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WELCOME RELIEF WELCOME GIFTS



During the brutally hot days that blanketed the East Coast the first week of August, I was afforded a bit of relief. It was only in the 90s on the shores of Lake Champlain in Burlington,

Vermont. I was there for the annual assembly of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men. Paulist vice president Father Jim Moran also attended.

Each August, leaders of the various men's religious communities gather to offer support to one another and to receive input on issues pertinent to religious life today. More than 150 were present this year as we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of our organization.

An image central to our gathering was the multicolored coat that belonged to Joseph, the favorite of the sons of Jacob. It symbolizes the richness and diversity of men's religious communities: contemplatives such as the Trappists; monks like the Benedictines; apostolic communities like the De La Salle Christian Brothers; mendicants such as the Franciscans. There is a clear variety in the ways the church has been enriched, not just for these past fifty years but for centuries, by men's religious communities throughout the world and in particular here in North America.

We know well that the number of candidates entering men's religious orders is much diminished from five and six decades ago. But much life continues as communities look for new ways to build upon the inspiration of their founders and share it with others outside the strict confines of community membership. Here are some examples: some orders have volunteer programs; others, such as Maryknoll, have lay missionaries; and, at Catholic schools, in-service days are devoted to speaking with lay faculty about the charism of the religious community that founded that particular institution.

We Paulists are following that path. Our recent General Assembly gave evidence of this vision in two specific ways. First, we acknowledged the good news that there are now more than 160 Paulist Associates, formed in the spirituality of our founder, Father Isaac Hecker. These men and women want to find ways to live this spirituality in the world and in some cases help directly with our pastoral initiatives. Second, inviting laity as collaborators is one of the guiding principles of our ongoing strategic planning process. Men and women who share our spirituality and our vision will be cooperating and partnering in the Paulist mission so that it might be more and more expanded.

As we approach our 150th anniversary in 2008, it is obvious that our Paulist charism is still very much alive and being utilized in the service of the church. We are blessed by the reality that so many lay people, including many of you, want to be involved actively in our Paulist mission.

Father John Duffy, CSP
President

HANDS-ON

MISSION IN MEMPHIS

How One Paulist Student Spent His Summer

If you ask Tom Wiener what he did over the summer, you won't hear about white sand beaches or cruise ships in tropical waters. Wiener is a Paulist seminarian, and like his fellow students Mike Hardy and Dat Tran, he spent the summer living the Paulist mission. For Wiener, that happened in Memphis, Tennessee, in the Paulist parishes of St. Augustine and St. Patrick.

Wiener arrived at St. Augustine in June, and pastor Father John Geaney, CSP, paired him up with several of St. Augustine's "stalwart lay missionaries" to evangelize in the neighborhood, knocking on doors, greeting people near local stores, offering a Bible and an introduction to St. Augustine Church. A story in The West Tennessee Catholic quotes

Wiener on what he learned from his local colleagues: "Foster [Adams] and Leenard [Jennings] [taught] me a new paradigm about inviting people to church. Prior to coming here I would have said hello, handed out materials, and waited for the Holy Spirit to do his work. Now I realize that it's important to stay awhile and listen to what people have to say." St. Augustine's Evangelization Committee will use materials that Wiener developed when they do an all-parish visitation this fall.

"Bringing people to Christ in a real and substantial way probably takes more involvement than we are used to thinking. People need to be loved in many ways."

Wiener also organized a meeting of neighborhood pastors, something Geaney has long had on his agenda. "There are more than 200 churches in our parish," Geaney says, and while the first gathering was small, "lots more

will show up next time." Wiener's expertise in data management will make that next time easier.

After his four weeks at St. Augustine, Wiener moved to St. Patrick to join pastor Father Tim Sullivan, CSP, in serving some of the people who live in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Memphis. Sullivan introduced Wiener to a family the church has "adopted" and helped financially. Wiener was sent to get to know the family and to mentor them toward self-sufficiency. He himself became a learner. "It's easy to be an arm-chair social worker," Wiener says, "but it's not so simple when you enter a family's life and see how many things get in the way for the urban poor. We take for granted the life skills we've been given—how to balance a checkbook, manage money." These are skills many people still need to learn,

Wiener found. His interaction with this Baptist family included times of prayer and Scripture reading. Those were good times, he says.

Wiener has returned now to his studies at Washington Theological Union. What he learned over the summer goes beyond the books.

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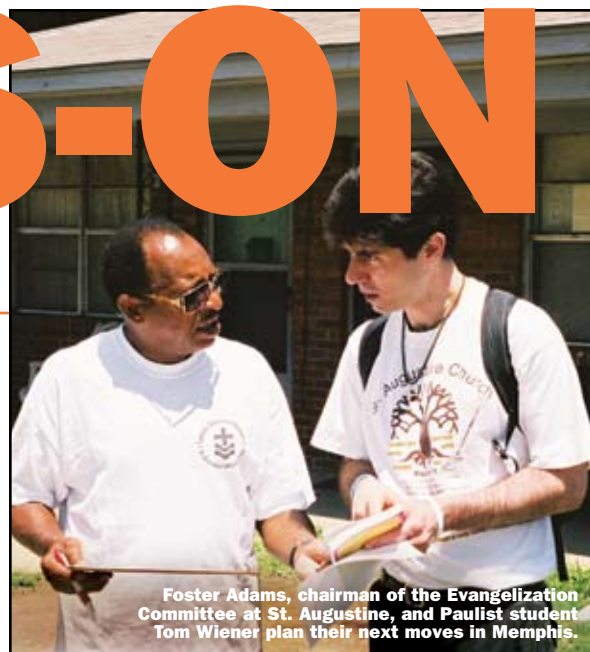


Photo by Father John Geaney, CSP

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Paulist Associates, benefactors and friends are invited to join Father Jim Moran, CSP, on a pilgrimage to Greece and the cities where St. Paul gathered the early Christian churches.

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The trip is sponsored by the Paulist Office of Development, and staff members will be among the pilgrims on a journey that begins with a tour of classical sites in Athens and continues through Corinth. A three-day cruise will touch on the Greek islands of Mykonos, Rhodes, Ephesus and Patmos. The pilgrimage ends in Thessaloniki. Along the way, travelers will have the chance for prayer and Eucharist together.

Father Jim Moran was elected vice president of the Paulists in May. He has worked in a variety of pastoral settings and locations in his 42 years as a Paulist priest. From Seattle to San Diego and Los Angeles

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PAULIST ASSOCIATES TEAM UP WITH PAULIST PATRONS

By Paula Cuzzo
Paulist Associate, Boston

Twenty-five Paulist Associates

gathered in June at Mount Paul, the former Paulist novitiate in New Jersey, for a retreat entitled "Gleaning

Wisdom: Paulist Patrons Then and Now." The weekend,

coordinated by Paulist Father Ruben

Patiño and Paulist Associates from

Boston, was a rich tapestry of prayer,

vision, fellowship and fun. Participants shared their

deep appreciation for Paulist founder Father Isaac

Hecker's spirituality, and for the Paulist priests

who serve them.



Paulist Father Paul Robichaud opened the retreat on Friday with insights on sainthood. He reflected on what it means to be holy, and described various types of saints and models of holiness. Saturday was devoted to lively conversation about four Paulist patron saints:

Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Francis de Sales, and Philip Neri. The retreatants considered what Hecker found attractive about each saint's spirituality and what each might be saying to Christians in the 21st century. Father Mike Kallock, CSP, national coordinator for Paulist Associates for the past five years, and Patiño joined the Associates on Saturday evening to discuss possibilities and issues facing the Associates and the Paulists following the recent General Assembly.

On Sunday, the group identified contemporary holy people in whom they also find inspiration, including Roberto Clemente, Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, and those who serve Doctors Without Borders. Associate Caroline Johnston from Austin shared a poignant tale about Dorothy Day—how she mentored

Johnston and her friends in their efforts to integrate a hospital. Mary Sullivan of Boston said, "Simply and quietly, Caroline told this story that had immediate and far-reaching effects. Her chronicle of these historic events enlightened our somewhat academic conversations about saints, making them more 'up close and personal.' I came away admiring Caroline for her labors for justice, as well as appreciating Dorothy Day's strength and single-mindedness."

The Associates left Mount Paul looking forward to seeing one another at next year's retreat, and hoping that more of the growing numbers of Associates will join them.



Paulist Fathers Frank DeSiano, left, and John Behnke, right, applaud Father John Grace and Rich Andre after their first Paulist promises.

Photo by Stefani Manowski.

DEACON BART LANDRY BEGINS FINAL YEAR OF STUDY; PAULIST STUDENTS MAKE PROMISES

At the end of their novitiate year, **Rich Andre** and **Father John Grace** made their first Paulist promises on August 5 at St. Paul's College. Father Frank DeSiano, CSP, received their promises on behalf of the community. Andre will begin his theology studies in Washington, DC, and Grace, a priest for 26 years in the diocese of Richmond, Virginia, will continue to serve at Old St. Mary's Church, the Paulist house in Chicago.

Bart Landry made his final Paulist profession, a lifelong commitment to the Paulist community, on September 8, and the following day

was ordained a deacon at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After a final year of studies, Landry will be ordained to the priesthood next spring.

Fourth year student **Steven Bell** and second year students **Tom Wiener**, **Mike Hardy** and **Dat Tran** renewed their Paulist promises with Landry at St. Paul's College in Washington, DC, on September 8. Paulist president Father John Duffy presided at the liturgy.



Bart Landry

PAULISTS SHINE AT ASIAN/PACIFIC CONVOCATION



The Tongan community gathers at the NAPCO meeting in Arlington, Virginia.



Paulist Father Ricky Manalo, left, with Bishop Chito Tagle of Imus, Philippines, and Bishop Oscar Solis, Los Angeles.

Photo by Melecia Garcia.

Paulist Father Ricky Manalo welcomed U.S. Catholics from Asia and the Pacific islands as they gathered at the first National Asian and Pacific Catholic Convocation in July in Arlington, Virginia. About 1,000 participants—pastors, religious and lay leaders, social workers, diocesan ministry directors, educators and young people from throughout the country—came to respond to the theme, "Harmony in Faith." They included Tongans, Filipinos, Samoans, Chamorros, Chinese, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, the Hmong and Kmhmu peoples, Indians, Laotians, Koreans, Japanese, Indonesians, Sri Lankans, Bangladeshis and Pakistanis.

The convocation was called by the National Asian Pacific Catholic Organization, based in Ontario, California, in cooperation with the Office for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services.

Manalo served as facilitator for the event, coordinating discussions and "was a very entertaining and engaging master of ceremonies who knit together the dynamics of the gathering," according to one Paulist colleague who attended the convocation. Manalo also was co-director of the liturgies during the four-day meeting, and rehearsed with all the various ethnic choirs and musicians.

In his plenary address on the final day of the convocation, theologian Father Peter Phan, who came to the U.S. as a refugee from Vietnam in 1975, highlighted the work of the Paulists in San Francisco as pioneers in ministry to Asian immigrants to the U.S., particularly underscoring the long and faithful work of Paulist Father Charlie Donovan. He also praised the models of lay involvement at St. Mary's Chinese Mission, begun by the Paulists in San Francisco more than 100 years ago.

Manalo, a liturgist, musician and published composer, is studying at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.



PAULISTS BID FAREWELL IN BOULDER & SANTA BARBARA

Parishioners at St. Thomas Aquinas in **Boulder**, Colorado, bid the Paulists farewell on June 17 with a special menu: lasagna for Father Tom Holahan who was heading for Rome, Boston crème pie for pastor Father Paul Huesing who moved to Boston, and Eldorado Springs water for Father Terry Ryan who is staying in Boulder in the Paulist preaching apostolate. Paulist president Father John Duffy and numerous Paulists who had served at St. Tom's came for the celebration. They were joined by local Lutheran pastors and



Father Paul Huesing, CSP, puts his whole self into his farewell to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Boulder.

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St. Mark's parishioners brought homemade food and heartfelt tributes to bid the Paulists farewell in **Santa Barbara** on June 24. A full house of friends joined Paulist Fathers Joe Scott and Paul Rospond, Paulist president Father John Duffy, former St. Mark's pastors Fathers Bill Edens and Ed Nowak, and Father Brett Hoover, CSP, a

graduate of the University of California Santa Barbara and former St. Mark's parishioner.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church hosted the liturgy to make room for all who came, and Scott preached on the Gospel of Jesus calming the stormy sea. "Our community might be on a stormy sea of transition," he said, "but we have a sense of trust that God is there in peaceful times and in turbulent times." The Paulists served at St. Mark's from 1966 to 2006.

Founding pastor Father Bob Donoghue, CSP, (d. 1984), breaks ground for St. Mark's. Father Paul Rospond, CSP, and then pastor Father Ed Nowak, CSP, hand out popcorn and information at a UCSB fair in 2000.



FIVE NOVICES BEGIN YEAR OF DISCERNMENT IN WASHINGTON



Photo by Stefani Manowski.

They are separated in age by almost 25 years. They come from east and west in the U.S. and from places as disparate as India and Belize. They are experts in computers, education, agriculture. What draws these men together is their desire to become Paulist priests.

Rene Constanza, Tom Gibbons, Tim Shannon, Gurav Shroff and Buster Woody signed in as Paulist novices at St. Paul's College in Washington, DC, on September 2. With novice director Father John Behnke, CSP, they have begun a year of prayer, service and discernment within the heart of the Washington Paulist community.

Constanza, 27, is the youngest of the novices and a native of Belize where his parents and eight siblings live. After studies in the U.S., including a master's degree in higher education from the University of Louisville in Kentucky, Constanza returned to Belize and, at the request of his bishop, helped to start the only Catholic diocesan high school in the northern part of that country. He just completed his fourth year as principal there. A vocations website introduced Constanza to the Paulists, and on visits to the New York City and Washington Paulist communities he "was impressed with the fact that there is no 'cookie-cutter' approach in the Society since differences are respected and commonalities embraced."

Gibbons, 34, grew up in New Jersey and is a graduate of Loyola College in Maryland. In Baltimore, he worked as a web developer for Catholic Relief Services. Gibbons served in the southwestern U.S. with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and on the pastoral council at St. Matthew, his Baltimore parish. Gibbons was drawn by the "distinctly American" mission of the Paulists.

Five years ago, **Shannon**, 42, had his own business in the Los Angeles area, a house and a serious girlfriend when someone suggested he think about becoming a priest. While he was discerning that call, he met the Paulists when he instituted a Landings program in his parish, St. John Eudes. He found their mission "clear, concise, dynamic." The Air Force brought Shannon to California from Pittsburgh where he was born and where his father still lives.

Shroff, 33, was born in India and has a geology degree from the University of Bombay. He was working on his master's degree in religious studies at the University of South Carolina when he met the Paulists through an evangelization talk by Father John Hurley, CSP. For the past five years, Shroff served as campus minister at St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

Woody, 51, is the oldest of the 2006 novice class. He was attracted to the Catholic faith during his Peace Corps tour in Tonga, and was received into the church at Immaculate Conception, one of the Paulist parishes in Knoxville, Tennessee. "I was fortunate to meet the Paulists right away into my journey to Catholicism," he says. Woody became a Paulist Associate at John XXIII, the other Knoxville Paulist parish. When he discerned a call to priesthood, it was the Paulist spirituality focused on the Holy Spirit, and the "prayer life and down-to-earthiness of the Paulists that I knew personally" that attracted him. On his family farm, 70 miles east of Knoxville, he has been managing a campground and providing guided horseback riding ventures that "offer majestic views of the peaks of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

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Angeles, to Chicago, Washington and Boston, this native New Yorker has served God's people "in some wonderful cities and beautiful places of North America." In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he is director of Landings, the ministry of reconciliation founded by Paulist Father Jac Campbell.

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Gail Battle's

face is not new to those who live and work at St. Paul's College in Washington, DC. She began working for the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association in 2004. She was appointed executive director of the Paulist Office for Financial Development in April 2006, and in May, she orchestrated the move of the Financial Development Office from New Jersey to the North American Paulist Center in Washington, DC.

Battle began working for non-profits at the age of 12 when she and her twin brother opened returned mail for a small Catholic organization. Who knew her first

job would develop into a career in non-profits? But that only happened after eight years working as a medical technologist. In 1998, a friend reintroduced her to working with non-profits. "I've never looked back at my medical career with regret," she says.

Beyond her professional life, Battle has been an active parishioner. She is a eucharistic minister and has been a lector and choir member. She initiated a youth ministry program at her parish, and as an adult member of the

Archdiocese of Washington Youth Board she chaired many events for young people. She was recognized for Outstanding

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Photo by Stefani Manowski.



Marketing assistant Izabella Lopez, development director Gail Battle and director of annual giving Elyse Provencher discuss an upcoming project.

Places & Faces



▲ Paulist Father Ricky Manalo worked with this Asian choir and all the ethnic choirs during the National Asian and Pacific Catholic Convocation in July.

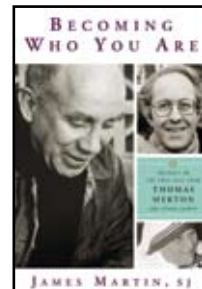
▼ St. Peter's Parish in Toronto has joined other Paulist foundations in forming a group of Paulist Associates. Thirteen men and women made their commitment in June; two others were received at a later date. Paulist Father Jim McCabe reports that nine of the new Associates are from St. Peter's, and the others are friends of the Paulists from the greater Toronto area.



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By James Martin, SJ

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the Lutheran campus minister and many Paulist friends. At the end of his homily during the farewell Mass, Huesing invited the priests to put oil on their hands and anoint the walls of the church, leaving a reminder of their ministry over the past 28 years. St. Tom's liturgy coordinator Kathy Ahl writes: "The evening's celebration

concluded with the singing of the Peter, Paul and Mary song, 'Light One Candle.' The Paulists passed candlelight to everyone there while we sang the chorus, 'Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years. Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.'"

GAIL BATTLE Continued from pg. 3...

Youth Leadership in 1997. An avid sports enthusiast who loves to play as well as watch sporting events, Battle has coached soccer, baseball, t-ball and cheerleading.

A native Washingtonian, Battle is married with two sons. Her husband, Jim, and youngest son, Jeremy, work for The Catholic University of America. Both her sons are graduates of CUA. Her oldest son Jason is newly engaged with plans for a wedding next summer.

Now established at the North American Paulist Center, Battle says, "I am looking forward to working with the Paulist community, and meeting donors around the country." When she says that she has been called to this ministry, she notes that her birthday even falls on the feast of St. Susanna, patroness of the Paulist church in Rome.

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