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From the rector

A blanket of quiet has descended upon St. Joseph Seminary, as I find myself its only inhabitant. A visitor last week asked me, "Aren't you bored?" This brings about a chuckle as I think to myself, "If they only knew!" Actually, I am not alone anyway, for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament dwells in the chapel. And the quiet provides the opportunity to finally get caught up on long-delayed projects.

The summer also provides the opportunity for travel—both mission and personal. I especially enjoy seeing members of the Seminary Support Club and hearing their comments on our newsletter. So yes, it has been a good summer. But now with just one month left, it is time to get busy on preparations for the coming year. There is much to do in the remaining month before school gets underway.

While the past six weeks have been relaxing, they have not been without the cross. St. Louis Marie de Montfort states that the Cross is God's greatest gift. That is a truth that is hard to understand, even harder to accept. And since the cross is a gift from God, let me tell you that I have been blessed this summer! In early July I experienced tremendous problems with my computer. Not only had it contracted a virus, it would not print, nor was I able to access e-mail. It took some time to finally get the labels printed for the July issue of our newsletter (which is why you received it later than normal). The problems are still not entirely resolved. How dependent we have become on computers!

I hope you enjoy the picture collage on the reverse side of this issue. It presents the memories from the past year, a good year at the seminary. I again thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray daily for the success of the seminary and for vocations. You well know that we desperately need more priests. Pray daily that this seminary produces holy priests. May Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph deign to prosper our work, and may God bless you all.

Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

Having a good summer

by Fulton Abernathy, gr. 11

Hurray! Summer is here again. It's time to relax from the long months of school and have some fun. But in the summer there are many temptations to fight because of the warm weather and the fact that there is no more school.

As we go through the summer doing the things that most anyone likes to do, let us try to avoid sin. Occasions of sin are everywhere, and it is our duty as Catholics to avoid them as much as possible. We all know what most public places are like when there is warm weather. We also know what kind of temptations exist and to what we are especially vulnerable. This is good because we

know how weak we are and what we should especially avoid. If you love to swim and you know that the people at the place where you are going are bad company, then you should either go somewhere else or try to avoid those people. If you love to shop where there are lots of people, think about going in the early morning when it is cooler. If dangerous situations can't be avoided, then all you can do is try your hardest not to fall into sin. If you do your part, then God will help you to overcome the temptations.

So, as the summer draws into its fullness, let us remember these things and be vigilant. The enemy is always there, but we will not be tempted beyond our power to resist. Prayer will always help.

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.

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