first year here, Father Martin, our P.E. teacher, has been advocating for this sport. It wasn't until now, however, that we all caught on to his enthusiasm.

A primary reason for this new interest was our upgrade to ice hockey. Thanks to our benefactors, we enjoyed a lot of ice time at a local ice rink this second semester. We were even able to purchase some old hockey gear to use in our games. Then, in March, Father Benedict allowed us to go watch a hockey game played by the Spokane Chiefs. This was an unforgettable experience for us all.

Hockey, to me, seems to be one of the underappreciated sports of our day. Before I came to the seminary, I barely knew what this activity was. Now, it's my favorite sport – I even have a favorite team: the Dallas Stars – and I can't understand how anyone couldn't enjoy playing it.

In comparison with soccer, hockey involves a faster pace, requires greater skill and strength, and emphasizes teamwork more. With a small puck and fewer players engaged at a time, hockey is a faster-paced game than soccer. This intensifies the action of the game both for the players and for those watching.

Hockey players, in addition, have to be more coordinated and tougher than soccer players. While in soccer you simply run around kicking a ball, hockey requires that players first know how to skate and then be capable of handling the puck using a hockey stick. Also, the physical nature of the sport forces hockey players to be tougher than your average soccer player.

Finally, hockey requires greater teamwork than soccer, mainly due to its faster pace, but also because of the introduction of line changes. The players in hockey are constantly subbed out for one another in the

middle of play, which calls for intense coordination and teamwork. These are just a few of the aspects that make hockey the superior sport.

All of us certainly appreciated hockey this year. We are definitely indebted to those who supported us in that regard; this new hobby really helped make our recreation this year more enjoyable. Thank you to all seminary benefactors this year, and may God bless you all.

Another Year in the Books

As we conclude another school year, I look back with gratitude for all the helping hands who make this seminary what it is. There are dedicated teachers and religious, a secretary, benefactors, and helpful parishioners. Without any of these dedicated souls, the seminary would not be what it is.

Just as a beautiful church is incomplete without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being offered there, and without pious faithful praying in the edifice, so a seminary is only as successful as the students and staff make it. For truly, it is the people, not the buildings, that matter. So I am grateful to God

and Our Blessed Mother for bringing all these good souls together to help in this work.

Nor may we forget the good Catholic families that foster vocations. Although the call comes from God, it needs (like a seed) fertile soil in which to germinate and grow. Let us pray for more devout Catholic families, who will merit to receive this great blessing from God – that one of their own will be called to His service.

May God grant us the grace and fortitude to persevere in this work, and may He deign to send us many more devout young men to be trained for the work of laboring in His vineyard! Let us all pray for this intention. Be assured of a remembrance in our daily prayers at the seminary. May God reward you for your support of this important work.

— Father Benedict Hughes



Our seminarians, religious and teachers posed for a group photo in late May.