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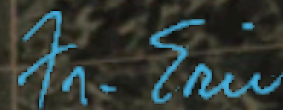
This season has been one of great joy for the Paulist Fathers!
Truly, we have been blessed by God.

We count you among our blessings, too! Our ministries are galvanized by the prayers and financial support of so many friends and supporters.

If you are able, please consider making a financial contribution to our work this autumn. With your help, we will continue to expand our vocations outreach, strengthen our ministries and care for our senior Paulist Fathers. To make a gift, you may use the enclosed envelope or visit paulist.org/give.

Regardless of your ability to make a gift at this time, please continue to pray for us! You and your loved ones are in our constant prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Eric Andrews, C.S.P.
President, The Paulist Fathers



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New From Paulist Press!

"Miracle in Motion: Living a Purposeful Life" is the last will and testament of Jesuit Fr. Antonio Martinez, Jr., a great leader in Catholic education. To learn more about this book and other new offerings from Paulist Press, please visit paulistpress.com.



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News from The Paulist Fathers Office of Mission Advancement

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*Two Paulists Ordained
Transitional Deacons*

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COMMUNITY WAS EVERYWHERE

By Jennifer Szweda Jordan

Community was everywhere. As two men moved closer toward life as priests with the Paulist Fathers over Labor Day weekend, they were surrounded by friends, family, and Paulists from across the country. Men and women from other religious orders stood in the pews and cheered. And the mens' parents, siblings, and aunts and uncles wiped away tears and expressed awe at their loved ones' commitment.

"The high point today obviously was just kind of seeing everyone there around you and the reactions and knowing that you're not by yourself doing this," said Paulist seminarian Ryan Casey.

Ryan, along with Paulist seminarian Michael Hennessy, was ordained a transitional deacon Saturday morning, Sept. 2. Both are slated to be ordained priests in May, 2018.

Paulist Fr. Eric Andrews, president of the Paulist Fathers, presided at an intimate Mass Friday evening, Sept. 1, in the chapel of St. Joseph's Seminary in Washington, D.C. There, all of the Paulist seminarians

made promises to the community:

For Ryan and Mike, those were final promises. Genaro "Geno" Flores made his first promise after a year as a novice.

Michael Cruickshank, Evan Cummings, Paolo Puccini, and Richard Whitney all renewed their promises to study, work and pray as Paulist seminarians for another year.

“For some, the cross is foolishness, for others a stumbling block ... But for those who believe, it is the Power of Christ and the Wisdom of God.”

Like Ryan, Mike Hennessy also was touched by being surrounded by his ordained brothers. The most moving moment for him was "when the other Paulists who have already made their final promises came up

and we were all together – surrounded each other.”

"They've all been where I've been," Mike said. "And, they have years of experience and ups and downs and struggles and joys that I'll be able to, God willing, share in now myself."

Friday's celebration also included a traditional moment of levity when Fr. Eric gave Ryan and Mike each a symbolic penny



In the crypt church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Barry Knestout, auxiliary bishop of Washington, D.C., ordained Ryan and Mike as transitional deacons.



Genaro "Geno" Flores signs documents after making his first promise.



Paulist seminarian Paolo Puccini leads the procession into the crypt church.



A traditional moment of levity: Ryan and Mike were given symbolic pennies in payment for a lifetime of ministerial work. They are pictured here with Paulist Fr. Jack Collins.

in payment for a lifetime of ministerial work. The men also were given the traditional Paulist Mission Cross, dark wood crucifixes that symbolize the community's mission.

"For some, the cross is foolishness, for others a stumbling block," Fr. Eric prayed during the blessing of the mission crosses. "But for those who believe, it is the Power of Christ and the Wisdom of God."

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Mike as transitional deacons.

Paulist seminarian Paolo Puccini led the procession into the sanctuary, swinging the thurible. He was followed by fellow seminarians, the bishop, concelebrating Paulist Fathers, and other participating priests and deacons.

After Bishop Knestout's homily, Ryan and Mike committed to several promises, including obedience; lay prostrate in front of the altar as the congregation sang the Litany of the Saints; and were publicly vested in dalmatics, the liturgical garment worn by deacons.

A New Home for U.S. Catholics in Rome

Since the early 1920s, Paulist Fathers have provided pastoral care for Catholics from the United States in Rome, Italy. After some 90 years in residence at the Church of Santa Susanna, this vibrant community of faith now calls a new church building home.

August 1, 2017, was the official start of the community's residency at St. Patrick's Church / San Patrizio a Villa Ludovisi.

"St. Patrick's American Catholic Community" is officially a "Mission for the Care of Souls for U.S. Faithful residing in Rome."

Paulist Fr. Greg Apparcel is the chaplain for the mission and rector of the church, which is at Via Boncompagni, N. 31, near the corner of Via Boncompagni and Via Piemonte. It is close to the U.S. Embassy and the famous Via Veneto.



Above and background: St. Patrick's / San Patrizio in Rome

Three Men Enter Paulist Novitiate

We pray in thanksgiving to God for the three new novices who "signed in" during a special Mass on Saturday, August 26, at the Paulist Fathers House of Mission and Studies at St. Joseph Seminary in Washington, D.C.

They are Philip Catalanotto, 25, a native of Long Island, NY; Eric Hernandez, 24, who hails from Corpus Christi, TX; and Fr. Sam Matthiesen, 31, a priest of the Diocese of San Angelo, TX, who was raised in Olfen, TX.



Above left to right: Eric, Fr. Sam and Philip.

Meet Our New Staff: J.D. and Brett

Two new staff members recently joined the Paulist Fathers Office of Mission Advancement: Brett Hecksher, our Manager of Annual Giving and Donor Relations, and J.D. Garcia, our Advancement Services Manager.

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Above left to right: J.D. and Brett.