

The Associates World

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A Paulist's Music at a Papal Mass

By Denis Hurley, Boston Associate

When Pope Francis presided at a historic Mass in Abu Dhabi in early February, he and a filled stadium sang Mass parts composed by Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP.

“This morning was the most humbling experience in my life,” Fr. Manalo wrote on Facebook later that day, “being surrounded by 180,000 “immigrants” (yes, immigrants!) and expats who were singing my mass setting with such exuberance, from beginning to end, during an event that marked the first time EVER a Roman Catholic Mass was celebrated outside (i.e., ‘in public’) in an Arab nation.”



Along with the “immigrants and expats,” who made up most of the congregation, an estimated 4,000 Muslims were in attendance at the Zayed Sports Center Stadium, according to reports from United Arab Emirates officials.

“ ‘So this is why I compose!’ ” I kept silently saying to myself,” Fr. Manalo wrote in his Facebook post. “ ‘This is why I keep saying yes to God, in good times and in bad.’ ”

“And,” he added,” during the entire celebration I was in such close proximity to one of the coolest popes in history, one of my heroes, who, every now and then, opened his mouth (just ba...re...ly) and sang along with the rest of us.

“THOSE moments were golden!”

The Mass setting that the Pope and many thousands of voices sang was Fr. Manalo’s “Mass of Spirit and Grace,” including the Kyrie, Glory to God, Alleleuia, Prayers of the Faithful, and Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations.

During the visit preceding the liturgy, Pope Francis signed a statement on “human fraternity,” promoting peace among nations, races, and religions, with Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Egypt’s Al-Azhar mosque.

Fr. Manalo was named 2018 Pastoral Musician of the Year by the organization of National Pastoral Musicians. He received the award at last summer’s annual meeting of the group.

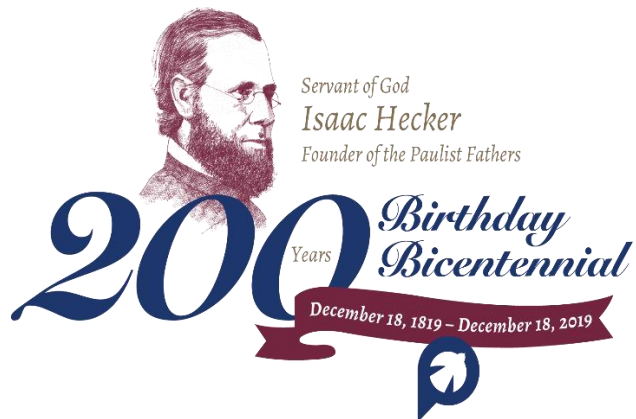
The youtube link below includes Fr. Manalo’s Mass setting at the Pope’s Abu Dhabi liturgy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCvvoBoais>



Ricky Manalo, CSP
2018 Pastoral Musician
of the Year

The 2019 Paulist Associates National Retreat



The retreat will explore St. Paul's call to all of us to be ambassadors/ministers of reconciliation. Presenters will reflect on this theme in the time of Hecker, in our current society, and in our personal lives.

God...through Christ has given us the Ministry of Reconciliation (2 Cor 18)

Check in Monday afternoon July 22 - Check out after lunch on Friday, July 26

Daily schedule includes:

- breakfast, morning prayer, session, and mass
- liturgy, lunch, free time in the afternoons;
- dinner and optional evening events.

Monday, July 22 Mike Kallock, CSP
Setting the Retreat, reflection on 2 Cor 17-20

Wednesday, July 24 Frank DeSiano, CSP
Reconciliation in our current church, society, and politics

Tuesday, July 23 Paul Robichaud, CSP
Issues of reconciliation in the life and times of Isaac Hecker

Thursday, July 25 Steven Bell CSP
Being reconcilers in our personal lives

Friday, July 26 *Wrap up, closing service*



St. Mary's of the Lake

The summer home of the Paulist Fathers
3535 State Road 9L, Lake George, NY 12845

Registration Information for the Retreat for Paulist Associates in 2019

Registration \$450.

Space is limited to 30 people, which includes all Associates and guests. Thus, we are limiting the registration to current Associates (those who have taken their first promise or renewed their promise within the last 12 months) and an Associate's spouse and/or health aide. Each guest is required to submit a registration form as well.

This registration fee includes room and meals, beginning in the afternoon on Monday, July 22 through lunch on Friday, July 26. Linens and towels are provided.

A \$200 deposit is due at time of registration; full payment is due by June 15, 2019. Full refunds are available until June 15, 2019. (Another option is to pay the entire fee when you register.) A \$200 deposit for a guest is also required at the time of registration.

Guests (spouses and/or health aides) are welcome to participate in the social activities, meals, and liturgies. We are reserving the sessions for Associates only.

Morning prayer and sessions are held after breakfast. Liturgy follows the sessions and then lunch. Afternoons are free time. There are optional evening events following dinner.

The property includes lakefront where individuals can swim. The dock is a great place for seeing fireworks. There are walking paths, outdoor seating, and a screened porch. The grounds do have a few hills, including a steep incline towards the chapel and dining hall. Also note that the main building (the Students House) is two floors, and there is no elevator.

Please make checks payable to: **St. Mary's of the Lake**. Fill out the registration form on the following page and mail your completed form and a deposit check (or full payment) to:

Mike Kallock, CSP
405 W 59th Street
New York, NY 10019

Fr. Mike will send a confirmation email when he receives your check.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Fr. Mike at kallockcsp@paulist.org

St. Mary's of the Lake – July 22-26

Name _____

Address _____

mobile _____ E-Mail _____

Paulist Foundation _____

I am a ____ Paulist Associate ____ Guest, Guest _____

Dietary Restrictions /Special Needs _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

When and how are you planning to arrive _____

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2019

Cost for the retreat is \$450.00.

Deposit of \$200.00 is due at time of registration (may pay full fee at this time).

Balance is due by June 15, 2019.

Full refund is available for cancellations prior to June 15, 2019.

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Upcoming Pilgrimages, Retreats, Events

Ignatius in Rome June 14-20, 2019

A seven-day pilgrimage into the heart of Ignatius Loyola under the spiritual leadership of Frs. Thomas A. Kane, CSP and Julio Giulietti, SJ. Rome is a deeply prayerful place – the Churches and chapels are inescapable – found around every corner, bookending every piazza, speckled along the skyline, welcoming us into prayer. For Catholics in particular, Rome is the foundational point for the Church. Over the course of this pilgrimage, we will visit sites, precious to the Jesuits and their history and journey into the very heart of Ignatius Loyola. We will not only turn ourselves over to prayer, but be engaged by the various works and voices in the Jesuit world around art and culture, education, the refugee crisis, and so much more. This Pilgrimage is designed for a small group (a maximum of 12) and will focus on Ignatian sites, including a private tour of the Vatican Museum, a journey to La Storta, and a conversation with the staff at the Jesuit Curia. Book now, we expect to sell out quickly because of the limited number. We are greatly looking forward to welcoming to you to Rome as we welcome your prayers for us along our way. Sincerely, Thomas A. Kane, CSP *Paulist Pilgrimages* Julio Giulietti, SJ *Spiritual Director*

The Loyola Experience: July 4-14

A ten-day Retreat Pilgrimage into the Heart of Ignatius Loyola with Frs. Thomas A. Kane, CSP and Geoff Wheaton, SJ. Our life is a pilgrimage, a journey of faith to deeper communion with God and with one another. In many traditions, the faithful travel as pilgrims along the paths of the saints. Join us on this retreat-pilgrimage to Spain as we pray together, enjoy new sites, experience community, and deepen our awareness of God's grace. As we trace the life and spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, we also celebrate the common life we share with fine wines and regional foods.

We begin in Bilbao with a visit to the Guggenheim Museum and continue to the town of Azpeitia for a three-day retreat at the Casa Arrupe near the Sanctuary of Loyola. We have retreat talks on the life of Ignatius of Loyola and special prayer opportunities at various pilgrimage sites nearby. We journey next to Pamplona, where Ignatius was wounded, then on to Javier, the birthplace of St. Francis Xavier. As we make our way south, we visit the ancient monastery of Leyre. Come join us in discovering the richness of our vast spiritual tradition as we journey through these historic lands. This pilgrimage promises to broaden your faith and be one of the most memorable experiences of your life.

The Splendors of Eastern Europe and Oberammergau - Sep 19-Oct 1, 2020

An 11-day pilgrimage with Paulist Father Thomas A. Kane on an unforgettable pilgrimage to Eastern Europe. See the once-a-decade performance of the world-famous Oberammergau passion play and explore the breathtaking cities of Budapest, Prague, and Vienna.

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I invite you to join us on our Splendors of Eastern Europe and Oberammergau pilgrimage with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the world famous Passion Play in 2020. The villagers of Oberammergau first performed the play in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God for sparing them from the Black Plague, and it has been presented there every ten years since then. Our journey will take us to some of Europe's most interesting countries including the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria and Germany. The scenery is absolutely spectacular as we travel through the plains and valleys of the magnificent Eastern European countryside. The points of interest are very diverse, spotlighting historical places and natural wonders. We will also celebrate the liturgy in some wonderful churches along the way.

Renewing Promises and Updating Lists of Associates

We are always happy to hear about new Associates taking promises as well as current Paulists renewing theirs. Please post notices and photos on Facebook and let us know so we can add the information in this newsletter.

When these renewals take place, it would be helpful to all if the local coordinator would send an updated list of Associates to Kathleen Lossau so she can keep our contact list current. Please email contact information for those taking first promises and those renewing promises as well as a list of those who have opted not to renewing promises to Kathleen Lossau <klossau@austin.rr.com>.

Looking for Newsletter Input

New material for Associates World is always welcome. We would love to hear what is going on with your local organization. If you have material for the newsletter please contact Denis Hurley <dhpc18@gmail.com>.

Paulist Associate Board: Visions/Thoughts/Reflections

By Carol Wagner Williams, Tucson Paulist Associate

Based on my past employment as a rehabilitation specialist, university professor emeritus and school psychologist, I would bring research, leadership, communication and listening skills to the Paulist Associates National Board. I like working with people and organizing activities as well as growing in my faith while doing so.

My vision for the associates is that members take an active role in their continued faith formation by prayer and reflection on the pillars of the Paulists through reconciliation, evangelization, ecumenism, and inter-faith dialogue.

I have been a Paulist Associate since 2009, when I made my first promises in Columbus, Ohio. Subsequent to that time, I have been a co-facilitator and facilitator of the Columbus Group.

I have led new associate training groups in Columbus and when I moved to Vail, Arizona, I assisted with the completion of training for the new associates in Tucson, where I am now a member. I have participated in national and regional Paulist Associate retreats.

I am a member of St. Rita in the Desert Parish, where I host grief and loss groups. I serve as Vice President of St. Rita's Guild and serve as a Eucharistic Minister.



Proposed Program for This Month

(It is strongly suggested during the Bicentennial Year of Hecker's Birth that all groups follow the basic theme for the designated month.)

Submitted by David Rooney, Chicago. Prayers by Mike Kallock, CSP

THEME: The Church.

OPENING PRAYER:

During this, the Bicentennial Year of Servant Isaac Hecker's birth, let us pray.

Father Hecker we ask you: inspire us and energize us with the same zeal and confidence you had in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in your time and place. Amen

READING (IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING):

On March 6, 1858, Pope Pius IX's Decree Nuper nonnulli dispensed Fr. Hecker and his four companions from their vows as Redemptorists. (For a recounting of this process in Hecker's own words, read his letters in *The Paulist Vocation*, chapter 5.) Hecker felt a great joy and optimism at his circumstances, after a long, arduous discernment and finally yielding to, in his words, "Divine Providence." He also thought pragmatically about next steps, as a course of Church procedures. These, leading to the founding of the mission:

"The decree, which places us, according to the Canons, under the authority of the Bishops, you will, of course, understand, does not in any way make us parish priests. The Pope could not tell us in it to commence another congregation, although this is what he and Cardinal Barnardo, and Archbishop Bedini, and others expect from us (From a letter to the American Fathers, March 11, 1958)(p.68)."

"It is customary here, before giving dispensation of vows to religious, to require them to show their admission into a diocese. As this was not required in our case, we are consequently at liberty now to choose any bishop we please who will receive us. [Barnardo and Bedini] suggested New York... I shall come back with some gray hairs; I thought to pull them all out before my return, but on looking this morning with that intention I found them too many. However, that is only on the outside; within all is right—young, fresh, and full of courage, and ready to fight the good fight (From a letter to the American Fathers, March 11, 1958)(p.69)."

SHARING/DISCUSSION:

Like the Paulist founders, have you ever experienced a trial, or intensely questioned the purpose in your life, in such a way that lead to a new and fresh perspective? Did this change anything in your spiritual life or practice? If so, how did prayer, or trust in God's Providence guide those changes?

REFLECTION:

I find this passage in Hecker's faith journey comforting and at the heart of the Easter message. It's clear to me that he struggled, while reconciling his vocation, with at the same time, feeling a strong call to evangelize the people in North America. He surrendered these two, apparent conflicting views to God. What is revealed is something profound and greater than Hecker ever imagined. During Lent, what are some of the obstacles we perceive as getting in the way of our spiritual journey? Can we articulate them in prayer and allow the Holy Spirit and the Church to guide our next steps?

Reading Part 2 (in advance of the meeting)

Members from our Chicago Associates group are reading and discussing *Divine Renovation*, by Fr. James Mallon. The Archdiocese and Old St. Mary's recommends this book and accompanying guidebook as a way to help moves parishes "from maintenance to mission." This specifically speaks to the role of the parish setting, as part, within the larger-sense Church. Though the Paulist Fathers are widely known as a missionary society, our parish centers play a major role in our identity as "Church."

Mallon reminds us (p. 82) that St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (4:11-13) calls leaders to "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." The book expresses that the primary mission of the Church is to answer Christ's direct call, to make disciples (The Great Commission).

"St. Paul explicitly tells us that these charisms exist... A clerical culture that binds the priest to the role of the super-Christian will demand that only the priest does work of ministry and many priests are happy to accept this definition. We see this in parishes that have virtually nothing going on. The few activities that do take place must have the direct oversight of the priest. No one else is equipped for the ministry of leading others to maturity, let alone leading ministry that goes out to the fringes."

"[Ephesians] also reminds us of the distinction between office and charism. The ordained have the office of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher. They are ultimately responsible that these ministries flourish in the Church, but these responsibilities do not always coincide with the charism. Charisms are given among all the members of God's people; for the Church to be strong, all must be called to identify their charisms and serve from them (p.84)."

SHARING/DISCUSSION:

In our parish settings, how do we "equip the saints for the work of the ministry?" What are some of the ways we can support one another and the Fathers in their work? Can we identify our own gifts and see them as personal charisms? Do we see opportunities to challenge the parish with Paulist charisms: evangelization, reconciliation, unity and ecumenism? Are we making disciples in our parish?

REFLECTION:

The Associates I've known remain quite active in parish life. They belong to the group of overachievers -- the ones you can rely on -- usually serving in multiple roles, such as lectors, choir ministry, Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA, parish finance council and more. And I trust they will continue in these works.

My path is a little different. For the most part, my home parish usually differed from the Paulist Centers, due to circumstances or because of geography. That's probably why I identify with a missionary society and our Associate diaspora group. I believe the Paulist mission extends the parish boundaries. I also believe the centers (parishes) are vital part of our communities and we want to continue supporting one another in our individual work. Like Hecker and the founders, we can ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and lead us in our ministries. As Associates, how can we encourage others to join us?

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSING PRAYER:

We lift up our closing prayer to you, Servant Isaac Hecker.

Help us Father Hecker to grow in our understanding of you. Help us most of all to imitate you in your confidence in the Holy Spirit. May you and the Holy Spirit lead us into living out more deeply the Gospel in our time and place. Amen.

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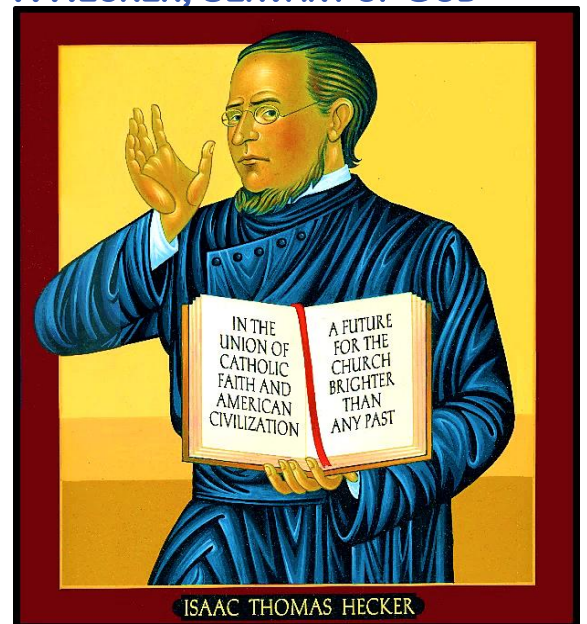
PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF FATHER ISAAC T. HECKER, SERVANT OF GOD

Heavenly Father, you called your servant Isaac Thomas Hecker to preach the Gospel to the people of North America and through his teaching, to know the peace and the power of your indwelling Spirit. He walked in the footsteps of Saint Paul the Apostle, and like Paul spoke your Word with a zeal for souls and a burning love for all who came to him in need.

Look upon us this day, with compassion and hope. Hear our prayer. We ask that through the intercession of Father Hecker your servant, you might grant us (state the request).

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever. Amen.

When you pray this prayer, and if you believe that you have received any favors through Hecker's intercession, please contact the Office of the Cause for Canonization of Servant of God, Isaac Hecker at heckercause@paulist.org. Visit the web site: <http://www.isaachecker.org/> to learn more about his life and the cause for his canonization.



PAULIST ASSOCIATES PROMISE

I believe that I am drawn by the Holy Spirit to the spirituality and qualities of the Paulist Community.

I have discerned both by prayer and study that God calls me to become associated with the Paulists. I promise that I will pray for the works of the Paulist Society, meet with others, who are also members of the Paulist Associates, for spiritual sharing and formation; and I seek to embody the apostolic qualities of the Paulists in my daily life.

*Attentive to the Holy Spirit and faithful to the example of St. Paul and the charism of Father Isaac Hecker,
I commit myself for one year of membership in the Paulist Associates.*