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CELEBRATING 150!

Paulist community gathers in D.C. for sesquicentennial revels

The Paulist 150th Anniversary Convocation was held June 19-21 at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. The convocation was three days of faith, fellowship and fun. From the kickoff barbecue dinner held at St. Paul's College/North American Paulist Center to the 150th Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and gala dinner that followed, the convocation served to commend the Paulist priests, associates, collaborators and friends on past accomplishments and springboard the community into the next 150 years of Paulist history. Following is a message from Paulist president Father John F. Duffy, C.S.P.

As you will see in the various articles in this latest issue of Paulist Today, these indeed have been blessed days for the Paulist community. The 150th Anniversary

Convocation celebration in June on the campus of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., allowed us to give thanks for the ways in which the Lord has ministered through our community; furthermore, in particular through the presentations by the four keynote speakers and the response of the panelists we were called to reflect upon where the Spirit is calling us to make our unique contribution in the service of the church today as Paulists.

What has been accomplished and what will occur in the future is not just the work of the Paulists. For me one of the highlights of the gathering was the presence of those who



work professionally on our staffs, parishioners, Paulist Associates and other friends. Not just Paulists but so many others have been inspired by the vision of Isaac Hecker and how it has been enfolded during these past 150 years to want to continue to bring that alive. This fact was also underscored at the closing banquet when awards were given to certain laity who have been leaders in the church in fostering Paulist mission directions.

There were other key moments. Perhaps the most emotional was the liturgy commemorating our deceased Paulists. Because of the creative work of Paulist student Tom Gibbons, C.S.P., we were able to see a video which included a picture of every deceased Paulist. Having entered the community in 1969, I knew many of them personally and called to mind how they served the mission of the community.

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150th Anniversary Convocation Coverage – Thursday



BBQ kicks off festivities

Song and laughter begin 150th Convocation

The Paulist 150th Anniversary Convocation, held June 19-21 in Washington, D.C., began with a welcome barbecue dinner at St. Paul's College/North American Paulist Center. Participants had the chance to see old friends and make new ones.

Paulist first consultant Father Frank DeSiano led grace, and the crowd of approximately 250 was entertained by two performances of the Roamin' Collars. The Roamin' Collars were a folk group of Paulist seminarians that performed at college campuses throughout the U.S. in the late '60s and early '70s. Seven former Roamin' Collars led what turned into a sing-a-long featuring tunes from Simon and Garfunkel and other classic favorites from the era.

Father Frank Desiderio, C.S.P., president of Paulist Productions in Los Angeles, also hosted a screening of the production company's latest documentary titled "The Big Question: A Film About Forgiveness."

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150th celebrates past, launches future

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The presence of Cardinal McCarrick, who presided and preached at the anniversary liturgy, was most appropriate. He has long-standing ties with our community over many decades beginning as a young priest in New York City. There was also a wonderful gesture of friendship from the provincial of the Redemptorist community from which Father Hecker and his companions departed to begin the Paulists. They presented to us a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, inscribed as follows: "Congratulations on faithfully preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ for 150 years. May God's Abundant Grace continue to Bless the Paulist Fathers - Your

Redemptorist Brothers who share a Common Heritage with you."

Finally, the days in Washington allowed us to recognize publicly our Paulists who are celebrating significant priestly anniversaries. And we began our next 150 years with the ordination to the priesthood of Steven Bell, C.S.P. Indeed they were blessed days that we were fortunate to spend at St. Paul's College, The Catholic University of America and Trinity College.

John F. Duffy, C.S.P.

Father John F. Duffy, C.S.P., President

150th Anniversary Convocation Coverage – Friday

Discussing the issues

O'Brien, Appleby lay out challenges facing today's Paulists

By Christopher Gaul

Photos by Owen and Denise Warfield

The convocation began in earnest Friday morning, June 19, with stimulating and challenging presentations from two celebrated speakers, David J. O'Brien, biographer of Paulist founder Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, and R. Scott Appleby, professor of history at the University of Notre Dame.

As Dr. O'Brien noted, the anniversary celebration was so important "because the Paulist heritage is at the very center of American Catholic history," while Dr. Appleby pursued the theme of a search for both a usable past and "a glorious future" for the Paulists.

In tracing the history of Father Hecker and the early Paulist Fathers as they struggled with the condemnation by Rome of Father Hecker's so-called "Americanism," Dr. O'Brien reminded today's Paulists, priests and laity that Father Hecker's "way of being Catholic in America arose from his understanding that freedom required a new strategy, aimed at winning personal conviction and offering the world credible, persuasive Catholic ways of thinking about the great issues of the day."

Catholicism to Father Hecker was "about everybody and everything," Dr. O'Brien said, "not a subculture but an instrument of the Holy Spirit to bring about the unity of the human family with God, and one another."

And then he turned to more contemporary times. Criticizing, among other things, what he called the "remarkably passive reaction of most Catholic elites, clerical, religious and lay" to the sexual abuse crisis and the "equally remarkable" absence of organized support for Catholic social teaching, Dr. O'Brien challenged today's Paulists

to help bring about a re-birth of "Americanist" ideas in the tradition of their founder.

Dr. Appleby's challenge to the Paulists, both priests and laity, underscored the "superb" job they do as a collaborative clergy-lay ministry, but asked, "So what is the problem?"

"If the Paulists are doing what the church should be doing – offering reconciliation, healing and the possibility of forgiveness and the act of receiving forgiveness," he said, "it is also true that the church at large is not perceived as first and foremost an agent of reconciliation; lamentably, it is frequently these days a sign of division, scandal, low morale, (and) 'decline.'"

For a missionary society "of relatively modest size and means," Dr. Appleby asserted that the Paulists need "to extend your influence even more deeply and broadly in church society."

In any case, Dr. Appleby said, the challenge is succinctly articulated by a staff member of the Paulist Center in Boston who, on the Paulist Web site video, comments:

"If we could only find a way to replicate (the Paulist ministry), it could be a powerful force for our church and society."

That challenge needs to be met not only by the diminishing number of ageing Paulist Fathers but by their growing number of Paulist lay associates and collaborators, Dr. Appleby insisted.

The Paulist Fathers know that their lay companions in mission possess "not only faith and dedication commensurate to your own, but skills and expertise which you do not possess, through no fault of your own."

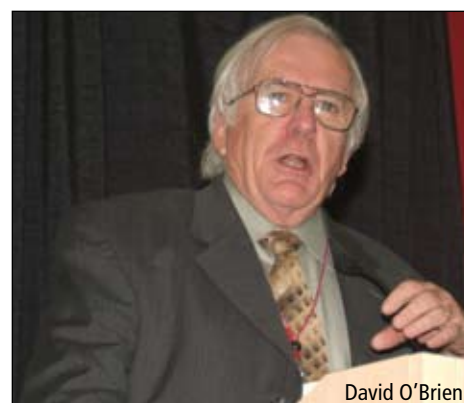
"Hey guys," Dr. Appleby smilingly told the Paulist Fathers present, "they can't forgive sins or consecrate the Eucharist, but they can do a lot else."



Friday morning prayer



Friday morning prayer



David O'Brien



Friday panel discussion



R. Scott Appleby

150th Anniversary Convocation Coverage – Friday

‘Marked with the sign of faith’

Deceased Paulists remembered at special 150th convocation Mass

By Christopher Gaul

Photos by Owen and Denise Warfield

The vision and mission of Paulist founder Father Isaac Thomas Hecker and Paulist history was invoked as the Paulist family came together Friday afternoon, June 20, for a Memorial Mass in honor of deceased members of the 150-year-old order held in the Pryzbyla Center of The Catholic University of America.

At the beginning of the liturgy, the congregation was treated to an 18-minute video featuring photos and video clips of each of the 284 deceased Paulists. Created by seminarian Tom Gibbons, C.S.P., the touching video left some in awe and some in tears.

Presider and homilist Father John F. Duffy, C.S.P., president of the Paulist Fathers, drew the congregation's attention to the pictures of approximately 30 deceased Paulists, "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith," attached to the walls of the room.

The deceased Paulists, he said, carried on the vision of Father Hecker, "trying their best decade after decade to read the signs of the times and meet the needs of the church in the modern age."

Those signs represented the importance of sharing Catholic intelligence and culture with the broader America Society, Father Duffy said and, he noted, they were directly addressed in April 1865, when The Catholic World magazine would begin.

"Where was the spirit leading?" Father Duffy asked. It was, he said, to feed the hunger for renewal in their faith by a Catholic people, the desire to share that same faith with non-



Catholics," and so the small mission band would spread by 1875 reaching as far as California.

"I saw the pictures of some in the back of a church in Virginia City, Nevada," Father Duffy recalled. "The sign of the times, the day for a national Catholic University was arriving – the key role Paulists would play in the opening on this very site – the first board meeting would take place prior to the funeral of Father Hecker, with others besides the Paulists coming to see the importance of sharing our faith with others, with non-Catholics, and the role that the diocesan clergy and other religious could play. And to that end the Apostolic Mission House would be opened."

Father Duffy continued to trace the role of the Paulists through World War I to the present time,

noting particularly the pioneering Paulist ministry in media including the establishment of Paulist Communications and then Paulist Productions. It was, he said, Catholic Paulist media "meeting the needs of the church in the modern age."

And all along, he said, during a century and a half, the Paulist Fathers realized "that a key element of the life of the church is the parish, the permanent worshipping community, but always with a missionary thrust, and a welcoming presence, 'a perpetual mission.'"

"Yes," Father Duffy concluded, "150 years responding to meet the needs of the church in the present day, done," he said, pointing to the pictures on the wall, "by these men marked with the sign of faith."

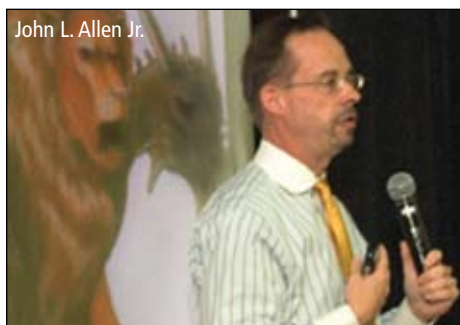
D.C. monuments tour is a convocation highlight



150th Anniversary Convocation Coverage – Saturday



Father Ronald
Rolheiser, O.M.I.



John L. Allen Jr.



Saturday breakout

'Ten Commandments' and global Catholicism

Rolheiser, Allen offer insight, challenge to Paulist community

By Christopher Gaul

Photos by Owen and Denise Warfield

Still buzzing from the challenges offered by the two Friday morning speakers, the Paulist Fathers, associates, collaborators and friends were treated the next day to two presentations that were quite different: one stunning, the other demanding.

Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., syndicated columnist for Catholic News Service and president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Tex. called upon the Paulists to embrace "Ten Commandments for the Long Haul."

Father Rolheiser encouraged the Paulists to keep in mind certain principles as they set their ecclesial and ministerial "gauges" to engage the culture and the church today.

He presented them as a form of "Ten Commandments," of which Paulist Today offers the first five. (Visit www.paulist.org for full story.)

1. "Be beyond ideology, be both post-liberal and post-conservative: Have an unlisted ideological number! Refuse to let yourself be pre-defined by any ideology of the left or the right.

2. "Strive to incarnate both the kenotic and the triumphant Christ: Don't be afraid to be nothing and don't be afraid to be everything!"

3. "Be for the marginalized, without being marginalized yourselves: Walk a thin tightrope! Take your stand with the marginalized, even as you yourselves, as a community, remain mainstream, respected for your sanity, balance, and capacity to relate warmly and deeply to every kind of person and group. Be known for your radical stance for the poor even as you remain renowned for your wide sanity.

4. "Be leaders without being elitist: Be led by the artist, but listen to the street!"

5. "Be iconoclastic and pious at the same time: Don't be afraid to smash idols and don't be afraid to bow in reverence! Help smash the false gods that need to be smashed, even as you are unafraid to kneel often in reverence.

Wrapping up the convocation's four keynote presentations, John L. Allen Jr., senior correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Vatican analyst for CNN and NPR, presented an eye-opening, even eye-popping account of the Roman Catholic Church's "explosive growth" and the challenges it presents to the church and the Paulists.

Mr. Allen revealed that at the end of the 20th century there were 1.1 billion Roman Catholics in the world, with 308 million of them in North America and Europe, but fully 720 million in the "Global South" of Africa and South America.

That today, two of every three Catholics live in the Global South and that by 2025 three of four Catholics will reside in Africa, South America and Asia, and not in those countries Catholics have historically occupied.

The statistics represent, Mr. Allen asserted, the "most dramatic and profound demographic transformation in the Roman Catholic Church's history."

We are, Mr. Allen said, "waking up to a new world in which Catholicism is no longer a European and North American phenomenon."

Unlike the sometimes myopic view of U.S. Catholics, the universal Catholic story "is not one of decline, attrition and apathy but one of explosive growth, and the primary pastoral challenge is managing that growth," he said.

Mr. Allen said that one "very important" role the Paulists can play today is to help Catholics better perceive the global dimensions of the faith while making an important contribution to ecumenism in the face of the dramatically burgeoning growth of charismatic and Pentecostal movements, especially in Central and South America.

"Pentecostalism is not only the most rapidly growing form of Christianity in the world but the most rapidly growing form of religiosity," Mr. Allen noted.



Saturday
morning prayer



Saturday
morning prayer



Saturday breakout



Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick



Scripture readers



The Paulist 150th Anniversary Liturgy

150th Anniversary Convocation

Worship, and cele

Liturgy, gala officially mark

By Christopher Gaul

Photos by Owen and Denise Warfield

The event-filled, joyous 150th anniversary celebrations drew to a close Saturday evening with a special liturgy presided by long-time friend of the Paulists, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., followed by a "Gala 150" dinner during which the first Hecker Awards were presented.

Speaking with warm affection and respect for Paulist founder Father Isaac Thomas Hecker during the homily, Cardinal McCarrick recalled how the "angel of God" spoke to Father Hecker, leading him to recognize the signs of the times and to act on them by spreading the Catholic faith throughout a still fledgling nation.

The early Paulists, the cardinal said, were "providential men, led by Divine Providence," which continued to lead them throughout the 150 years of their special ministry.

The Mass, held in the beautifully elegant Crypt Church of the splendid Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, was a moving liturgy developed by Father Thomas A. Kane, C.S.P.; Father Edward Koharchik, C.S.P.; Father Ricky Manalo, C.S.P.; and Paulist seminarian Richard Andre, C.S.P.

Readings from the Epistles of St. Paul and the writings of Father Hecker were presented in dramatic fashion in both English and Spanish by Father John E. Collins, C.S.P., Jennifer Kozakowski and Irene Holly.

The Mass was concelebrated by Father John F. Duffy, C.S.P., president of the Paulist Fathers; Father James E. Moran, C.S.P., the Paulist Fathers' vice president; Father Frank DeSiano, C.S.P., the Paulist Fathers' first consultor; and the General Council of the Paulist Fathers.

It was pointedly and encouragingly appropriate to the Paulist community that the "Sending Forth" hymn, written by Father Manalo, included the lyrics: "We are sent into the world to proclaim the reign of God. We give glory to the Risen Christ among us. Though our eyes have not seen his face, we believe and we spread the story of our faith."

Afterwards, Paulists and guests were delighted to find the Great Room of Catholic University's Pryzbyla

ation Coverage – Saturday

fellowship celebration

Paulist 150th anniversary



The Gospel Choir of St. Augustine, Memphis

Center transformed into a festive dining area, complete with big TV screen coverage, and an inspiring kickoff to the event by a performance of the Gospel Choir of St. Augustine in Memphis.

The first-ever Hecker Awards were presented by Father John F. Duffy, C.S.P., president of the Paulist Fathers, to:

1. Cardinal McCarrick, as thanks for his witness “in such a wonderful way the ideals Isaac Hecker held out to us Paulists and to the American Church.”

2. David O’Brien, Father Hecker’s biographer, who “has sought in the spirit of Hecker to interpret the church to American and America to the church.”

3. The Joseph and Katherina Illig family, the family of Paulist Father Alvin A. Illig, widely recognized as one of the most prominent and influential American Catholic evangelists of the 20th century. Accepting the award were Joseph and Cecile Illig, Victor and Joann Illig, and Edward and Marjorie Illig.

4. Delores R. Leckey, senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University. “Indeed,” said Father Duffy, “Delores Leckey is one who embraces what Father Hecker, Servant of God, meant when he encouraged the Paulists to be attentive to the signs of the times and for all she has done our future is brighter than any past.”

5. Dr. John Borelli, a prominent actor in the field of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue for a very long time, who serves as vice-president of the Board of the Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

As Paulists know, their founder, Father Hecker, began his priestly ministry as a Redemptorist but was expelled from the order because he promoted the opening of an English-speaking Redemptorist house in America.

Stepping up to the podium to join Father Duffy at the end of the gala program were two Redemptorists – Father Patrick Woods C.Ss.R., superior of the Baltimore Province, and his counterpart from the Western Province in Denver, Father Thomas D. Picton, C.Ss.R.

Father Duffy and the two Redemptorists greeted each other warmly, exchanged gifts, and Father Woods declared to his Paulist host: “We used to call you cousin, now we call you brother.”



Hecker Award: The Illig Family



Redemptorist gift to the Paulists

Steven A. Bell ordained a Paulist priest

By Stefani Manowski

The next 150 years of Paulist history began in the only way it could – with a priestly ordination.

More than 500 people gathered in the Notre Dame Chapel of Trinity University in Washington, D.C., for the ordination of Steven A. Bell, C.S.P., to the Paulist priesthood June 22. The ordination followed a three-day convocation marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Paulist Fathers.

The day began with sparkling sunshine and a gentle summer breeze greeting those attending the ordination as they arrived at the chapel. From their cars, they could hear the joyous sounds of the choir as prelude songs resonated through the air including, “Hallelujah is the Highest Praise,” “Great Things” and “Turn Your Eyes Toward Jesus.”

The five-minute procession included more than 100 Paulist priests, and concluded with the congregation singing “Lead Us in Faith, Great Teacher Paul,” written by Father Ricky Manalo, C.S.P.

After the Gospel reading, Deacon Bell was called forth by Paulist formation director Father Stephen Bossi, C.S.P., and presented to Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien of the Archdiocese of Baltimore as a candidate for the priesthood. On behalf of the entire church, Archbishop O’Brien then chose Deacon Bell for the Order of Priesthood with the assembly expressing the assent with cheers and thunderous applause.

“This special moment is not lost on me and I am most grateful,” said Archbishop O’Brien during the homily that followed. “To ordain one of your own to the priesthood and at the height of the 150th Anniversary of your founding is a very great privilege, the more so because I can count a good number of you as friends and mentors throughout my priesthood.”

“Soon-to-be Father Steven Bell,” he continued, “on this significant anniversary and on the eve of the proclamation of the Pauline Year marking the 2000th anniversary of the birth of this community’s special patron, St. Paul, our prayer is that your ordination would give us hope, in the pope’s words, for a new Pentecost, a new evangelization, a new springtime in the Spirit for the church in America. ... Thanks to your Pauline heritage, your fine formation and the zealous encouragement of your Paulist brethren, Steven, you will find yourself on the frontlines of this uniquely American and Pauline missionary endeavor, whether in the parish, on a university campus, or in the

communications media, to include a music ministry so full of untapped Catholic potential.”

“The affirmation you will give to the questions asked of you in just a few moments rests on the assurance of the unlimited grace of God that will be yours as a result of this Ordination, Steven,” he said. “You will swear to be a model of right conduct and to exercise the ministry of the Word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and explaining the Catholic faith.”

Archbishop O’Brien continued: “As you surrender to his Word in prayer, you will realize your role as a custodian of the memory of the church, ever faithful to her tradition. Unless you listen to that word, ponder it daily in the silent recesses of your soul, the missionary voice you speak will be yours only, and not the voice of Jesus. And finally, consider how powerful his voice will soon be, within you, as you will become one in persona Christi, in the person of Christ the priest and spouse of the church.”

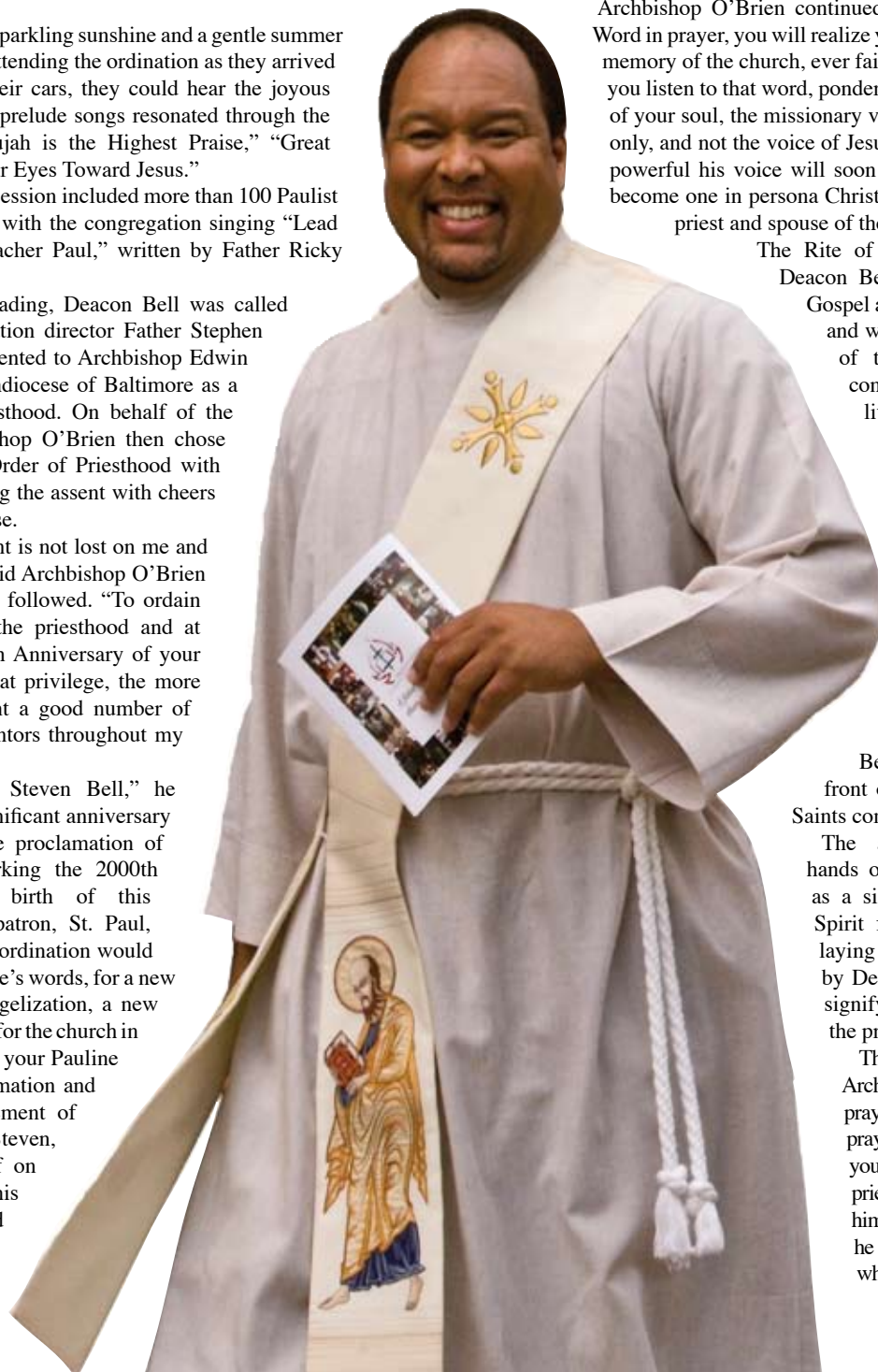
The Rite of Ordination continued with Deacon Bell promising to preach the Gospel and explain the faith worthily and wisely, to celebrate the liturgy of the church faithfully, pray continually for the people and live a life of holiness.

Deacon Bell then placed his joined hands between those of the archbishop as he promised respect and obedience to the bishops in the dioceses where he will serve and to his religious superiors.

Archbishop O’Brien then invited all to pray for the bestowal of heavenly gifts upon Deacon Bell, now lying prostrate in front of the altar as the Litany of Saints commenced.

The archbishop then laid his hands on the head of Deacon Bell as a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit for the priestly office. The laying on of hands was followed by Deacon Bell’s Paulist brothers, signifying his incorporation into the priesthood.

Then, with hands extended, Archbishop O’Brien offered the prayer of ordination: “Grant, we pray, Almighty Father, to this, your servant, the dignity of the priesthood; renew deep within him the Spirit of holiness; may he henceforth possess this office which comes from you, O God,



Owen and Denise Warfield
ORDAINED: Steven A. Bell, C.S.P.



Owen and Denise Warfield

THE LITURGY: Steven A. Bell, C.S.P., kneels in front of Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore and his Paulist brothers during the ordination liturgy June 22.

and is next in rank to the office of bishop; and by the example of his manner of life, may he instill right conduct."

Newly ordained Father Bell was then invested with the priestly stole and chasuble, and then his hands were anointed with Holy Chrism by the archbishop as a symbol of Father Bell's distinctive participation in the priesthood of Christ.

Members of Father Bell's family brought the gifts of bread and wine forth, and the archbishop handed the new priest a chalice containing wine mixed with water and a paten filled with bread.

Archbishop O'Brien then offered Father Bell a kiss of peace, sealing the reception of his new co-worker in priestly ministry. The Liturgy of the Eucharist then proceeded. Father Bell's first assignment will be at the Paulist foundation of St. Austin Church in Austin, Tex.

Paulist president Father John F. Duffy said the fact that the next 150

years of Paulist history are beginning with an ordination "is a sign that the Lord wants our mission to continue; furthermore, the fact that many of those who minister side-by-side on our staffs, members of various Paulist foundations, and our Associates were present reminds us that not just the ordained Paulists but all of us together are called to carry on the vision of the Servant of God, Isaac Hecker."

As for the newest Paulist priest, Father Duffy has known Father Bell for almost 10 years.

"I have always been struck by his deep faith and his desire to be our service to others," said Father Duffy. "As Paulists, we see ourselves as being called to be ambassadors of reconciliation. Steve is truly gifted in that way: he is approachable and people are at ease in sharing their faith journeys with him. He is able to bring together people of very diverse backgrounds and foster unity among them."



Owen and Denise Warfield

PLEDGE: Steven A. Bell, C.S.P. (right), pledges his obedience and respect to the bishops in whose dioceses he will serve and his Paulist superiors to Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien (left) as acolyte Dat Q. Tran, C.S.P., looks on.



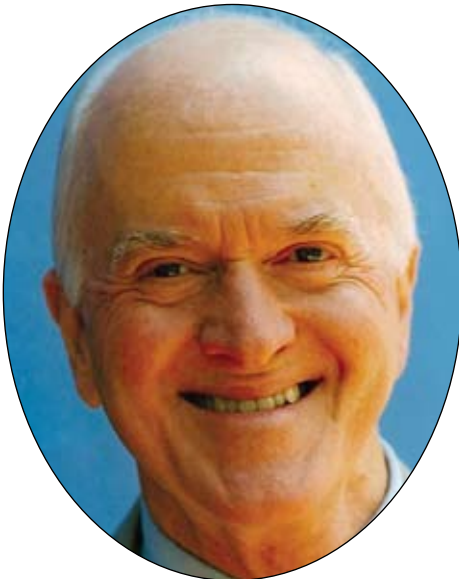
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CELEBRATE: Formation director Father Steven E. Bossi, C.S.P. (left); Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore; newly-ordained Father Steven A. Bell, C.S.P.; and Paulist president Father John F. Duffy pose after the ordination liturgy.

Golden moment

*Father Henry Dooley
and Father John Kenny
celebrate 50 years as
Paulist priests*

By Stefani Manowski



Father Henry J. Dooley, C.S.P.



Father John J. Kenny, C.S.P.

Father Henry J. Dooley, C.S.P.

Celebrating 50 years as a Paulist priest is Father Henry James Dooley. Father Dooley was born on Feb. 16, 1930 in Chicago. He entered the Paulist novitiate on Aug. 25, 1951 and ordained a Paulist priest on May 1, 1958.

Father Dooley's first priestly assignment took him to the Paulist Center in Boston, where he served in pastoral ministry for a year before heading to St. Paul the Apostle Church in Richardson, Tex. After a year, he stayed in Richardson, but served in the Newman Apostolate at the University of Texas from 1960-62.

Father Dooley headed back to Boston to continue in Newman ministry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he served until 1970. He then headed west, and ministered at the Paulist-run Catholic Information Center in San Francisco before going on sabbatical a year later.

Father Dooley returned to campus ministry in 1972 at the St. Thomas More Newman Center at the Ohio State University, where he ministered until 1975. He then headed back to his native Chicago to serve as associate pastor at Old St. Mary's Church there until 1978.

It was at Old St. Mary's where he met Father Wilfred Brimley, C.S.P., who tells a story about Father Dooley's days in Texas. Father Dooley was returning to the parish after a day's work at the Newman Center when he was pulled over by the police.

"The trooper said, 'I'm sorry, Reverend, but at the rate of speed you were going, I have to write you a ticket.' Harry asked, 'Well, how fast was I going?' The trooper said, 'Let me put it to you this way: you passed the lady I was chasing.'"

Tufts University in Boston beckoned Father Dooley back to campus ministry, where he served for a year. He continued campus ministry, this time at McGill University in Montreal from 1980-81. From 1982-88, Father Dooley ministered from Good Shepherd parish in New York City first as associate pastor, then as a campus minister at the City College of New York. From 1988-93, he was on special assignment ministering outside Paulist foundations, and he attained senior ministry status in 1993. Father Dooley, now 78, resides in a care facility in Boston where he is living with Alzheimer's disease.

"Preaching was his strong suit," said Father Brimley, "He was always a good preacher with a dry sense of humor."



Father John J. Kenny, C.S.P.

Golden jubilarian Father John J. Kenny, C.S.P., is a prime example that vocations talks work. As a student in an Irish Christian Brothers high school in his native Chicago, the young John Kenny was enthralled by the stories of Paulist trailer missions home-based in Tennessee.

"It sounded so interesting and exciting to go into Protestant Tennessee and be a missionary in America," said Father Kenny, who turns 77 in September. "It looked like a barrel of fun!"

The teen soon visited Old St. Mary's Church, the first Catholic parish in Chicago served by the Paulists since 1903.

"I found myself serving as an acolyte at the solemn high Mass with the Paulist Choristers singing," Father Kenny recalled.

Wanting to wait until after high school to enter priestly formation, the future priest entered the Paulist novitiate, then at Mount Paul in Oak Ridge, N.J., on Sept. 6, 1951.

He then attended St. Peter's Seminary in Baltimore, and went on to the Paulists' St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C.

Father Kenny returned to St. Peter's as a faculty member after his ordination to the Paulist priesthood on May 1, 1958. In 1966, Father Kenny began ministering at the Newman Center of Boston University until he became the superior and director of the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids, Mich. He returned to campus ministry from 1978-84 at West Virginia University in Morgantown. Then it was on to Boulder, Col., where Father Kenny served as superior from 1984-92.

The next step on Father Kenny's priestly journey took him on sabbatical to the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, staffed by the Paulists. Upon returning stateside, Father Kenny spent a few months at the Paulist-run Newman Center at U.C.L.A. before a six year stint at Clemson University in South Carolina beginning in 1993. In January 2000, Father Kenny returned as an associate in Grand Rapids, where he officially entered senior ministry status on July 1.

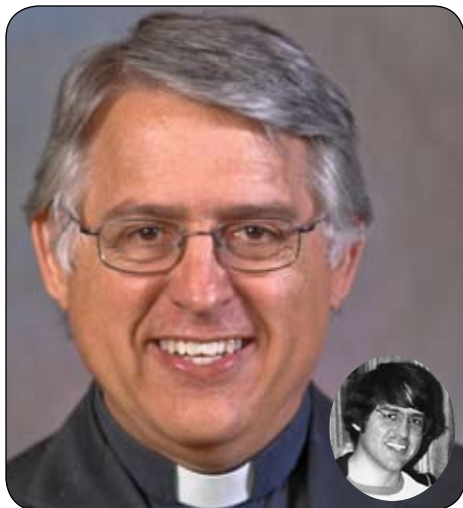
"That means I can do what I want to do and not do what I don't want to do," he said with a hearty laugh, but noting that he will still teach Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults classes and the like.

"I like preparing the people to enter the church and helping them on their way," he said, noting that he has done so for some 330 of the faithful.

"The Paulist life has been good to me," he said. "It has been a great life."



Three Paulists celebrate 25 years



Father Gregory S. Apparcel, C.S.P.

After being raised in a town outside of Hollywood, it was probably easy for a young Gregory Apparcel to get bit by the movie bug, which ultimately led him to the Paulists.

As an undergraduate film student at U.C.L.A., the future priest first came into contact with the Paulists at the University Catholic Center on campus. He went on to graduate school in public health education there and became even more involved, participating in retreats, liturgy and hospitality, as well as serving as a student coordinator. He entered the Paulist seminary in 1978 and earned a master's degree in theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., before his ordination in 1983.

What attracted him to the Paulist priesthood was the "invitation to be part of a larger Catholic community; inspiration in living the ideals of the Second Vatican Council, especially the participation of the laity," he said, as well as "inspiring preaching; assistance in becoming myself; and, not only the expressed invitation to give of myself, but to recognize the gifts and talents I had been given."

Father Apparcel's first assignment was as chaplain at St. Andrew's at Clemson University in South Carolina from 1983-86. He then served as associate pastor at Old St. Mary's in San Francisco from 1986-92 while also earning a third master's degree in pastoral liturgy from Santa Clara University.

In 1992, Father Apparcel headed to Paulist Productions in Los Angeles, where he facilitated Humanitas master writer's workshops and assisted in casting the motion picture "Entertaining Angels," a film about the early life of Catholic social activist Dorothy Day.

Father Apparcel then became vice rector of Santa Susanna, the Paulist-run American church in Rome. He returned to Paulist Productions as vice president in 2003, where he assisted in the research, selling and making of religious films and documentaries for television. He returned to Rome to become the 11th rector of Santa Susanna in 2004, where he continues to minister.

Father Charles E. Cuniff III, C.S.P.

Like his classmate, Father Cuniff also discovered the Paulists through campus ministry, but this time at the University of Connecticut – Storrs in 1969. It was a turbulent time on college campuses, in the U.S. and in the Catholic Church.

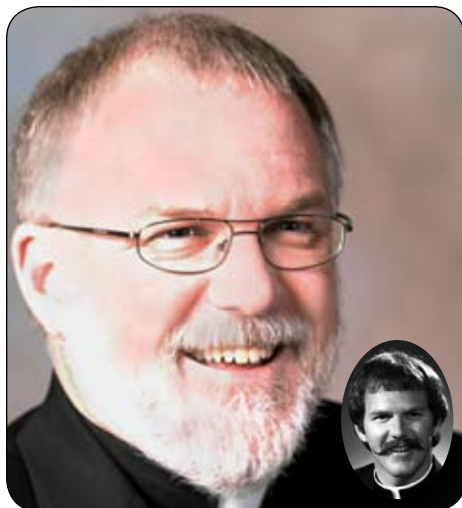
"On campus, the Spring of Discontent (1970) brought protests concerning the Vietnam War, racism and how the university taught/handled life within its "walls" to campuses across the nation," Father Cuniff recalled. "In the Catholic Church the liturgical changes called for by the Second Vatican Council were ongoing."

After stints in Colorado and Alaska, Father Cuniff felt the call to the priesthood, and realized he and the Paulists were a good match.

"My experience of the many Paulists ... I encountered during my time at UCONN offered me the insight that while the Paulists are a religious community of priests, we are also individuals with our own personalities and outlooks on life, the world and ministry within the Catholic Church," he said.

After his ordination in 1983, Father Cuniff's first assignment took him to Toronto from 1983-84. He then worked in campus ministry at John XXIII University Parish at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville from 1984-89 before becoming associate pastor at St. Austin in Austin, Tex., from 1989-94. It was then on Boston, where Father Cuniff became director of the Catholic Center at Boston University from 1994-99. Father Cuniff took a year's sabbatical before serving as associate director of the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids, Mich., beginning in 2000. His current assignment is at the St. Thomas More Newman Center of the Ohio State University in Columbus.

"At each and every place on my missionary journey as a Paulist ... I have been blessed with the challenge of having to answer people's questions about why life as a Christian, particularly a Catholic, is one that should be chosen or lived," Father Cuniff said.



Father James F. Wiesner, C.S.P.

The Holy Spirit just would not let Jim Wiesner alone. "It all sounds so corny," he said. "I asked God what should I do. God said be my priest."

As he began looking at the priesthood, it came to be vocation Sunday, and the future priest filled out a post card requesting information from religious orders. The young Jim Wiesner was impressed by the materials he received the Paulists and the variety of the ministries in which they were engaged.

"They went on my short list," he said. Living in an area south of Baltimore at the time, then-vocation director Father Frank DeSiano, C.S.P., suggested the candidate talk to some of the Paulists at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C.

"The more I looked at other options and the more time I spent with the Paulists, the more time I spent with the Paulists, the more 'attractive' the individuals became," Father Wiesner said, noting that he spent a number of weekends at St. Paul's as well as a vocation retreat at Mount Paul in New Jersey. "The more I looked, the more I liked."

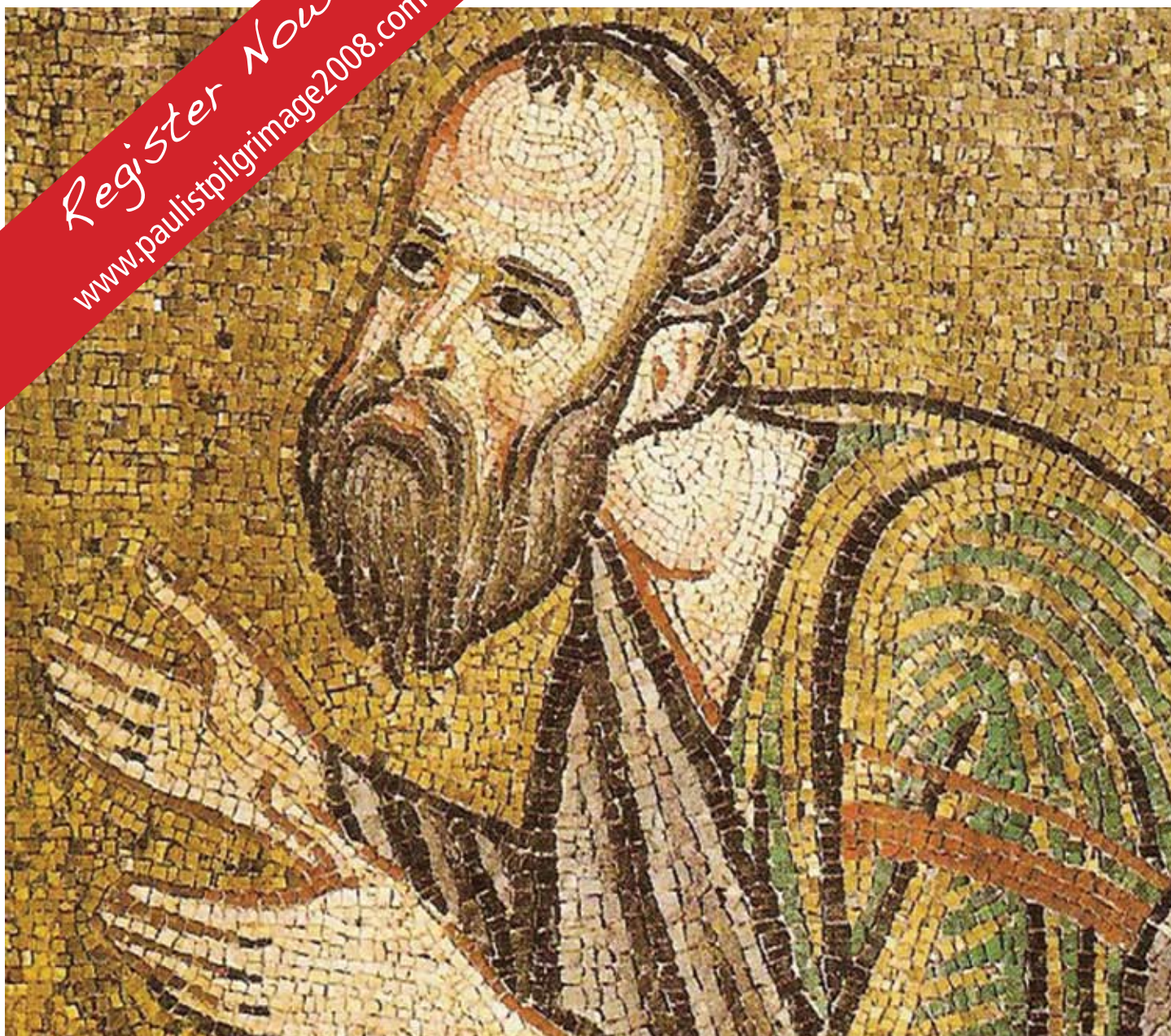
He entered the Paulist novitiate in September 1978 and was ordained on May 21, 1983.

Father Wiesner's first priestly assignment was as a staff member of the Paulist Center in Boston. In 1986, he entered campus ministry at Newman Hall-Holy Spirit parish of the University of California – Berkeley. Father Wiesner then became associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle in Greensboro, N.C., in 1989 before becoming pastor of St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center in Minneapolis in 1991. In 1998, he became the pastor of St. Patrick in Memphis, and has served as pastor of St. Austin in Austin, Tex., since 2005.

Father Wiesner looks forward to "whatever God has in mind," watching his great nephews and nieces grow and working on the consistency of his golf game.

"I said yes to God," said Father Wiesner. "Jesus was/is right, and the Spirit continues to guide. ... We grow or we die."

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