



Paulist Today

A REGIONAL VISION



Just recently we completed our Paulist General Assembly. This event, held every four years, helps us to focus our mission in the service of the church and our

life in community. In preparation, there were three pre-Assembly days to which the entire community was invited. We repeated then an experiment that we initiated four years ago: joining us for the pre-Assembly were non-Paulists—members of our staffs, lay leaders in various foundations and Paulist Associates. Their presence and input were invaluable.

If asked to name the most important outcome of our pre-Assembly days and the General Assembly itself, I would say it is our commitment to regionalization. We want to extend our mission efforts beyond our local communities. Many of our foundations have already thought of ways in which our particular commitment to evangelization, ecumenical and interfaith relations and reconciliation can have a more regional focus. This principle will be a key component of our ongoing strategic planning.

Our General Assembly traditionally marks a time of transition for more than a few Paulists. First, I want to express my appreciation to Father Mike Kallock, who served on our Presidential Board these past eight years: four years as first consultor and since 2002 as vice president. He will be moving to Chicago to be the new pastor of Old Saint Mary's Parish and the superior of our local Paulist community there.

I want to welcome Father Jim Moran who will be serving as vice president for the next four years. Returning to our leadership team as first consultor is my predecessor as Paulist president, Father Frank DeSiano. I feel privileged to be surrounded by their expertise and experience.

At this time I want to express publicly the gratitude of our community to Rosine Reynolds for the 19 years of service that she rendered in our Office of Financial Development. For four years she was Director of the Annual Paulist Appeal; in 1991, she became the executive director. Many of you have come to know her personally over the years. She was an ever so articulate presenter of the Paulist mission and was most successful in inviting others to share in it through their prayerful and financial support. She will indeed be missed. I want to welcome the new executive director, Gail Battle, who will be based at our North American Paulist Center, located at St. Paul's College in Washington, DC. She hopes to meet many of you as her work with us unfolds.

May these summer months offer you some rest and relaxation, and, as always, I want to express the appreciation of the Paulists for the many ways in which you assist us as we try to be of service to the church in North America.

Father John Duffy, CSP
President

PAULIST JAMIE BACA ORDAINED IN NEW YORK

He grew up on a cattle ranch in New Mexico in a family of educators. His own teaching career was underway in Houston and he was on track to become a principal someday. But that inner voice kept suggesting that there was something else to discover. There was.

Father Jamie Baca, CSP, was ordained a priest in the Paulist community on May 20, 2006, at St. Paul the Apostle Church in New York City. Most Rev. Walter Hurley of Grand Rapids was the ordaining bishop. The celebration was witnessed by the new priest's family, Paulists and friends.

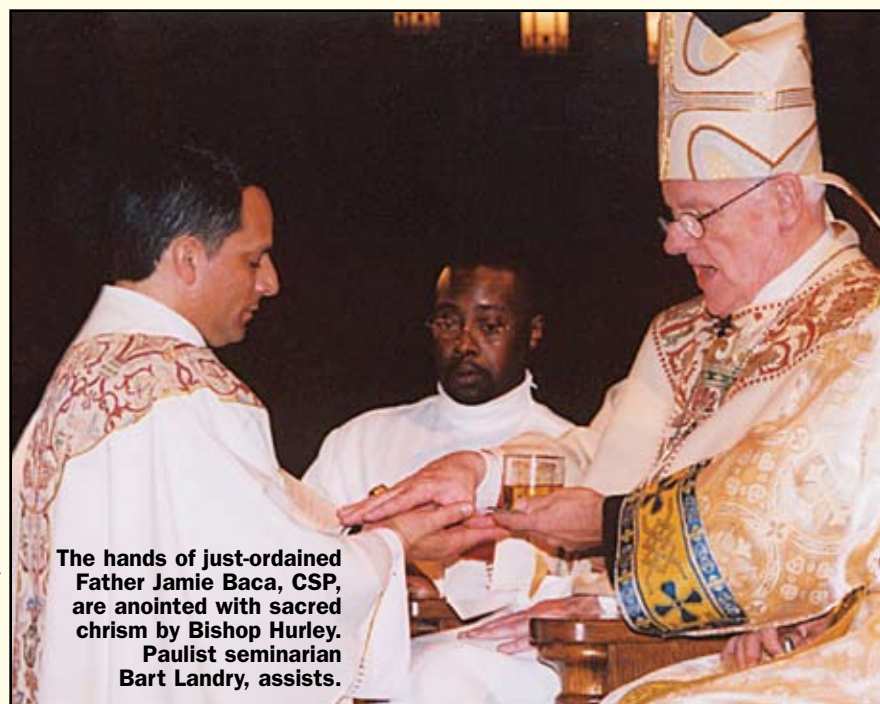
Baca had gone from Houston to Chicago to work with the Franciscans at Marytown, a retreat center where people can come to discern a vocation. He discovered Old St. Mary's, the Paulist parish in Chicago, heard a few homilies there and introduced himself to Paulist Father Jim Donovan, then pastor. "We had lunch and I was hooked!" Baca says. He began his novitiate in the fall of 2000, the first year of the urban novitiate at St. Paul's College

in Washington, DC.

Continuing his studies in theology at The Catholic University of America, Baca met "people who will be priests all over the U.S. This is a wonderful network for me," he says. His pastoral experiences with the Paulists include seven weeks at St. Paul the Apostle in New York and a year at St. Austin Parish in Austin, Texas. He was sent to Rome for ecumenical studies and spent a

summer working with the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association. That experience, he says, "gave me a view of how big this outfit is. We may not be big in numbers, but we're really out there using tools of the modern age to spread the Word." As a deacon, Baca worked during the past year with Father Michael Kelley at St. Martin's Parish in Washington's inner-city. Baca says of Kelley that he was a "great mentor, always celebrating the Easter Christ."

That is one of Baca's best hopes for his ministry as a Paulist priest—to bring the "resurrection Christ to

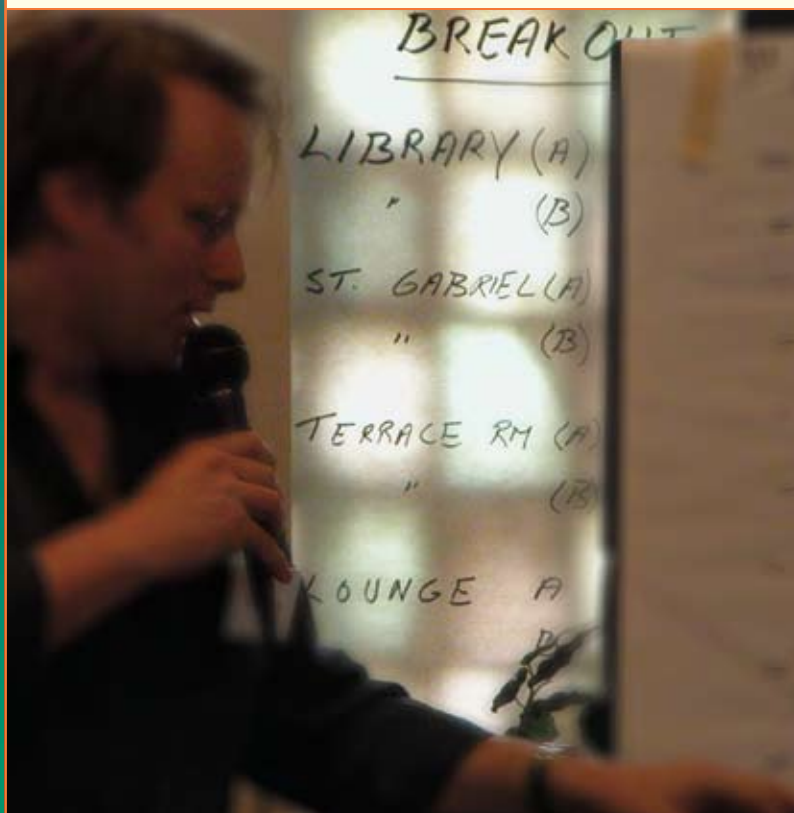


The hands of just-ordained Father Jamie Baca, CSP, are anointed with sacred chrism by Bishop Hurley. Paulist seminarian Bart Landry, assists.

Photo by Chris Anderson.



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PRE-ASSEMBLY 2006— PAULISTS AND LAITY ENVISION THE FUTURE

Photos by Father Michael Evernden, CSP.

Every four years, in a practice familiar to Americans, the Paulists elect their president and General Council. This spring, Father John Duffy was elected to a second four-year term as president. Father James Moran is the new Paulist vice president and Father Donald Campbell was re-elected treasurer. Other members of the General Council elected by the Paulists are Fathers John Hurley, James Haley, Frank DeSiano, Richard Sparks, John Behnke and Eric Andrews. DeSiano was named first consultor by the president.

Another Paulist ritual that takes place every four years is the calling of a pre-Assembly meeting to articulate the hopes and concerns that will animate the Paulist General Assembly as they set the direction for the community's mission in the years ahead. This year, for the second time, lay representatives from Paulist foundations took part in the consultations and deliberations of the pre-Assembly at Bishop Malloy Retreat Center in Queens. Joel Buckner and Tom Welch from St. Philip Neri Parish in Portland, Oregon, were among those lay representatives. Buckner became a Paulist

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Everyday faith for everyday people

Busted Halo



Father Dave Dwyer, CSP, Paulist seminarian intern Steven Bell, BustedHalo.com managing editor Mike Hayes and editorial assistant Brooke Thomas get ready to record an episode of the BustedHalo Cast in the very studio where Paulists broadcast radio programs in the 1930's.

Photo by Father Dave Dwyer, CSP.

BustedHalo.com, the Paulist website that reaches out to unchurched young adults, has entered the burgeoning world of podcasting.

Not familiar with the term? Head for the New Oxford American Dictionary where "podcast" was named Word of the Year for 2005, and defined this way: "a digital recording of a

radio broadcast or similar program, made available on the Internet for downloading to a personal audio player." Now you can listen to the BustedHalo Cast, a 25-minute radio-like

program, right on your computer, cell phone or the popular iPod music player.

Director of Paulist Young Adult Ministries Father Dave Dwyer calls podcasting "the radio of today." With podcasting, BustedHalo is following in "the fine tradition of WLWL [the old Paulist radio station] and the many years Fathers John Geaney, Larry Rice, Ernie Mort and others have spent 'Giving the Word a Voice' through the medium of radio," he says. "We even record our shows in the very same studio occupied by WLWL in the 1930's. It's a great piece of Paulist history brought into the modern era."

On each episode of the BustedHalo Cast, Dwyer and co-host Mike Hayes answer a spiritual question, usually phoned in by a young adult listener. This spring they've tackled queries on The Da Vinci Code, Armageddon, confession and the Seven Deadly Sins. The shows also feature Paulist homilies, interviews with celebrities and newsmakers like former President Jimmy Carter and the executive producer of TV's "LOST." But that only scratches the surface. Go to www.BustedHalo.com, click on "Podcast," turn on your computer's speakers and listen to them all! If podcasting is already part of your vocabulary, you can follow the link to subscribe to BustedHalo Cast and not miss an episode.

PAULIST MISSIONARIES ON THE MOVE



New assignments for Paulist missionaries

were announced the day before ordination

in May. Other moves will be finalized during

the coming months and will be noted in the

September issue of Paulist Today.

Newly assigned pastors include former Paulist vice president **Father Michael Kallock** who is going to Old St. Mary's in Chicago, and **Father Gil Martinez** who is the new pastor at St. Paul the Apostle in New York City.

Father John Hurley will direct the new Paulist North American Office for Reconciliation based in Washington, DC.

Father Jerry Tully returns from Rome to take up pastoral duties at St. Austin Parish in Austin, Texas, and **Father Tom Holahan** heads for Santa Susanna in Rome. **Father Ivan Tou** will be on the pastoral staff at Old St. Mary's in San Francisco, and **Father Paul Rospond** is the new associate at John XXIII Parish in Knoxville.

Father Don Andrie's new assignment is Evangelization and Reconciliation Outreach based in Portland, Oregon. **Father Paul Huesing** will be based in Boston doing research and Evangelization Outreach with a particular focus on young adults.

Father Frank Sabatté will begin outreach to artists and art students in the New York City Region. He will live at St. Paul the Apostle where he will continue his own art work and assist in the parish. **Father Gerry Aylward** will also be moving to St. Paul the Apostle. **Father Ed Pietrucha** will remain in the Tucson area.

Sabbaticals beckon **Fathers Jim Brucz, Bernie Campbell** and **Joe Scott** in the fall. In January 2007, **Father Dick Sparks** will become director/superior at the Boston Paulist Center.

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New Paulist vice president Father Jim Moran distributes communion during Mass.



Small group spokesman reports to the gathering.



Paulist students Steven Bell and Bart Landry.

Associate at St. Philip Neri in February. A former chair of the pastoral council and now on the finance council, Welch is a psychiatrist with an office in the Paulist Center at St. Philip Neri. Both shared their reflections on the pre-Assembly with *Paulist Today*.

Buckner described the process of small group sessions with subsequent reports to the whole gathering. Each day Paulists in national ministries or from the General Council addressed the gathering, setting the stage for the small group reflections on topics that ranged from the formation of regional centers to the use of

the word "evangelization," and from the agenda for a national reconciliation office to vocation trends. As a Paulist Associate, Buckner was especially focused on relationships between Paulists and laity.

"Our dilemma about what to do was common," he said, and the need for strengthening relationships through communication and governance was addressed by the Paulist president and widely discussed.



Former Paulist vice president Father Mike Kallock ponders his colleagues' comments.



Recording a small group's ideas.



Paulist Fathers John Geaney and Dave Dwyer.

Buckner concludes his report: "The Paulist Fathers are alive and well. Their love and concern for each other and for us rings clearly. Differences of opinion and conviction are shared in a trusting and candid forum. Their faith in the guidance of the Holy Spirit is preeminent and catching. ... I believe the Paulist leadership and national ministry directors heard and understood the pre-Assembly concerns and requests. They were given an abundance of input for their General Assembly agenda."

Welsh also engaged in discussions of the relationship between Paulists and their lay collaborators. He says, "It became clear early on that we all felt blessed to be part of Paulist foundations and cherished the gifts the Paulist Fathers bring to their ministries. I was impressed with the diversity in the various Paulist foundations across the country. There seemed to be a genuine eagerness to collaborate with the Paulists and a desire for even greater communication between the Paulists and

the laity. It was encouraging to hear that the Paulists seek to draw upon and nurture the gifts of the laity."

At the same time that lay people in small groups were examining their relationships with the Paulists, the Paulists in small groups were talking about the challenges of aging, and how best to care for their older Paulist brothers. "I hope that discussion is ongoing," Welch says. "I also hope there is attention paid to promoting the wellness of all the Paulists. ... We all win if the Paulists stay healthy and happy!" He acknowledges in his report what is always at the foundation of any Paulist effort to discern the call of the Holy Spirit: "I found the shared prayer and worship rich and moving experiences."



Father Isaac Thomas Hecker founded the Paulists in 1858, the first Catholic religious society of men in a country on the brink of civil war. And the Paulists mean to mark their sesquicentennial in 2008 with all due festivity. Manowski's job is to make that happen.

A Baltimore native and graduate of Loyola College in Maryland, she comes to the Paulists from The Catholic Review, the newspaper for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, where she served as news editor and production supervisor. Her time at WPOC-FM Radio in Baltimore

and event planning experience. Working from the North American Paulist Center in Washington, DC, Manowski will collaborate with Paulist Father Paul Robichaud and the new director of the Paulist Office of Financial Development, Gail Battle, to get the anniversary year underway. Initial plans call for local celebrations at Paulist foundations throughout the country beginning in May 2007, culminating in a national celebration in the spring of 2008.



Martin Joseph O'Looney



Francis X. Diskin

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Years

Paulist Fathers Martin Joseph O'Looney and Francis X. Diskin were ordained on May 11, 1946.

Friends and family gathered on opposite coasts this spring to honor the missionary service

of these priests, both 88. O'Looney's celebration took place at Old St. Mary's in his native San Francisco where he continues his association with Amigos Anonymous, extending a helping hand across the Mexican border. Diskin's admirers gathered at St. Paul the Apostle in New York City where he has continued his mission of evangelization for the last 25 years.

PAULISTS BID FAREWELL IN CLEMSON & TUCSON

In April, more than 700 people came to join the Paulists as they bid farewell to their churches in South Carolina: St. Andrew in Clemson, St. Francis in Walhalla and St. Paul the Apostle in Seneca. Paulist pastor Father Bernard Campbell, who wore his "most festive coat" to the event, noted that when the Paulists arrived in Clemson in 1940, there were "about 15 Catholics in these two counties of Pickens and Oconee with an additional seven cadets at Clemson College." Now the three churches count more than 2,000 families and 800 Catholic students at Clemson University. Campbell and Paulist Father Jerry Aylward, who has been in Clemson for 19 years, welcomed other Paulists and parishioners, past and present to the celebration. They were joined by pastors of local Protestant churches and the Hillel chaplains at Clemson.

Campbell writes: **"PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR JIM RICHARDSON SPOKE ON BEHALF OF ALL WHO HAVE FONDLY EMBRACED THE PAULISTS OVER THE YEARS AND MOURN THEIR LEAVING."**

Richardson shared the story of a student who was parting from a Cherokee family with whom he had lived for a summer. As he took his leave, the Indian grandmother grasped his cheeks and said, "I love me when I am with you." Richardson said, "That's what I feel when I am with the Paulist Fathers. I love me when I am with you. The Paulists have made me a better person, a better Presbyterian minister."

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, in Tucson, the people of St. Cyril of Alexandria Church and their friends gathered under a huge tent to celebrate Mass in English, Spanish and Polish, and to say good-bye to the Paulists who have served there since 1974.

In his homily, Paulist pastor Father Gil Martinez acknowledged the gifts of the Holy Spirit animating the work of the priests who have served with him at St. Cyril—Father Frank Sabatté and Father Ed Pietrucha—as well as former pastor Father Bill Dougherty. "I recognize the Spirit in this beloved community," he said.



Paulist Father Frank Sabatté carries the medallion of Father Isaac Hecker that he created for the celebration in Tucson.

"AS WE, THE PAULISTS, LEAVE HERE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THE SPIRIT DOES NOT! THE SPIRIT CANNOT BE CONTAINED! THE SPIRIT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN YOUR HEARTS."

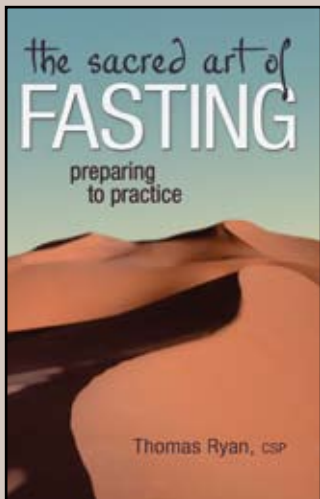
He ended his homily as he had begun it, praying to the Spirit in English, Spanish and Polish.

Places & Faces



Photo by Father Ruben Patino, CSP.

▲ A standing-room-only audience gathered to hear retired Bishop Tom Gumbleton of Detroit speak at the Boston Paulist Center in April. He reflected with his listeners on the implications of the United States bishops' letter to parents of homosexual children published in 1997, "Always Our Children." With Gumbleton, left, are Paula Cuozzo and Mary Burke who organized the evening, and Father John Ardis, CSP, director of the Paulist Center.



▲ Paulist Father Tom Ryan's book, "The Sacred Art of Fasting," was named one of the best spiritual books of 2005 in the May-June 2006 issue of Spirituality and Health magazine. Ryan looks at fasting from the perspective of several faith traditions to encourage the observance of this ancient practice. The book was published by SkylightPaths Publishing.



Photo by Father John Geaney, CSP.

▲ Father Bruce Nieli, CSP, wrote the cover article for the April 24-May 1 issue of America, the national Catholic magazine published by the Jesuits. "Uniting America Spiritually: The Legacy of Isaac Hecker" tells how the founder of the Paulists, "a prophet and eternal optimist, believed that these two institutions, the United States of America and the Catholic Church, could help and complement each other. In fact, he felt that they were destined for one another." This year, Nieli says, the Paulist community is beginning the process of seeking beatification for Hecker.

► The newest Paulist vocations ad features skydiving Paulist Father Ed Koharchik, who was ordained in 2005. That's Koharchik's big smile, encouraging people to take a leap of faith.



▲ Father Thomas Keating, OCSO, addressed a large and enthusiastic audience of faculty and students at the invitation of the Buddhist and Catholic communities at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in March. Keating, founder of the Centering Prayer Movement and Contemplative Outreach, spoke on contemplation and education. With Keating, center, are the Venerable Tenzin Legphel Priyadarshi, Buddhist chaplain at MIT, and Father Paul Reynolds, CSP, director of the Tech Catholic Community.

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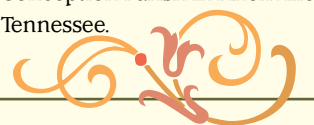
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people, to be an understanding, compassionate priest, present and available to people." Baca says he "gets life from being with people." It's one of the reasons he wanted to join a religious community—to be able to come home to people at the end of the day. "It's like the ranch," he says. "You could spend the whole day in the saddle, but then we'd all come home in the evening to share our day."

Baca's first assignment as a Paulist priest is to Immaculate Conception Parish in Knoxville, Tennessee.



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