

FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC:



Dear friends,

"... Paulists are not merely salt for the salt shaker ..."

These words, preached by Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., archbishop of Newark, at the ordination of our brothers, Paulist Fr. Ryan Casey and Paulist Fr. Michael Hennessy, still captivate my imagination. The Paulists do not minister exclusively in the comfort of nice Catholic enclaves, he added, "You are salt for the Earth. You are a light for the world. You speak the word of life beyond the household of the faith." In just a few words, the cardinal (a member of the Redemptorists, from which the Paulists were formed) captured our mission and spirituality. Then, he commissioned these two new priests, and all of us, to go out and set the world on fire with the Gospel.

With this admonition in mind and heart, we Paulists gathered the following Monday for our General Assembly, our highest governing body that meets every four years. At the assembly, in solidarity with Pope Francis' 2013 apostolic exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," we renewed our commitment to the religiously unaffiliated, particularly young adults, and those Catholic on the peripheries of the Church. We resolved that all of our Paulist foundations and ministries should evaluate themselves in light of this. We challenged ourselves to find innovative ways to invite people to join our communities of faith. We commended those Paulists with experience in campus ministry and young adult ministry to draft a pastoral letter in time for the Synod on Young Adults, which will be held in Rome this fall.

Please pray that the actions of the General Assembly will be a gift to the Church and the world. Also, I ask you to pray for our two new Paulist Fathers, that they may indeed be salt for the earth and light for the earth as Cardinal Tobin urged.

I am very grateful for your prayers and financial support—they have allowed us to nurture the vocations of our seminarians and prepare them for ministry. May the Holy Spirit call others to follow in their footsteps and embolden all Paulists, Paulist Associates, and our parishioners and friends to go out and share the good news!

Finally, a note of sincere gratitude to Paulist Fr. John Ardis, who will be moving from his post as Senior Director of Mission Advancement to be pastor of Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Fr. Ardis' tireless efforts to lift up the Paulist mission through our fundraising and marketing have been a great gift to all of us!

Blessings to you all,

Fr. Eric

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

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**The Church Is With You
Ordination 2018**



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By Jennifer Szweda Jordan

On the eve of Pentecost 2018, considered the Church's birthday, the ordination of two new Paulist Fathers marked the continual fulfillment of Christ sending forth gifted servant-leaders.

"Jesus promised that He would not leave us orphaned, but that He would send His Holy Spirit who raises in the Church every kind of spiritual gift," said Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., archbishop of Newark.

The cardinal presided at the Ordination Mass of Paulist Fr. Ryan Casey and Paulist Fr. Michael Hennessy on Saturday, May 19, in New York's Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

"I thank you," Cardinal Tobin said to the Paulists, "for this honor of celebrating God's faithfulness to His Church."

The first Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter when people miraculously heard the teachings of Christ in their own languages. The feast was an appropriate one on which to welcome two new priests who learned about the Paulists through a relatively new communications media, the "Busted Halo Show" on satellite radio hosted by Paulist Fr. Dave Dwyer.

The ordination Mass and the priests' Masses of Thanksgiving the following day revealed the Christian messages of love in a wide variety of musical languages, including "Ave Maria" by a National Children's Chorus soloist, traditional Latin chants, the Caribbean "Halle Halle Halle!" and a Swahili version of The Lord's Prayer ("Baba Yetu").

Priests and prophets from biblical history were invoked through the Ordination Mass. First, cantor Jonathan Morales sang Psalm 110: "You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek."

Later, Cardinal Tobin recalled Jeremiah's hesitance.

"Jeremiah was destined to be a prophet, even from his youth. And as the prophet became aware of this call, he could not help but be overwhelmed by his unworthiness," the cardinal said. "Though you are conscious of your weakness in the face of the great gift you will receive, the judgment of the church should be your confidence. It's not a selfie. The church is with you."

Cardinal Tobin spoke highly of the Paulist Fathers community. He said that just like Pope Francis is recognized for speaking a language modern ears can understand, this trait been a hallmark of the Paulists for 160 years.

"From its very origin your congregation has sought to speak the word of God in a language people can understand," the cardinal said. "Servant of God Isaac Hecker and his companions suffered much for this. Yet their perseverance has enriched the church in incredible ways. Like Pope Francis, you combine words and images so that your hearts may speak to the hearts of others."

"May God use you to awaken people to a love of Christ, the true antidote of fear," the cardinal said in closing his homily. "In a world where some dream of beautiful walls, you will build bridges."

After the ordination, Fr. Mike reflected on the experience.

"I got emotional thinking about my journey in the seminary and with the Paulists, because it's been six years. But, also thinking about other family members who've gone before me, lifting me up in prayer that I could feel," he said. "So it was just a great gift."

Fr. Mike's first priestly assignment will be at the Cathedral of St. Andrew and the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids, MI. It will be a return to the location of a summer assignment where he first delivered a popular talk on the Catholic traditions of brewing beer.

Fr. Ryan said that his ordination was equally a celebration of his family, and church community.

"I'm just very happy. I'm just really glad that I'm a Paulist and I'm a part of this community and glad that I now get the opportunity, as a priest, to go out and share the message, and help people who are looking for meaning in the world," he said. "That's just a great honor to me."

Fr. Ryan's first assignment will be in Los Angeles at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community. Though he's a native of Illinois, it could be a perfect fit for this devotee of popular culture with a penchant for successfully predicting Oscar nominees. 🌀

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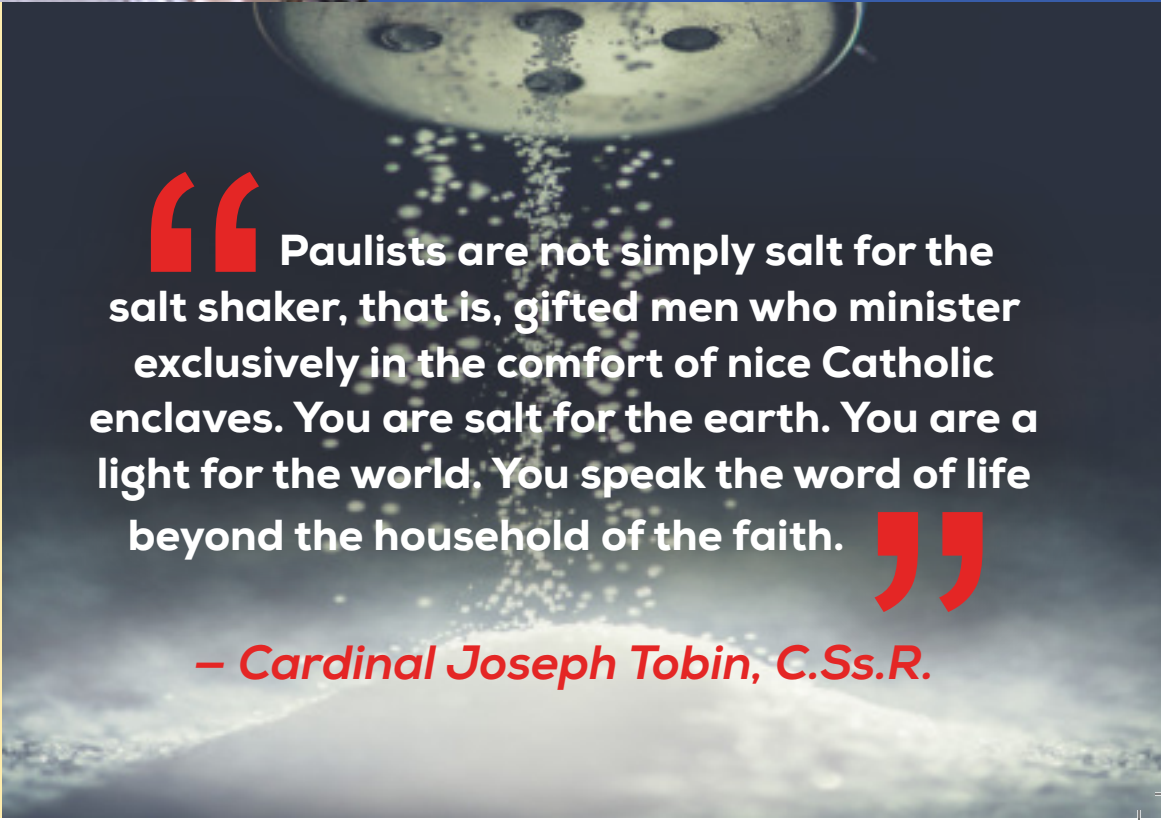
Fr. Ryan Casey, C.S.P.

Native Place: Rockford, IL
Parents: Terry and Sheri Casey
Alma mater: Augustana College
First Assignment: St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community, Los Angeles



Fr. Michael Hennessy, C.S.P.

Native Place: Manchester, NH
Parents: Justin and Karen Hennessy
Alma mater: St. Anselm College
First Assignment: Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, MI



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