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President's Message

CSP: What's it mean?

I can't tell you how many times I have been asked that question. Like all religious men and women, Paulists add initials after their name to signify membership in their community. In case you didn't know, CSP stands for "Congregation of St. Paul," which is short for "The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle." Since our founding, we have been commonly known as the Paulist Fathers. Of course, we have never been satisfied with just one definition of our initials. Humorous alternatives include "Can't Stop Preaching" and "Congregation of Semi-Protestants."

Beyond initials, we have used numerous logos and tag lines over the years. Being that our Mother Church is just a few blocks from Madison Avenue, home of "Mad Men," it just seems inevitable.

For the last decade, we have used the tag line: "Giving the Word A Voice," which articulates our primary charism of evangelization. Before that, terms like "Missionaries to Main Street" and "Conversion of America" were employed. The current logo you see on our printed materials was developed in 2000. It combines the Book and Sword, symbols of St. Paul, our patron, and the fire of Pentecost, signifying our devotion to the Holy Spirit. There is also a family of logos for our various Paulist Ministries: Paulist Press, Paulist Productions, Landings, Paulist Evangelization Ministries and Busted Halo.

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Paulist Associates from across the United States and Canada gather for their annual retreat at St. Mary's on the Lake, the Paulist retreat house on Lake George, N.Y. The Associates recently elected four of their members to the Paulist Associates Board.

Leading through the laity

Paulist Associates elect board members

By Stefani Manowski

The Paulist Associates have elected four of its members to the Paulist Associates National Board: Angela Barbieri of St. Peter's Church in Toronto; Paula Cuozzo from the Paulist Center in Boston; Cathy Hoekstra from St. Andrew's Cathedral in Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Terry Modica of the Tampa, Fla., associates group. The lay associates will join Father Frank Desiderio, CSP, the Associates' national director; Father Michael Kallock, CSP, director of the Paulist Centre for Catholic Evangelisation in Toronto; and Paulist historian Father Paul Robichaud, CSP, in comprising the associates board.

"This is a great national board," said Father Desiderio. "They will provide guidance for the Associates and do the work of keeping groups connected."

The Paulist Associates are a group

of more than 150 lay men and women who, after a formation process, promise to support the work of the Paulist community and to live the Paulist charism in their daily lives.

"The Paulist Associates are a modern extension of Father Hecker's grand vision of an American culture shaped by the Catholic religion," Father Desiderio said. "They are the ones who carry the Catholic imagination, values and beliefs into the offices, malls and community meetings of contemporary North America."

One of the national board's goals is to figure out how to support and connect with the "ex-patriot" Associates: those Associates who have moved away from a local Paulist foundation but still see themselves as Paulist missionaries," according to Father Desiderio.

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Courtesy Father Jerry Tully, CSP
 Father Eric Andrews, CSP (center), was the keynote speaker at a March 13 fund raiser for Catholic Charities of East Tennessee in Knoxville themed, "An Emerald O'Cassion." Father Rich Andre, CSP, associate pastor of St. John XXIII University Parish at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (from left); Father Don Andrie, CSP, pastor of St. John XXIII; Father Ron Franco, CSP, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Knoxville; and Father Jerry Tully, CSP, associate pastor at Immaculate Conception, joined Father Andrews at the event.

What's in the 'CSP' name?

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Clearly, there is a lot going on in our Paulist tradition and our Paulist Ministries. With all of this richness and diversity, we realized at our recent General Assembly that we need to articulate a clear and unified message about who we are, so we can cut through the clutter of information and communicate effectively especially to those considering joining the Paulist Fathers as well as those who wish to support us. The Assembly mandated that we raise funds to engage those professionals who can help us increase the awareness of the Paulist Fathers, so our important contribution to the Church in North America may be more widely known.

With support and direction from parishioners at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles, we are now working with experts in branding and marketing to renew our image for today's world. Soon, Paulists, parishioners, associates and co-workers will be interviewed about their impressions of the Paulists and our ministry. From those individual and group interviews, a new expression of our community and our mission will be developed, always in close coordination with us.

Hopefully, by Advent we will be rolling out a new look for the Paulists that will be energizing for us and captivating to those who haven't heard of us before. No matter what, we will continue to keep on preaching the Good News, because as you know, we just can't stop!

Fr. Eric

Very Rev. Eric Andrews, CSP
President of the Paulist Fathers

Meet the Associates lay board members

Angela Barbieri

*St. Peter's Church, Toronto
 Member since 2014*

"I am hopeful that there will be an increase in membership of the Paulist Associates. I would like to work with my fellow colleagues in witnessing the Paulist Associates expand our presence on social media and other communications and marketing vehicles."

Paula Cuozzo

*Paulist Center, Boston
 Member since 2001*

"When the Associates gather on the national or international level, we share what is going on in our local groups – what this group is doing in terms of evangelization, what that group is doing in terms of reconciliation. We learn from one another the meaning of what it is to live the Paulist charism in daily life."

Cathy Hoekstra

*Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Member since 2007*

"I hope that the national board will not only provide guidelines for the groups, but get more people excited about the Paulist Associates. Hopefully, we will be better able to support the Paulist Fathers in their mission as they support us."

Terry Modica

*Paulist Associates, Tampa, Fla.
 Member since 2008*

"I hope to provide guidance, ideas, and energy for national and regional retreats that connect priests with associates in a community-building atmosphere that builds stronger awareness of who we all are as Paulists and descendants of Father Hecker."



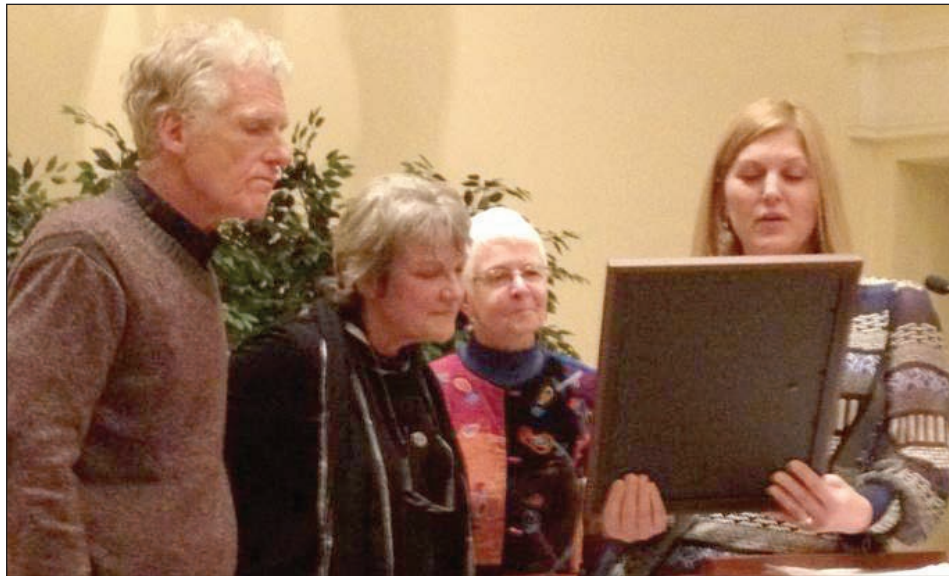
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Courtesy of the Paulist Center

Brayton and Suzanne Shanley (at left) are presented with the 2015 Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice by the Paulist Center in Boston on Feb. 7. The Shanleys founded the Agape community in Massachusetts in 1987. Rosemary Weiss (center) nominated the Shanleys for the award, which was presented by Susan Rutkowski, pastoral minister for social justice at the Paulist Center.

Living the faith

Agape founders receive Hecker Award for Social Justice

Food comes from the organic gardens, and meals are vegetarian. Wood from the 34-acre homestead provides heat and a means of cooking. The sun provides energy, and the car is fueled by vegetable oil donated by a local restaurant. There is prayer three times a day. Christian nonviolence and witness, eco-theology and voluntary simplicity are not just intellectual concepts, but daily realities.

This description is not of an obscure religious order, but a way of life for the residents and visitors of the Agape Community, located along the Quabbin Reservoir watershed in Ware, Mass.

For their 32 years of faith-filled resistance to war, nuclear energy and weapons and the death penalty and pollution of the earth, Agape founders Brayton and Suzanne Shanley were recently presented with the 2015 Hecker Award for Social Justice by the Paulist Center in Boston.

An annual event, the Hecker Award is presented to Catholics who have served the cause of social justice on the national or local level, whether by direct service to those in need, advocacy work or the transformation of institutions.

"This award puts us in some very

special company," said Mr. Shanley, who holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Boston College and is a former college professor. "People who have been peacemakers, sided with the poor and marginalized. They are people who hold up the very best of what it is to be Catholic. That is the kind of life we try to live."

'The Paulist sense of seeking the truth and commitment to the cultural realities we deal with as Americans speaks to the need to evangelize our nonviolent lineage.'

—Suzanne Shanley

The Agape Community would have been radical in the 1960s, but even more so in the "Me Generation" of the 1980s. But that didn't stop Brayton and Suzanne Shanley from moving with their daughter, Teresa, to found Agape in 1987.

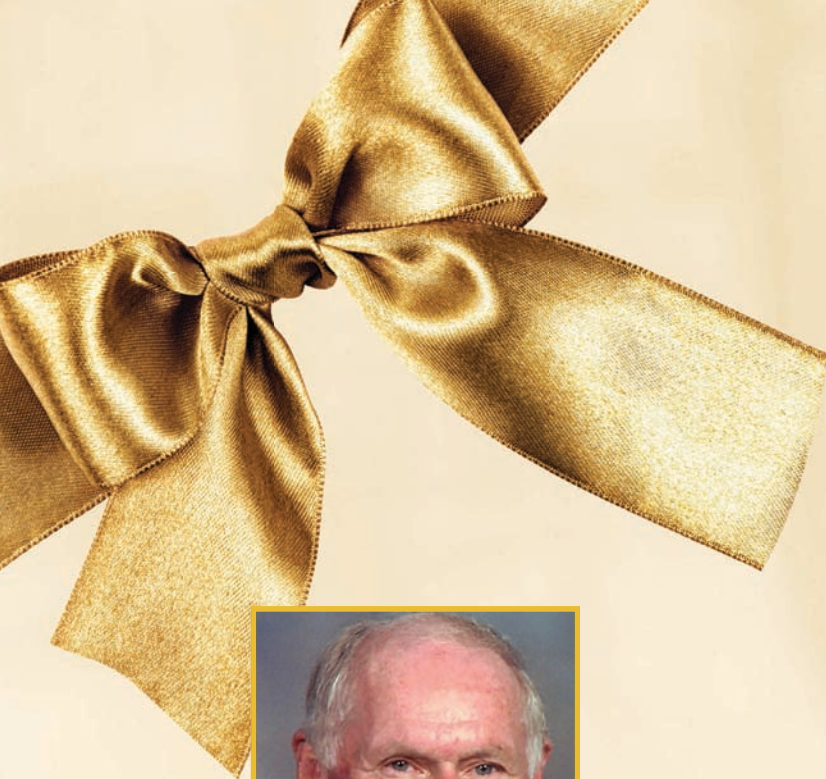
The Agape Community is described as "a residential, lay Catholic Community

dedicated to prayer, voluntary simplicity, and Gospel-centered nonviolent witness in the world." The community regularly welcomes visitors, volunteers, interns and retreatants. The Shanleys have rich connections with the Paulist Center; both have taught courses at the center and "have years of appreciating the intentionality of the Paulist Mission, especially its commitment to peace and justice," said Mrs. Shanley, also a former English professor.

"The Paulist sense of seeking the truth and commitment to the cultural realities we deal with as Americans speaks to the need to evangelize our nonviolent lineage," she said.

The Shanleys are role models in a world that bears witness to a daily increase of brutality and violence, said Susan Rutkowski, pastoral associate for social justice at the Paulist Center.

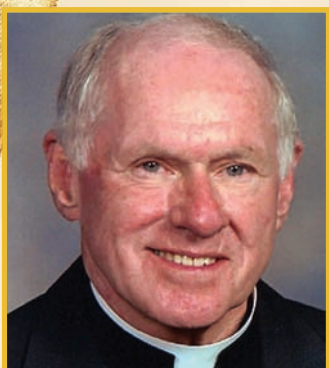
"The strength of nonviolent resistance lies in its determination to do no harm to the other in the course of resisting harm," she said. "We are all called by Suzanne and Brayton to first be at peace with ourselves and in our homes, indeed, to a nonviolent way of life, which demonstrates the kind of strength no amount of violence can extinguish."



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*Meet the Paulists celebrating
They have collectively served*

50 years • 1965



Father George Fitzgerald

Hometown: Jaffrey, N.H.

Present Assignment: Senior ministry, Paulist Center, Boston

Paulist Service: Assistant pastor, St. Peter's Church, Toronto, 1965; assistant pastor, Good Shepherd Church, New York City, 1965-70; Newman Apostolate at Tufts University/St. Ann's Church, Boston, 1970-71; Studies, while at Old St. Mary's in Chicago, 1970-78; director of formation, St. Paul's College, Washington, D.C., 1978-80; editor of Paulist Press and assistant director of novices, based at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, New York City, 1980; assistant editor, Paulist Press, 1980-86; pastor of Holy Spirit Parish-Newman Hall, University of California at Berkeley 1986-91; pastor of Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, 1991-92; teaching sabbatical in Dublin and Rome, 1992; pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Boulder, Col., 1992-98; special/senior ministry, Minturn, Col., 1998; senior ministry at Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco and the Paulist Center in Boston.

"I feel a great sense of gratitude to God for the opportunity to serve his people. I believe I have been touched more by them than they by me. My strength has come from the many people I have served because it is through the people that I feel God's presence. The Paulists have always been open to opportunities for priests and how that parlays into opportunities for the communities. I have had some very rich experiences with the Paulists. This is a great community. The sky is the limit in terms of serving with the Paulists."



Father Charles Martin

Present: Senior ministry, Paulist Center, Boston

Hometown: Newport, R.I.

Paulist Service: Assistant pastor, Good Shepherd Church, New York City, 1965; staff, Catholic Information Center, Grand Rapids, Mich.; assistant pastor, St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, 1965-67; missionary, Detroit mission residence, 1967-68; pastoral team member, St. Patrick Church, Memphis, Tenn., 1968-70; campus ministry, St. Mark's Church and Newman Center, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1970-73; campus ministry and graduate studies, University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, 1973-82; Paulist Leadership and Renewal Project, based at Paulist Center, Boston, 1982-83; director, University Catholic Center, University of California at Los Angeles, 1983-85; associate pastor, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Los Angeles, 1985-90; superior, Paulist Center, Boston, and special assignment with the Archdiocese of Boston, 1990-1996; campus ministry, St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, 1996-1999; sabbatical, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem and North American College, Rome, 1999-2000; staff, Paulist Center, Boston, 2001; formation team, then director of formation, St. Paul's College, 2001-06; superior, Paulist residence, Vero Beach, Fla., 2006-2011; senior ministry, Paulist Center, Boston, 2011.

"Whether it was a community of students or in a parish, I enjoyed the interaction with people. That's what ministry is. To be there to help people grow and reach their potential."

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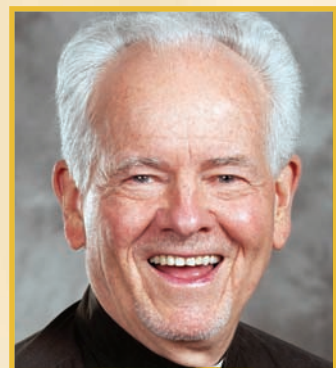
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Father Joachim Lally

Present Assignment: Senior ministry, Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich. Continues to offer Scripture and spirituality at the Catholic Center in Grand Rapids. He is a center of centering prayer. Memphis, Tenn.

Paulist Service: Pastoral ministry, Catholic Informer, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1973-76; pastoral minister, Paulist Center, Boston, 1976-78; director of youth ministry, Archdiocese of Boston, 1978-80; associate pastor Church of the Good Shepherd, New York City, 2002-2006; missionary in China, 2008-10 based in New York City; associate pastor, Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, 2010-18-10; senior ministry, 2010.

fulfilling to be in Hispanic ministry with young adults, training them to be leaders in parishes and communities. I got to do what the Paulists are a wonderful community respectful of each Paulists' energies and there is a lot to live up to being a Paulist. It's a challenge. We are all standing on the shoulders

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Father John Ardis

Present Assignment: Pastor/Superior of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community, Los Angeles.

Hometown: Ionia, Mich.

Paulist Service: Deacon, St. Andrew's Parish, Clemson, S.C., 1989; associate pastor, St. John XXIII University Parish, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1990-94; director of vocations, 1994-98; director, Paulist Center, Boston, 1998-2007; pastor/superior, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community, Los Angeles, 2007-current.

"My nearly 31 years in Paulist life have been filled with unexpected blessings each and every day. It's not always easy to answer God's call, there are many distractions, and often the grass seems greener elsewhere. My life as a Paulist has always given me an opportunity to serve my fellow Paulists and God's people in a variety of locations and circumstances. We live in an ever-changing world. New opportunities present themselves each day. From my perspective, trying to meet people where they are at in the midst of constant change and helping them understand the Gospel message is one of the greatest gifts that the Paulists offer the Church in North America."



Father Marcos Zamora

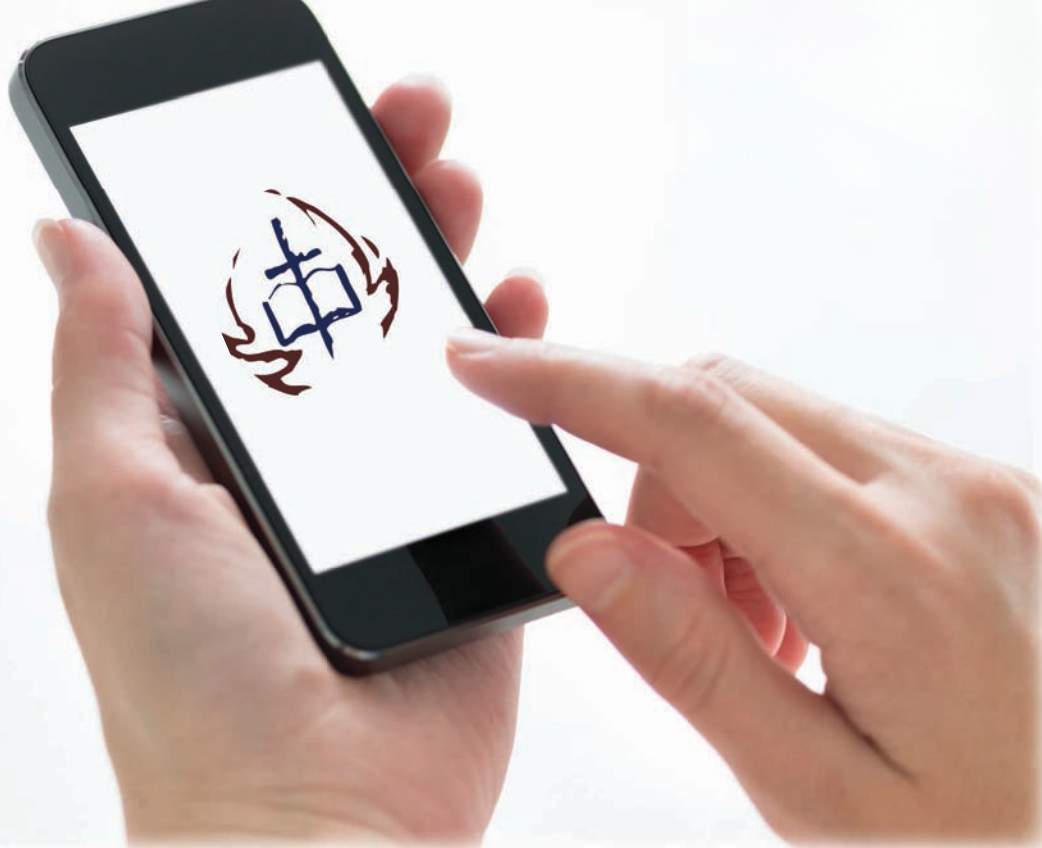
Present Assignment: Associate rector, Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Hometown: Joliet, Ill.

Paulist Service: Associate pastor, Church of St. Paul the Apostle, New York City, 1990-97; associate pastor, then administrator, Good Shepherd Church, New York City, 1997-99; pastor, Good Shepherd Church, New York City, 2000-06; associate pastor, Immaculate Conception, Knoxville, Tenn., 2006-2010; associate pastor, Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2010.

"I enjoy the people, begin with them as they celebrate the sacraments, and I have enjoyed engaging in social justice and ecumenical ministries. [I would tell a man considering the priesthood] that it is not always easy, but always very rewarding. Being a Paulist is more about giving than receiving. You have to be open to the needs of the community, and by doing that, you will find new paths and new enlightenment. If I hadn't done that, I would not have had the experiences and be where I am now."

Giving on the **GO!**



Paulists embrace mobile gifts

By Jackie Thomas-Suggs

The truth is, mobile giving is not for everyone ... yet. Like microwave ovens, cable television and laptop computers, mobile communication has become the next big thing. Mobile giving is one option, among many, that can reach tech-savvy donors where they live. The Paulist Fathers seek to meet their partners in ministry at every junction possible in today's fast changing giving platforms. Older, tried-and-true methods of charitable giving – such as direct mail, the Annual Paulist Appeal or planned giving – remain the backbone of the community's financial support, but mobile giving also has its place.

In February 2015, we began sending text messages to our mission partners. On average we send 10 very brief messages per month. Eight of the messages are mission-based communications informing the reader of the importance of that day in church history. Two of the messages are requests for you to consider making a \$10 donation to the Paulist Fathers. There are a couple of reasons why this method of communication proves beneficial to both the Paulist Fathers and our donors. The Paulists are blessed to have supporters who understand that every gift makes a difference. We have a number of donors who make sacrificial donations. They don't withhold their support because they think their gift is "insufficient;" they give their all. The Paulist Fathers minister to college students at university Catholic centers; Paulist missionaries conduct missions, retreats and pilgrimages throughout the country at non-Paulist parishes; and then there are those Paulists who participate in "calls to action" for social change events. As a result of this broad presence, we receive many gifts of \$10 or less from people who wish to participate in our ministries by supporting the work of the Paulists. The ability of the faithful to help sustain the

Paulists and their ministries in this way offers us an effortless method of garnering that support while reducing the cost of making a donation. Text giving is easy and it is immediate: You click, we receive, and you get an acknowledgement and thank you – all within a few minutes. No checks, paper, envelopes or postage are necessary.

Text giving reduces paperwork and accounting functions, and is cost effective. Look for a message from us soon. If you would like to begin receiving messages from the Paulist Fathers; text your cell phone number to 202-714-4568.

If texting is not for you, it is also easy and quick to opt out: simply return the text with the word "STOP" and hit send. Your number is immediately removed from the list.

Jackie Thomas-Suggs is executive director of the Paulist Office for Financial Development in Washington, D.C.

Special report: The yellow box

You will notice a yellow box under your street address on all mailings. This indicates your Paulist donor identification number. If you choose to make your contribution online at Paulist.org/donate, look for the header "Additional Info." There are three boxes we ask you to fill in under this header. The first is labeled "Please choose your Foundation Origin Code." Click the arrow, and all of the Paulist mission sites are listed. Please click on your foundation location. The next box is for comments or special requests, such as changes in name or address. The last box states "Yellow Highlighted Number." This number is listed on the mailing you received from the Paulists and appears in the yellow box. The inclusion of this number enables us to better serve and accurately credit your donation to the appropriate Paulist foundation. Thank you!

Top teacher

Congratulations to Dr. Patty Collier, professor in the physical therapist assistant program at Austin Community College (ACC) in Austin, Texas, for being a recipient of the ACC Teaching Excellence Award. The Teaching Award honors one full-time and one adjunct faculty member who promote special learning opportunities, student interaction and innovation. Dr. Collier is a Paulist Associate in Austin, and is a long-time and involved parishioner at the Paulist-run University Catholic Center at the University of Texas at Austin.



Photo courtesy of Father Dave Dwyer, CSP

CELEBRATING FRANCIS: Paulists gather in the Pope Room of Bucca de Beppo in Los Angeles to celebrate the second anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. Pictured are (standing from left) Father Ted Vierra, CSP; Father Ricky Manalo, CSP; Father Jimmy Hsu, CSP; Father Dave Dwyer, CSP; Father Paul Lannan, CSP; and Father Ken Boyack; (seated from left) Father Paul Rospond, CSP; Father Joe Scott, CSP; Father John Ardis, CSP; Father Larry Rice, CSP; Father John Hurley, CSP; and Father Frank DeSiano.



Courtesy Father Ed Nowak

PAULIST ON THE RUN! On Feb. 15, Father Ed Nowak, CSP, stands by a cut-out of Pope Francis after finishing the Austin Half Marathon in 1 hr., 41 min. Father Nowak serves as director of the University Catholic Center at the University of Texas at Austin.



PT/Stefani Manowski

MAC SMASH: The Paulists were shining at the annual *Mid-Atlantic Congress: Forming Catholic Leaders for Faith-filled Service*, held in Baltimore in February. Father Larry Rice, Paulist vocations director, and Father John Hurley, CSP, director of New Evangelization Strategies, were both featured speakers at the opening sessions, and Father Ricky Manalo, CSP, was a keynote speaker on the second day. Paulist Press and Landings International, a Paulist ministry that helps parishes and dioceses welcome returning Catholics, were exhibitors. Pictured are Bob Byrns of Paulist Press (left); Pat Watson of Landings International, and Father John Hurley, CSP.



Courtesy Father Frank Sabatte

ANOTHER OPENINGS: Openings, a Paulist ministry to artists in New York City at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, held an exhibit Feb. 21 in the parish center featuring nine of the artists who participated in the summer artist residency at St. Mary's on the Lake, the Paulist retreat house on Lake George, N.Y. Openings is directed by Father Frank Sabatte, CSP (fifth from left).



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“WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD”

Two Paulist students are currently on their pastoral year assignments: Matt Berrios, CSP, and Stuart Wilson-Smith, CSP. The pastoral year gives the student an opportunity for hands-on ministry and a taste of the priestly life. Let's check in with Matt and Stu!

MATT BERRIOS, CSP

The most poignant part of the year for me [at the Paulist Center in Boston] has been learning the width, depth and breadth of the love a true priest of Jesus Christ must have for his flock, the self-sacrifice that doing so requires, and then making that the centerpiece of my life that guides all that I do. Pastoral year has given me the sense that I can do this! It has given me confidence that the stirrings and movements in my heart that first drew me to life with the Paulists is indeed the work of the Holy Spirit, and it assures me and gives me faith that God will continue to give me the grace and help that I need to continue.



STUART WILSON-SMITH, CSP

My pastoral year [at the St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University in Columbus] has been a resplendent highlight of this Paulist adventure I am on. It has been a great chance to see where the theological rubber meets the road of human life and to apply the skills and knowledge I've acquired so far in formation. In that sense it is an invaluable experience of Formation in itself, one in which each person around me has a role – the members of the community, my brother Paulists, and the exceptional staff of the St. Thomas More Newman Center. It has also been a lot of fun. I have found some serious fun, joy, and energy in this work.

