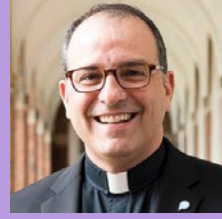


FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC

Dear Friends,

For many decades, a large statue of Our Lady of Lourdes graced the grounds of St. Paul's College, our former seminary building in Washington, D.C. Generations of Paulist seminarians prayed many a "Hail Mary" in front of this tribute to Our Lady.



In March, the statue was moved a short distance from the grounds of St. Paul's College (now sold and being used as a private school) to a prominent location in front of what will be the new Paulist House of Mission and Studies on a parcel of the former property that we have retained.

The placement of the Our Lady of Lourdes statue coincided with the start of construction on the site. How appropriate that our Blessed Mother was there at the beginning of this new chapter in the life of the Paulist Fathers!

We pray that Mary will intercede for everyone involved in the construction project, both the laborers on the building and our adjacent neighbors.

Our new House of Mission and Studies will be a home for our seminarians, novices, Formation team, the Paulist Fr. Bud Kieser Media Center, the offices of Paulist Evangelization Ministries, and the offices of Landings International, our ministry for "returning Catholics."

We pray in thanksgiving to God for all of our parishioners, friends and benefactors who are making the new seminary project possible through our "Hope for the Future" comprehensive fundraising campaign. This extraordinary effort also will enable us to ensure the long-term operation of the building and to create a dedicated fund for tuition costs for our seminarians at The Catholic University of America (where they earn their master of divinity degrees).

The "Hope for the Future" campaign also will shore up the retirement fund for our senior Paulist Fathers and provide for critical repairs at our Motherhouse in New York City and other residences.

To learn more about the comprehensive campaign, or to make a gift or a pledge of support, please visit: paulist.org/future.

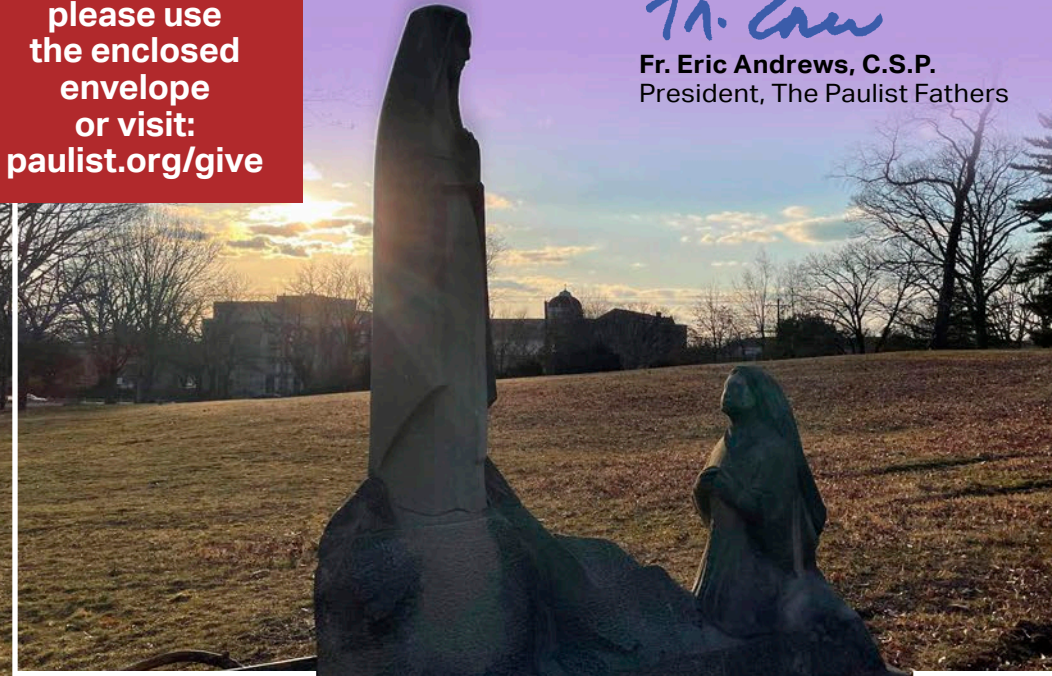
During this May, the month of Mary, please know that you and your loved ones are in our constant prayers. And, may we all continue to follow the lead of our Blessed Mother, who invites us to trust her Son in all things.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Eric

Fr. Eric Andrews, C.S.P.
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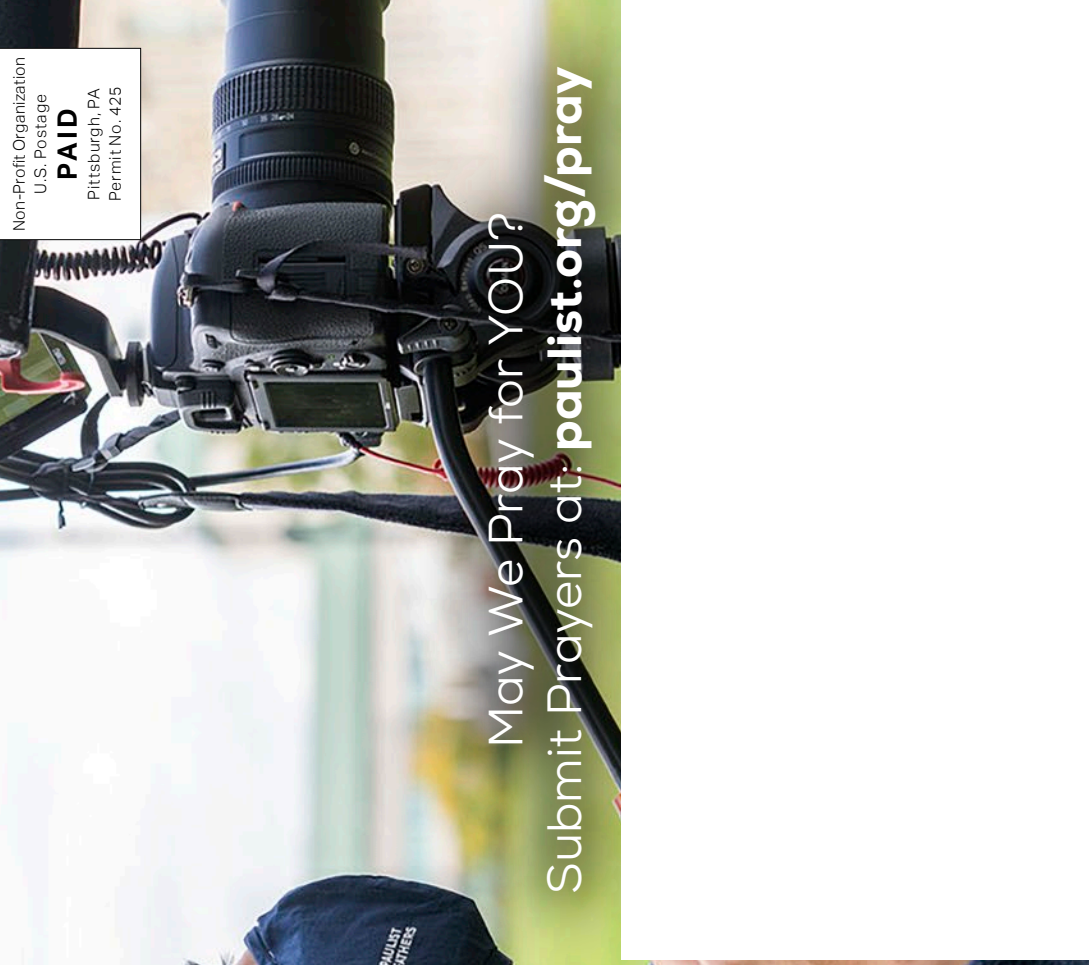
By Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ

Fr. Richard, a Jesuit from Australia, returns in his new Paulist Press book with meditations on the sources of formation in the Christian approach to law. Law should set us free, not bind us up, he argues, in this contribution to the debate between Christian liberty and obedience.

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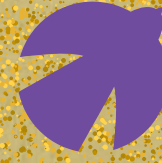
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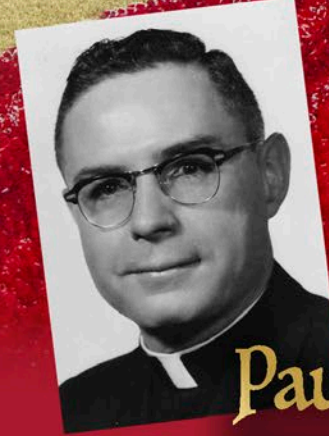
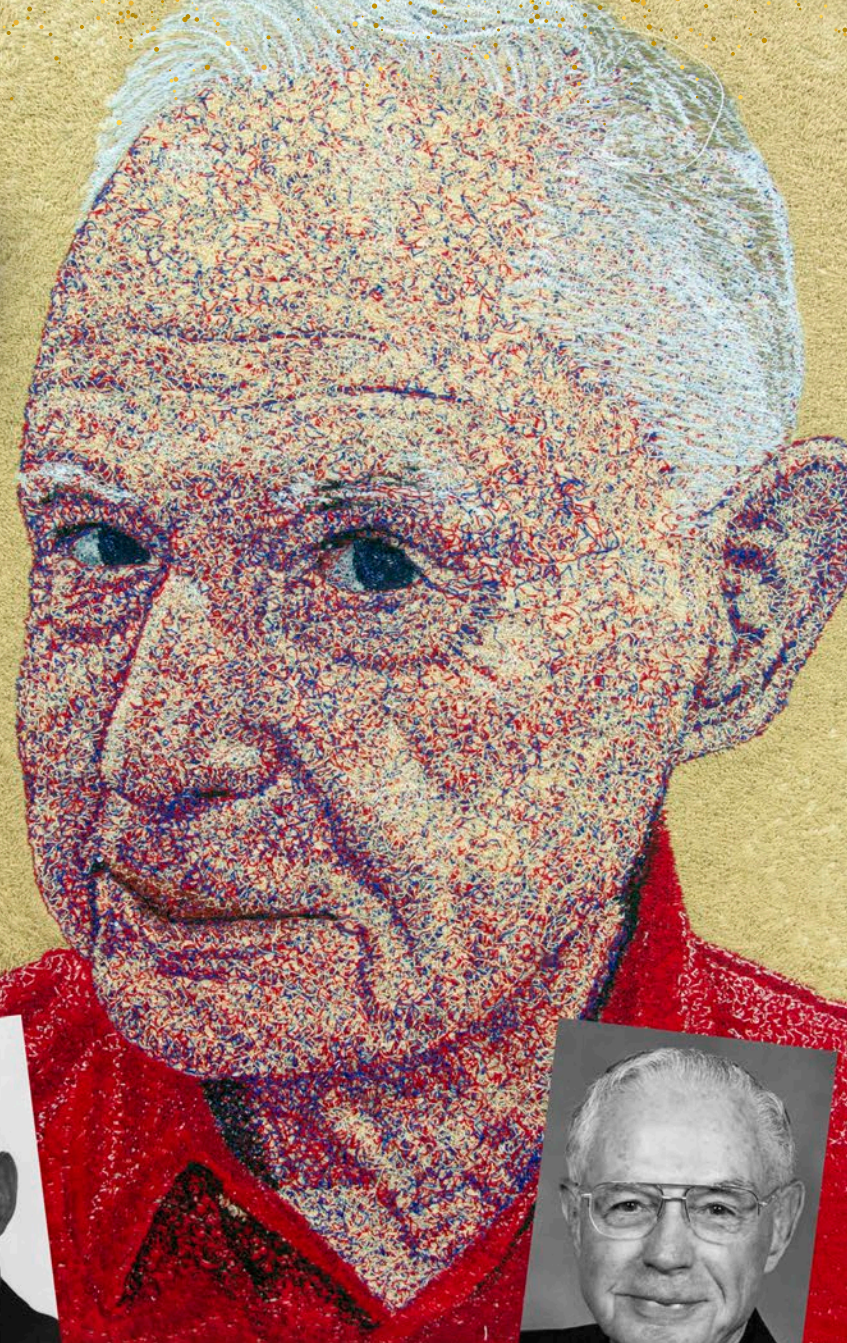


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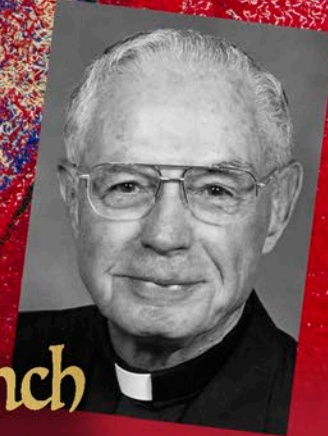
News from The Paulist Fathers Office of Mission Advancement

70 YEARS



Paulist Fr. John Lynch

Celebrating 70 Years of Priesthood



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Paulist Fr. John Lynch, who celebrated the 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 1, 2021!



Fr. Lynch, 96, is only the second Paulist Father in history to celebrate a 70th anniversary. (The first was Paulist Fr. James Lloyd in 2018.)

Born in 1924 in New York City, Fr. Lynch was nine when his family moved to Washington, D.C. The Lynch family attended church and prayed together regularly. Young "Jack" was an altar boy.

With an uncle who was a Jesuit priest, "there was a family connection" to the priesthood, he recalled. "The option [of becoming a priest] was always there."

He attended St. John's College High School in Washington. In his senior year, he found himself asking what he should do next.

"I grew up in a very non-Catholic neighborhood where there was much misunderstanding and a lack of knowledge about our faith. After some investigating, I found out this was the

Paulist mission. And I realized this was the best thing I could do with my life – to share the Catholic church that was so important in my life with those who did not know it."

After spending two years at our minor seminary in Baltimore, MD, he entered the Paulist novitiate in 1944. He made his Final Promises in 1948 and was ordained a priest on May 1, 1951.

His first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle in Los Angeles from 1951 to 1955 before returning to Baltimore to teach Latin for a semester at the Paulist seminary.

He then moved to Toronto to study at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies while assisting at St. Peter's Church. In a joint academic program, Fr. Lynch earned a licentiate in medieval studies at the institute and doctoral degree in philosophy from the University of Toronto.

He returned to St. Paul's College, our then-major seminary in Washington, D.C., as a professor in 1959.

In the 1960s, he began to teach medieval history at The Catholic University of America's School of Arts and Sciences. This role soon expanded to a joint appointment with the university's School of Canon Law. After becoming a full professor, he served as chair of the canon law department from 1974 to 1983 and chair of the history department from 1983 to 1986.

Fr. Lynch also was vice provost for graduate studies at CUA for most of the 1990s.

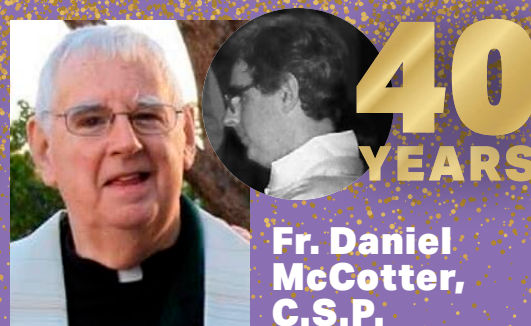
In 2000, after retiring from CUA, Fr. Lynch became the Paulist archivist, based at St. Paul's College. He served in this role through 2016 when he moved to Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville, MD.

For more than 30 years, Fr. Lynch also served on weekends at Most Holy Rosary Church in Upper Marlboro, MD.



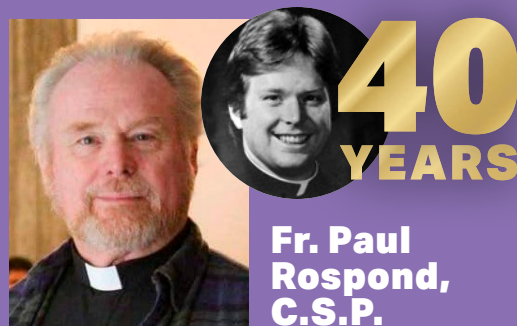
Fr. Bill Edens, C.S.P.

Ordained: May 16, 1981
Native Place: Lake Oswego, OR
Lives Today: Grand Rapids, MI
Serving: Cathedral of St. Andrew



Fr. Daniel McCotter, C.S.P.

Ordained: May 16, 1981
Native Place: St. Louis, MO
Lives Today: Chicago, IL
Serving: Senior Ministry: Old St. Mary's



Fr. Paul Rospond, C.S.P.

Ordained: May 16, 1981
Native Place: Newark, NJ
Lives Today: New York, NY
Serving: Church of St. Paul the Apostle



Fr. Tom Tavella, C.S.P.

Ordained: May 16, 1981
Native Place: Cedarhurst, NY
Lives Today: San Francisco, CA
Serving: Senior Ministry: Old St. Mary's



A Centennial for Paulist Fr. James Lloyd!

He turned 100 years old on Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021.

Fr. Lloyd is the first Paulist Father in history to celebrate a centennial!

To learn all about his long life and varied ministry, please visit: paulist.org/FrLloyd.



Ordination Mass

We are pleased to announce the priestly ordinations of Paulist Deacon Michael Cruickshank and Paulist Deacon Richard Whitney during a Mass on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Columbus Avenue at 60th Street in New York City.

The ordaining bishop and principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard G. Henning, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

The public is welcome to attend the Ordination Mass. All COVID-19 protocols, including masks and social distancing, will be observed.

The Mass also will be broadcast at paulist.org/Ordination as well as on the Paulist Fathers' Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Come, Holy Spirit!



A Special Gift in Your Will

Each year, our evangelization efforts are galvanized by bequests to our missionary society. We always feel honored and blessed when we are remembered in this special way.

As we are often asked for the legal language for this purpose, we thought we would share it here. If you wish to include the Paulist Fathers in your will, please ask your attorney to add the following:

"I give, devise or bequeath to **The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, 415 West 59th St., New York, NY 10019**, for its general purposes (specify "all" or specify portion) of the rest of my estate, whether real or personal."

Or, you may choose to state in your will:

"I give to **The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, 415 West 59th St., New York, NY 10019** (insert sum, dollars, or other details of bequest) to be used for the general purposes of the society."

Please note that our legal name is "**The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle.**" Our tax ID number is: **13-1624092**.

If you have any questions about this process, or to inform us of your intended bequest, please contact **Kami Crary** in the Paulist Fathers Office of Mission Advancement at **(212) 586-2074** or kcrary@paulist.org.

Please know that we are sincerely grateful for your generosity expressed in such an impactful and lasting way.



On Our Cover: Random-stitch embroidery portrait, "Fr. John Lynch," by Paulist Fr. Frank Sabatté.

To learn more about Fr. Frank's art, please visit: sabatteart.com