



THE GUARDIAN

The end of May and the early part of June were especially busy. After graduation and confirmation ceremonies at the end of May, His Excellency presided over the vows ceremony the following day. Fr. Martin Marie made profession of final vows, Brother Ignatius Marie professed first vows, and Marcel Mansfield was received as a novice, taking the name of Brother Mary Stanislaus.

On June 1st we celebrated the feast of Mary's Queenship with a solemn High Mass. The next day, very early in the morning, Father Martin and Brother Fidelis left with our two graduates (Henry and Bryson), along with Louis, who had completed his junior year, on their much-anticipated class trip to Europe. That same week we concluded our school year before the remaining students headed home for the summer. On the following Sunday (June 7th) we held our annual Corpus Christi procession.

In late June a group of religious priests and brothers gathered at the

seminary for our annual religious retreat. This event is a precious time of prayer and recollection, as we recharge our spiritual batteries and recall the important principles of the religious life.

We concluded the month of June with our annual parish picnic here at the City of Mary. Now our focus will be on preparing for the annual

A Good Slavery

by Leo Mansfield, gr. 11

In the early days, people were confused when St. Louis Marie De Montfort introduced True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. They thought that the idea of being a slave of Jesus and Mary was blasphemous. But what is

True Devotion? And why do people think it's bad? True Devotion, says St. Louis, is the safest, easiest, and shortest path to heaven. True Devotion is the giving of one's whole being to Jesus through Mary in everything that you do, becoming their slaves. People were confused when the devotion came to be because they thought that it would make Our Lady look cruel.

But no, we deserve nothing but to be her slaves.

It has been a year since I have made the Total Consecration. During the month of May we recited every day the prayers for the renewal of our Total Consecration. I

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Eight priests and brothers attended the annual religious retreat at the seminary in late June.

Camp Saint Joseph for Boys, which begins in less than three weeks. In the meantime, we religious will enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the seminary. May you all experience God's blessings upon your families during this summer period.

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thought that it was interesting going over the prayers again as I had done the year before, because last year I was the only one making Total Consecration for the first time. Also, I am currently reading a book called *True Devotion* which explains it in detail.

I first heard of Total Consecration from a book titled *Our Lady's Slave*, which tells about St. Louis Marie de Montfort. It goes through his devout life of being Our Lady's slave. He was continually doubted and was called a heretic by many, but by the grace of God he persevered in his devotion, led many souls to heaven, and converted so many people throughout his holy life.

Overall, I am glad that I made Total Consecration. I hope that we will continue to be better servants of Jesus and Mary and to have a better devotion to them. I highly recommend that you read the books *True Devotion* and *Our Lady's Slave*.

A Heart Can Only Love

by Diego Diaz, gr. 10

On a night in France in 1674, Our Lord gave a very special nun a very special something. What was this special something, you ask? Our Lord gave St. Margaret Mary His very own Sacred Heart. Our Lord bade St. Margaret Mary to be devoted to His Sacred Heart, and for that reason, He made her promises that would bolster her devotion towards His Sacred Heart. What more do we need? What more can we ask for? What better aid to us in our search for heaven?

Consider the love of a dad, who does everything for his family; he supports them financially,

puts food on the table, cares for their physical, mental and spiritual health, and does everything in his power to make sure that his children reach for holiness. Just think about all those things that a father must sacrifice to have a thriving and happy family. He constantly sacrifices his own wants and needs to see that beautiful smile on your face that brings him so much joy.

Think about how many times you wanted to play at the park, and how many times your dad played with you, although that last week he might have been working in the humid, boiling hot weather. Think about this, and say to yourself; "If my earthly father loves me without bounds, what is the love of my Heavenly Father?" Maybe



The outdoor Sacred Heart shrine was one of the altars used for Benediction during our annual Corpus Christi procession.

you might say: "Well, God doesn't have to sacrifice anything because He is in heaven." Oh, really? What is a father's greatest treasure? His family is his greatest treasure, and inside a family there are children. But God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for us.

As is widely known, Father's Day is in June, and it is also the month consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As should be done on Father's Day, everyone acknowledges and thanks his dad for all the sacrifices he has made for us. In all this, it sometimes seems like we forget about God and all his goodness, but He must always be our principal thought, for he gave us His own heart. For what can love, if not a heart, a most Sacred Heart. He gave this Heart to us.

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 on the last page. Members pledge to pray for the success of the seminary and, if able, to send a regular financial contribution for its support.



Many of our Altar Servers posed with the Priests and Brothers for a group photo.



The Brothers posed with the Bishop and servers after the vows ceremony on May 31st.



Brother Mary Stanislaus is received as a novice, as Brother Ignatius Marie waits to make his first profession of vows.



Father Martin was the celebrant for our Solemn High Mass for the feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Frater Anthony helped to organize a track and field day for the school children.



Henry received his graduation diploma from the Bishop on May 30th.

Vocations

by Ethan Priddy, gr. 9

Vocations are the special responsibilities God expects us to take on in our lives. There are three types of them. The first is marriage. The duties that come along with marriage include growing your family with having children, nourishing the family, and raising the children to be strong in their Catholic faith.

The second vocation is that of the religious life. The religious have many “branches”, such as the CMRI, Franciscans and other religious orders, secular priests, etc. I personally am not very familiar with how Franciscans, seculars, and even the CMRI Sisters live day-to-day, but the CMRI have a very simple lifestyle. They have Postulants, Novices, Brothers, subdeacons, deacons, and Priests, etc. On top of that, the Brothers have two different “branches” as well—lay Brothers, and Brothers studying for the Priesthood.

Finally, the third vocation, and also the most uncommon, is the single life. The single life mostly pertains to the support of the church in really any way you can think of (except the distribution of the sacraments). Vocations are very important on our spiritual journey through life. Our path to heaven is much easier when we follow our vocation. I have been told by my parish priest that one-third of people are called to the religious life, yet we do not have that many religious. So many vocations are sadly wasted in our day and time. This is a very sad and unfortunate thing, but it is also realistic. Let us pray for more vocations.

Twenty-five Years of Service

When we began the minor seminary 27 years ago, I was the only priest. There were several laymen who helped teach, and a dedi-

cated cook who prepared our meals. But that was it. Not only was I teaching, but there were the necessary details of paying bills, making out report cards, and numerous other tasks. I soon realized that a secretary would be indispensable for the seminary to properly function.

When I advertised for a secretary, I had no idea how blessed our seminary would be when a woman, who had just moved to our parish from California, volunteered for the job! Over time, Mrs. Rosalinda Salgado has taken on many tasks beyond her basic secretarial duties. In the early years, she often cooked for us, taught computer skills and speech class, and served as registrar and a teacher in the parish school. Somehow, as her duties multiplied, she found a way to get everything done, often working overtime.

Now it has been a quarter century since Rosalinda first offered her services as the seminary and parish secretary. That means

about 1,300 parish bulletins that she has typed, many phone calls she has answered, and countless other tasks that are part of keeping a parish, seminary, and school functioning.

I once read an autobiography of a 20th century priest who had accomplished a great deal. Toward the end of the book he credited his success to his good fortune of having a secretary who so capably handled his scheduling and all the other behind-the-scenes details that were indispensable for him to fulfill his duties. I can certainly say the same. Over the years there have been many dedicated volunteers who have made this work possible. Their reward will be in heaven.

May God grant us many more years of training young men for the priesthood. I am most grateful for your support and prayers. May God bless and reward you and all those who have contributed over the years to this work of maintaining a seminary!

— Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI



Mrs. Rosalinda Salgado has completed twenty-five years of service for our parish, school and seminary.