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A Message from the Rector

Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Seminary,

With the close of the school year, we have now settled into our summer routine. That means a more-relaxed daily schedule, but there still is a daily schedule. As priests and religious, it is very important for us to follow a daily routine, regardless of the time of year.

Here at the seminary for the summer there are two priests (Fr. Augustine and myself) and one cleric (Frater M. Aloysius, CMRI). Frater Aloysius, formerly known as Jordan Hartman, was a seminarian of ours for 4 years. After graduating in 2015 he went to the major seminary in Omaha. After a cloistered novitiate for one year, he professed his first vows in the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen, and this past May received first clerical tonsure. We are delighted to have the companionship and assistance of Frater Aloysius to share our religious life for the 3 months of summer here at the seminary.

The summer is also a perfect opportunity for us priests to make a retreat and have some vacation time. A couple weeks ago I was able to make a 3-day private retreat, which is a tremendous boost in the spiritual life. Fr. Augustine had some time off to visit his family in Wisconsin and will soon make his private

retreat. Meanwhile, I will leave this week for a short vacation.

But it is in the daily routine at the seminary that we find our best time for R, R & R: rest, relaxation and rebuilding of body, mind and spirit. We also take the opportunity of extra leisure time in the summer to complete various tasks that are necessarily put off during the school year. I have a long list and hope to scratch off many of these tasks from the list before the next school year begins.

Also, as you know, here at the "City of Mary" we have a parish church, in addition to the seminary building. We are currently undergoing a major renovation of our parish church, in order to raise the roof, add a choir loft, raise the bell-tower, and lengthen and

July Calendar

24-26 – Priests' meeting in Omaha

29 – Boys Camp begins;
Dominic's 16th birthday

remodel the parish hall. It is quite a task. As the project progresses, we will share some photos on our web site.

As we look back on another year, we thank God for His blessing, and we thank you for your support. Please remember our seminary in your prayers, and in particular, pray for more vocations. Soon we will begin our 20th year at the seminary and, God willing, will see more young men formed to become other Christs!

– Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI



Father gives Benediction at the outdoor altar at Our Lady's shrine.

The Time for Gratitude

by Dominic Scherling, gr. 11

Now that the 2017-2018 seminary school year is over, I would like to call to mind all who have assisted and took part, especially the staff and faculty, and thank them for what they have helped us seminarians accomplish. I think it is fair to say that we could not have had the opportunity to even be here at St. Joseph Minor Seminary this past year if it were not for Fr. Mary Benedict. He has been such a source of inspiration to not only us seminarians but also to the high school students and many more individuals. I also would like to acknowledge how outstanding the schedule is, that Fr. Benedict spent many years perfecting, and how nicely it unfolds. All in all, I think Bishop Pivarunas, could not have chosen a better person for this job than Fr. Benedict.

Along with Fr. Benedict, the efforts of Father Augustine Marie were vital to the seminary's existence. Thanks to him, we seminarians were able to take P.E., choir, and Latin. For P.E., during the warmer months of the year, Father Augustine took the time to drive us seminarians accompanied by the high school students down to a park in Rathdrum, every Wednesday. Father was ordained in December, so a special thanks to Fr. Augustine for persevering in his vocation to the priesthood! Oh! And congratulations of course!

For the short time that Fr. Augustine was in Omaha, Father Phillip Marie was sent here to assist us with our studies. I would like to thank him for improving our ability to sing and especially for entertaining us with his excellent piano and organ skills after school.

We also had for teachers Mr. Keaveney, Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Salgado. They are not only dedicated but have great expertise in their fields. We also have been sustained by the culinary labors of Mary Antonia and Mrs. Gallagher.

I would love to go on and on about each individual teacher and staff member; however, I am running out of paper real fast. On behalf of every seminarian who has attended the seminary this school year, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude for all of the hard-working individuals who have not only devoted their labors and effort to the very existence of this seminary, but especially their time. Also, I would like to thank each and every seminarian for the great memories we have made this past year, and I would like to say, "God bless you, and may the holy angels stand around you and keep you safe!"

Farewell, my Friends!

by Thiet Nguyen, gr. 9

If I would tell you about my first year as a seminarian,
I cannot forget about these two unique pals of the place,

Robert, the oldest
The great sport of ours,
Ping-pong, he'd whipped us all,
Basketball, master of three-line shot,
But sadly, he always gets at least one injury

Dominic, also a good sport, he is
My favorite pal of the two.
The year's champion of 8-ball pool,
A very active guy, also a hard worker is he,
A giant compared to all us three,
No wonder why every lay-up he makes it easily.

I forgot to mention a fella here,
Victor is his name, the dog of our house.
Dark brown fur, with a fluffy tail,
For him, bones are very frail,
For without a chew, he'd finished it.
With endless energy, he'd never sit.
Always looking for food, he's like a kid.

It's been a pleasure to meet you all here
Hope to see you guys within next year
I will always hold dear
Thank you for this amazing school year,
For helping me, showing me many new things here
Many laughs, many good memories, many joys,
Finally the end of a school year full of cheer!
And once again, I've gotta make myself clear,
Thank you all, for the awesome school year.



An annual custom at the seminary is a formal dinner honoring our graduate(s).



Slowly, carefully, the old bell tower is dismantled.



The procession pauses at Our Lady's shrine and the faithful kneel in adoration.



Robert Kolinsky graduated, along with two of our High School students.



Big equipment is needed to dig the space for the extension of the basement.



Robert addressed some words to the students and faculty of the seminary on his last day of classes.



Thiet leads the procession as we come out of the church.



The procession approaches the shrine of Our Lady.



Father Augustine offers a weekday Mass in the seminary chapel.



During the church renovation we have Sunday Masses in a temporary chapel in the gym building.



The entire front of the church has been removed, as part of the remodel project.



The procession returns to the church along the outdoor path.



The sanctuary is flooded with light during the closing ceremonies of the Corpus Christi procession.