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President's Message

Shake summer procrastination

"Summertime and the living is easy," so Gershwin's lullaby reminds us. It's summer.

Time to procrastinate.

But then again, every season is a great time to procrastinate, at least in my life.

One antidote to procrastinating is a deadline. Deadlines were my friend in college when I had to write a paper, and they remain so today when I have to pay my bills or to prepare a homily. And deadlines can be our friends in the Christian life. Because, even though it's the time of vacation, it is also the time of life.

Let's review some deadlines to see how they can be a spring of life.

My reading deadline. What books, articles and poems have I told myself that I'm going to read to enrich my spiritual and Christian intellectual life? To possess life, and life to the full, what ways am I to live more fully by reading, uninterrupted, about the Bible, my family life, my prayer life?

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Ordination 2011

Father Dat Tran, CSP, enters priestly life

By Stefani Manowski

It was the moment he had waited for since 2004, so it was fitting that a warm and sunny spring day was the setting as Rev. Mr. Dat Q. Tran was ordained a Paulist priest by Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York on May 28 at the Paulist mother church, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan.

More than 500 people gathered at the church to bear witness to the ordination of the newest Paulist priest, including more than 75 of Rev. Mr. Tran's Paulist brothers, many members of Rev. Mr. Tran's family were there to show their support as well.

The atmosphere was brimming with joyous expectation as St. Paul's choir, accompanied by the pipe organ, began the entrance hymn for the five-minute clergy procession to the altar.

After the Gospel reading, Paulist Formation Director Father Paul Huesing, C.S.P., called forth Rev. Mr. Tran and was presented to Archbishop Dolan by Paulist President Father



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Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York lays hands on Dat Q. Tran, CSP, during Father Tran's priestly ordination May 28 at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan. Looking on are Paulist President Father Michael B. McGarry (left) and Father Gilbert Martinez, pastor of St. Paul.

Michael B. McGarry as a candidate for the priesthood. On behalf of the entire church, Archbishop Dolan then chose Rev. Mr. Tran for the Order of Priesthood with the assembly expressing the assent with cheers and thunderous applause.

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Paulist President Father Michael B. McGarry announces the following appointments:

Father John J. Behnke, to superior of the Paulist community in New York City, from director of novices, St. Paul's College, Washington D.C.

Father James Brucz, to coordinator of the Paulist community in Vero Beach, Fla., from associate pastor at John

XXIII University Parish in Knoxville, Tenn.

Father Richard Colgan, to director of novices, St. Paul's College, Washington D.C., from pastor of St. Peter's Church in Toronto.

Father John F. Duffy, to associate pastor of the Church of Santa Susanna in Rome, from sabbatical.

Father James Haley, to pastor of St. Peter's Church, Toronto, from treasurer of the Paulist Fathers and superior of the Paulist community in New York City.

Father Thomas Holahan, to associate pastor of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City, from associate pastor at the Church of Santa Susanna in Rome.

Father Paul Huesing, to superior of the Paulist community in Washington, D.C., in addition to his role as director of formation for the Paulist Fathers.

Father Patrick Johnson, to sabbatical until Dec. 1, 2011, from pastor of St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Father Charles Martin, to senior ministry with the Paulist community in Boston, from coordinator of the Paulist community in Vero Beach, Fla.

Father Paul Rospond, to associate director of the University Catholic Center at the University of California at Los Angeles from chaplain at UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles.

Father Ivan Tou, to pastor and superior of St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, from associate director of the University Catholic Center at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Father Dat Tran, newly ordained, to associate pastor St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles.

Giving thanks to those who have gone before ... and you!

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This summer I'm going to read that book that's been languishing on my shelf.

My visiting deadline. Many of us have heard of the "bucket list" – that list of things that we want to do before we die. How fervent were many of us Americans after 9/11 in a kind of personal conversion to focus on the things that really matter – family, God personal growth? Now, almost ten years later, who are the people whom I intend to visit – before they or I die? This summer, I'm going to visit them.

My prayer deadline. As a priest, I frequently hear people express their good intentions by saying something like, "I know I should pray more, I just need to carve out a time and a place." Prayer is that place where, regularly, we speak with and – as important – listen to our Gracious God. Now is the time to make that intention a reality by seeing a deadline and sticking to it.

My inventory deadline. The deadline here, like those above, often comes on a daily basis. So, before I lay my head on the pillow at night, "How can I thank thee, O Lord, my God? Let me count the ways." Someone once told me – and I believe it to be true – that you can't be grateful and angry at the same time. Not that anger is uncalled for or even necessary. But our country seems to be eating itself on a need to be regularly and righteously angry – politically, socially and sometimes even in our church (that's one of the reasons for our Paulist ministry of reconciliation). So, regularly recounting a listing of things to be grateful for can enrich our summer: our faith, our family, our health, our education, hot water out of the spigot in the morning, food on our tables, sobriety, friends, children, a good laugh with colleagues,

meaningful work, the taste of a raspberry. You name it ... that's when a grateful heart beats ever so vibrantly.

My missionary deadline. Finally, what marks the full Christian life is the urge to share our faith with others. Recently Paulist Father Frank DeSiano wrote a book titled *Mission America* in which he systematically and clearly describes this dimension of our Christian life. On a less systematic and informal basis we may have that missionary urge within us that requires a deadline. Maybe this urge expresses itself like this: "I've been meaning to invite my friend to go to Sunday Mass with me – maybe throw in brunch as a bonus – but I've just been putting it off. This week, this summer, I will do it. In fact, on Aug. 21st, I'm going to invite her/him to Mass." Our Catholic shyness about sharing our faith may inhibit me ... but, hey, it's summertime and the living is easy. And that life can be full. And the rest of the Christian community misses your friend at the Eucharistic banquet.

I said above that, at various times in my life, deadlines have been, and are, my friends. As I reflect on our Paulist missionary life, it seems that some of my *deadlines* are really my *lifelines*. Perhaps they can be so for you. May your life – and that of those you love – be full and rich this summer because of your engaging your lifelines.

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Photo courtesy of the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council.

The 2011 Living Faith Award recipients are Cantor Jack Chomsky spiritual director of Congregation Tifereth Israel (top row left); honorary chairman Bishop Bruce Ough of the Ohio West Area of the United Methodist Church; Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, of the St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University; Dr. Mark White, of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church; Arlene Reynolds (bottom row left) of The First Congregational Church; and Marilyn Shreffer of the Indianola Presbyterian Church.

Father McKiernan receives award

By Stefani Manowski

Paulist Father Vinny McKiernan was honored with the President's Award during the 18th Annual Living Faith Awards given by the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council in Columbus, Ohio, on May 19.

The Living Faith Awards recognize persons of exemplary faith and the influence of their faith within their vocation and larger community. Awardees are nominated by friends, colleagues and parishioners of persons representing one or more of the following endeavors: education, business, public or community service, health, social science, and the arts and humanities.

Father McKiernan has served the Catholic community of The Ohio State University and beyond since 1990, and has been involved in ecumenical and interfaith ministry in the Columbus area for just as long.

Initially asked to deliver the breakfast ceremony's keynote address, Father McKiernan only had "a little inkling" that he was also to receive an award.

Father McKiernan received the award for being "true to his Paulist vocation,"



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Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP

as stated in the awards program. He "strives to reach those persons who might otherwise be overlooked in the ongoing hustle of today's society, whether religious or secular."

The program noted Father McKiernan's

ministry with international students at the university, his involvement with the coordinating council of the Spirituality Network, an ecumenical movement that embraces multiple paths to spiritual life, introducing people to centering prayer and founding The Lenten Journal, in which he solicits and edits writings on Lenten Scripture readings from a variety of religious and lay men and women.

"I just really believe we are all God's children, made in the image and likeness of God," said Father McKiernan. "People are finding him in all sorts of ways, and I rejoice in that. People experience God in different ways, and that only reaffirms my own Christian beliefs."

Those beliefs started early for Father McKiernan, growing up in the Paulist-run Good Shepherd Parish in New York City, he attended the parish school and was a veteran altar server. The future priest left his parents and six siblings at the age of 13 to study at the Paulist Fathers minor seminary in Baltimore.

"My whole life has been Paulist," Father McKiernan quipped. "They were the only priests I knew, and I felt that is what I wanted to do."

Dat Q. Tran is the newest Paulist

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Archbishop Dolan thanked Rev. Mr. Tran's parents at the beginning of his homily.

"Mr. and Mrs. [Tien] Tran, thank you for the Catholic faith you modeled and passed on to your son," the archbishop said. "We thank you for giving your son to the church."

Archbishop Dolan then commented on his respect and admiration for the ministry of the Paulist Fathers, and then spoke directly to the soon-to-be-ordained Rev. Mr. Tran.

"Your best days are ahead of you," he said, "but it's not really about you, is it? It is about Jesus and his church. We are proud of you, we congratulate you, we rejoice in you. But this is about a call, an invitation, responding to God's initiative, to the call of Jesus."

The Rite of Ordination continued with Rev. Mr. Tran 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.

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

Archbishop Dolan then invited all to pray for the bestowal of heavenly gifts upon Rev. Mr. Tran, now lying prostrate in front of the altar as the Litany of Saints commenced.

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

Then, with hands extended, Archbishop Dolan 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, and is next in rank to the office

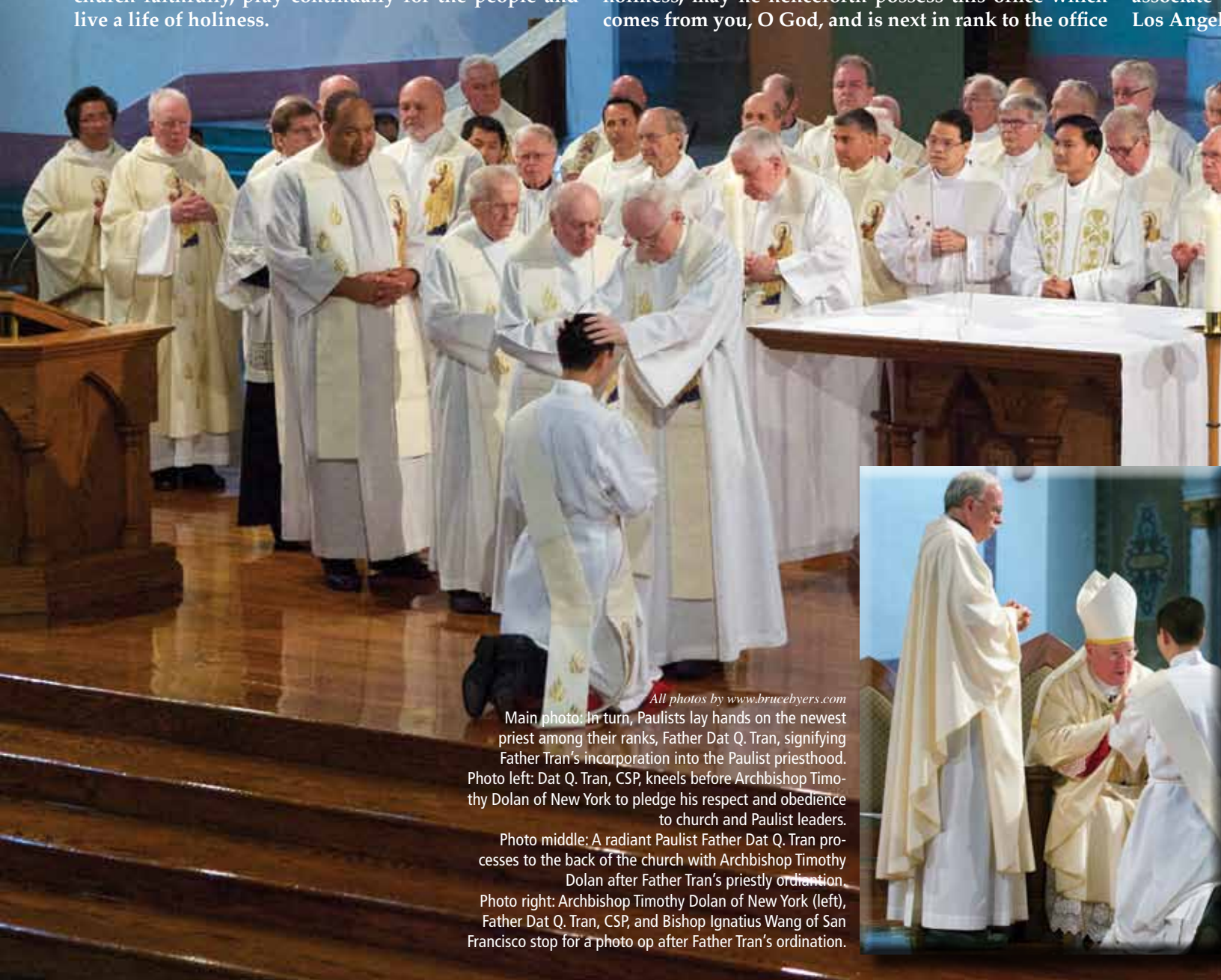
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Main photo: In turn, Paulists lay hands on the newest priest among their ranks, Father Dat Q. Tran, signifying Father Tran's incorporation into the Paulist priesthood. Photo left: Dat Q. Tran, CSP, kneels before Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York to pledge his respect and obedience to church and Paulist leaders.

Photo middle: A radiant Paulist Father Dat Q. Tran processes to the back of the church with Archbishop Timothy Dolan after Father Tran's priestly ordination.

Photo right: Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York (left), Father Dat Q. Tran, CSP, and Bishop Ignatius Wang of San Francisco stop for a photo op after Father Tran's ordination.



Paulist priest

and by the example of his manner of life, not only in his right conduct."

Ordained Father Tran was then invested with the stole and chasuble by his parents and Paulist Father Donald Campbell and Father Joseph Chuc Tran, Archbishop Dolan then anointed Father Tran's forehead with Holy Chrism as a symbol of Father Tran's participation in the priesthood of Christ.

Father Tran's parents brought the gifts of bread and wine, and the archbishop handed the new priest the chalice containing wine mixed with water and a paten with bread.

Archbishop Dolan then offered Father Tran a kiss of peace during the reception of his new co-worker in priestly ministry. The Liturgy of the Eucharist then proceeded.

Father Tran celebrated his first Mass the next morning at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Chicago. His first priestly assignment will be as pastor at the St. Paul the Apostle Church in Chicago.





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Twins Sister Ann Barbara [Patricia Frances] DeSiano, IHM, and Father Francis Patrick [Frank] DeSiano, CSP, share a family bond and religious vocation.

In the family

The DeSiano twins' bond goes from genetics to vocation

By Stefani Manowski

Theirs was a 1950s Catholic family. The elder Frank DeSiano took his four children to 9 a.m. Sunday Mass at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan and then occupied them with hours-long trips to places like Central Park and the Museum of Natural History. This gave his wife, Angelina, time to whip up a big Italian Sunday dinner after an early Mass.

Those were days the two oldest DeSiano children, twins Francis Patrick and Patricia Frances [now known as Father Frank DeSiano, CSP, and Sister Ann Barbara DeSiano, IHM], look back on with smiles as they reminisce about how they each discovered their religious vocation.

Young Frank found his vocation early, leaving the family home in the Amsterdam Housing Projects located near St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Manhattan at age 14 to attend the Paulist Fathers high school seminary in Baltimore. Inspired by the history of the Paulist Fathers who founded Church of St. Paul the Apostle and the parish school he attended, the young man was drawn to Paulist preaching and mission.

No one was shocked when Frank entered the seminary, according to his twin, Sister Ann Barbara.

"There was an understanding that the priesthood might be something he could think about," said Sister Patricia, who is older than her brother by six minutes but took a little longer to hear and answer the call to religious life.

The inklings of a religious vocation came to Patricia as a junior at Immaculata High School in Manhattan, and solidified during her senior year. She found the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who taught her, a "bright, funny, life-loving and creative group of women."

Father DeSiano, who kept in touch with his family as best he could given the expense in those days of long distance phone calls, never considered his twin sister would become a Sister.

"I was as surprised as anyone when she went in to religious life," he said.

So Patricia Frances would become Sister Ann Barbara, IHM. After her final vows, Sister Ann Barbara taught English in various high schools for 14 years before entering parish ministry.

"What I love about parish ministry is that I get to experience the faith of the people I serve in very deep ways and am always challenged to live out my own commitment with integrity and joy," Sister Ann Barbara said. "I have a rich texture to my life that only parish work can provide and the example of fine leadership, compassion and prayer with the priests I have been blessed to work with over the years."

Just like his sister, Father DeSiano is also passionate about parish-level ministry, especially evangelization. The noted speaker and author is now president of Paulist Evangelization Ministries based in Washington, D.C.

"The Paulists, obviously, are part of my stem cell system, so I could not escape their vision even if I tried," joked Father DeSiano. "But what makes the Paulists such a great congregation is the way the vision is deepened and renewed by our openness to life's experience and to culture. There is always a new idea, a new direction, a new slant, a renewed passion. A religious vocation is something you discover and then continually rediscover as you go along."

With both twins having parish-based ministerial experience in addition to their religious vocation, Sister Ann Barbara said her brother is a source of support and provides a great example.

"He always has suggestions for any questions I may face in the parish arena since his own experience is so widespread and he has pastored parishes with great success. Still, bottom line, he is my brother first and foremost, and it is as a brother that I love and value him the most."

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Photo courtesy Bill and Nancy Curtis

Bill and Nancy Curtis are honorary chairs of the 2011 Paulist Open Gold Weekend scheduled for Nov. 4-5 in Vero Beach, Fla.

Eagle shot

Golf volunteers talk about the Paulists

When Bill Curtis was asked to be the honorary chairman of the Third Annual Paulist Open Golf Weekend in his hometown of Vero Beach, Fla., he didn't hesitate.

"We know the priests personally and can reach out to people in the community," said Mr. Curtis, a retired president of Florida National Bank who moved back to Vero Beach in 1995 with his wife, Nancy, after previously living in other parts of Florida. "The quality of the Paulists we have met has been so unbelievable."

The Curtises are parishioners at Holy Cross Church in Vero Beach, where the three Paulists that live in the nearby retirement residence help out with weekend and daily Masses.

A charming Southern drawl enhances Mr. Curtis's words as he talks about the friendliness of the Paulists and how they reach out to "parishioners and families with warmth and love."

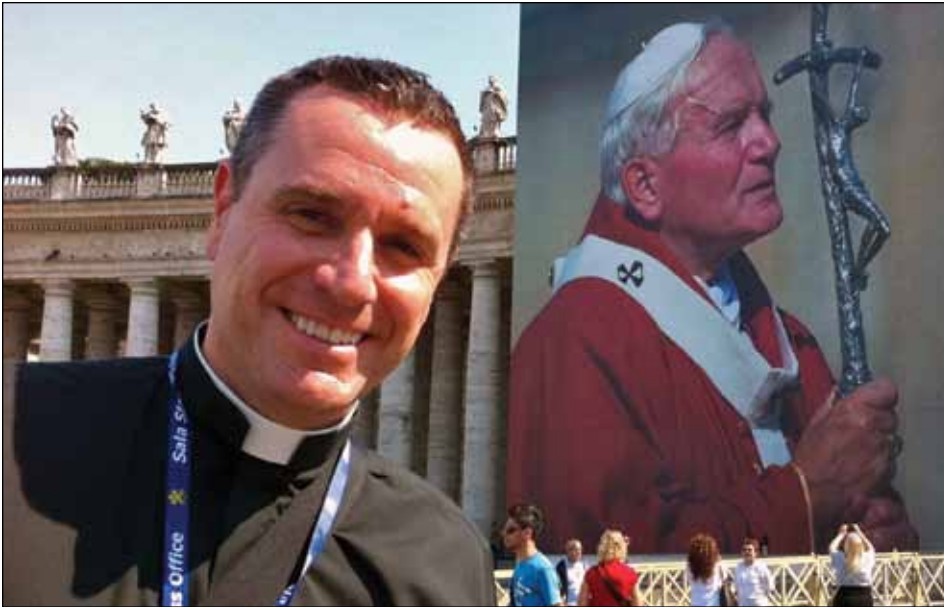
"They seem to connect with the word of God," said Mr. Curtis, who is the immediate past president of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce. "They reflect and communicate the way I try to keep my faith and grow spiritually."

In fact, Father Charles Martin emails Mr. Curtis his daily homilies which Mr. Curtis transforms into his daily meditation.

"We love the Paulists, and they mean so much to our community," said Mr. Curtis, a sentiment with which his wife agrees.

"They really care and take the time to get to know the people," said Mrs. Curtis, who is coordinating the golf weekend's silent auction. "They bring to us such a richness of faith."

Faces and Places



Busted Halo® live from Rome

Courtesy Father Dave Dwyer, CSP

Father Dave Dwyer, CSP, broadcast his Busted Halo® Radio Show (Sirius-XM 129) from the beatification of Pope John Paul II celebrated May 1 in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In addition to live coverage of the event, Father Dwyer was able to speak with young adults on the streets of Vatican City to inquire what they feel the church should be doing to connect better with young people in light of the late pope's great success at doing so. Find out more on www.bustedhalo.com/features/busted-at-the-beatification.

Hecker Award given in Boston

The Paulist Center in Boston honored Father Gregory Boyle, SJ, with its 37th Annual Hecker Award for Social Justice on June 4 at the center. A native of Los Angeles, Father Boyle was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1984 and was soon appointed Pastor of Dolores Mission in the city's Boyle Heights neighborhood. In response to the intense civil unrest in 1992, Father Boyle launched Homeboy Bakery with a mission to create an economic structure offering gang members training, work experience and practical ways to avoid and escape gang life. The mission has grown to include silkscreening, embroidery, merchandise, cafe and catering divisions. Since 1974 the Hecker Award has recognized North American Catholics who have labored for a more just and peaceful world.



Photo courtesy of Susan Rutkowski

Father Gregory Boyle, SJ (right) stands with Father Frank Desiderio, director of the Paulist Center in Boston (left) and Susan Rutkowski, the center's pastoral minister on June 4. Father Boyle received the center's 37th Annual Hecker Award for Social Justice.

Answer the call to priesthood!

Have you ever or are you now considering a call to the priesthood? Do you know someone who would make a good Paulist priest? Don't wait! Take advantage of two unique opportunities to discern a call to the religious life.

Paulist Vocations Director Father Dave Farnum will lead a vocations workshop for those considering the Paulist priesthood Aug. 16-18 at Our Lady of the Lake, the Paulist house on Lake George, NY. Nestled on the picturesque mountainside waterfront of Lake George, every Paulist priest has spent time at St. Mary's.

The next Vocations Discernment Retreat will take place at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C., Oct. 7-9. Retreatants will have the opportunity to experience the Paulist community and be near the Catholic University, where Paulist students attend classes.

For more information, email Father Farnum at dfarnum@paulist.org or call toll free 1-800-235-3456.



Photo courtesy Father John J. Foley, CSP

Newly-ordained Paulist Father Dat Q. Tran (left) and Paulist President Michael B. McGarry stand by the entrance to the Paulist Fathers section of St. Thomas Cemetery in Oak Ridge, NJ, on Memorial Day, May 30. Along with many other Paulists, the newest Paulist visited and prayed at the graves of his Paulist ancestors.