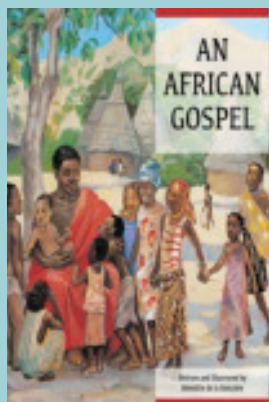


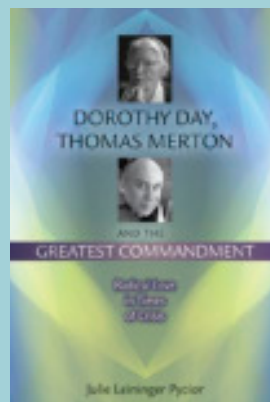


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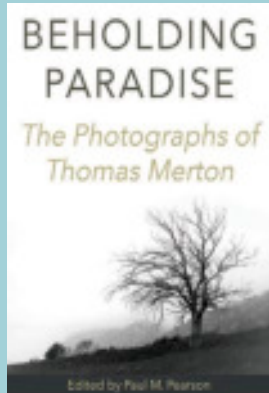


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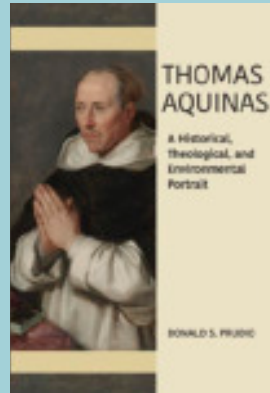
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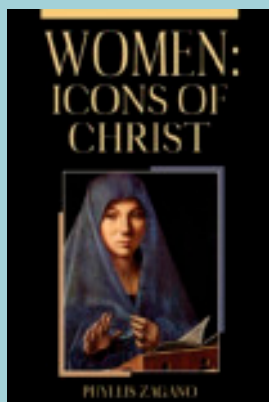
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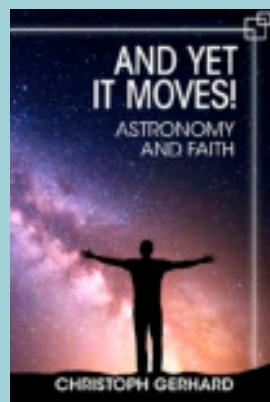
**Second Place in Biography:** "Thomas Aquinas: A Historical, Theological, and Environmental Portrait" by Donald S. Prudlo



**Second Place in Gender Issues / Inclusion in the Church:** "Women: Icons of Christ" by Phyllis Zagano



**Second Place in Faith and Science:** "And Yet It Moves! Astronomy and Faith" by Christoph Gerhard



**Third Place in Books for Ages 11 to 16:** "Sister Thea Bowman: Do You Hear Me, Church?" by Peggy A. Sklar



**Honorable Mention in Contemporary:** "Heartstorming: Creating a Place God Can Call Home" by Robert J. Wicks



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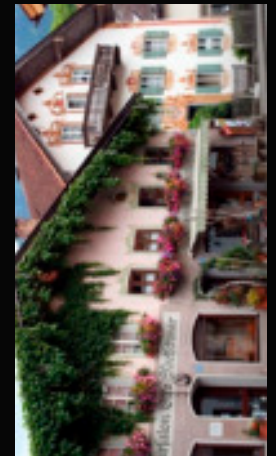


Paulist Fr. Mike Cruickshank with family members after the Ordination Mass on May 22. See inside this issue of "The Voice" for details on this special liturgy



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**Paulist Pilgrimages is looking forward to a 2022 when it is safe to travel again!**



Reservations are now being accepted for "Ignatius in Rome" (June 26 to July 2) and "The Splendors of Eastern Europe and Oberammergau" (September 17 to 27).

For details, please visit: [paulist.org/pilgrimages](http://paulist.org/pilgrimages).

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News from The Paulist Fathers Office of Mission Advancement



Our New Paulist Fathers



# FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC



Dear Friends,

During these dog days of summer, many things are bittersweet, especially in this final year of my eight years as president of the Paulist Fathers.

This role has been a blessing – with times that have filled me with great hope: Having a great seat at Ordination Masses; accepting the promises of our seminarians, novices, Paulist Associates and Paulist Deacon Affiliates; and taking part in celebrations at the parishes and centers that we serve.

The position also comes with natural worries, of course, that I will not mind passing along to my successor. And, as is the case for many, COVID-19 has worn me down somewhat.

But those worries and the virus were no match for the joy of this year's Ordination Mass on May 22 at which Paulists Richard Whitney and Mike Cruickshank became priests.

I loved being part of the formation of these two great Paulists. They brought a wealth of professional and lived experience with them to the seminary. And that life experience proved invaluable many times, including when our seminarians moved from our former seminary building to our temporary home at St. Joseph's Seminary – and later as they both dealt with bouts of COVID.

I also have been heartened by the generous response to our comprehensive fundraising campaign, "Hope for the Future," which at this writing is poised to meet the \$20 million mark.

The largest initiative of the comprehensive campaign is the construction of our new **Paulist House of Mission and Studies** in Washington, D.C., which is well underway! To follow the construction of this new home for our seminarians (and more!), please visit: [paulist.org/Construction](http://paulist.org/Construction).

We still have more work to do during "Hope for the Future," of course! In the coming months, we will continue to be asking for sacrificial gifts that will enable us to guarantee our senior priests' retirement fund; begin critical window replacement at our Motherhouse; and provide for our ministries that have suffered financial losses during the pandemic such as St. Patrick's American Catholic Church in Rome, Italy.

To learn more about "Hope for the Future," or to make an online gift to the campaign, please visit: [paulist.org/Future](http://paulist.org/Future).

There is more work to do before my term is up! Please pray for me over the course of this next year. Working together, we can extend the love of God to everyone who yearns for it!

Yours in Christ,

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



Paulist Fr. Michael Cruickshank preaching at his First Mass

## Unique Vocation Journeys: ORDINATION MASS 2021

Surrounded by family members, friends and brother Paulists, **Paulist Deacon Michael Cruickshank** and **Paulist Deacon Richard Whitney** were ordained priests during an 11 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at our mother church, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City.

The ordaining bishop was Bishop Richard G. Henning, who became an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, in 2018.

"As you both know, this is the first time I will ordain anybody," Bishop Henning said to the ordinands. "So, I was deeply moved to hear the stories of your vocation, of your call. Each of you has a kind of long journey that has brought you to this moment and a very unique one."

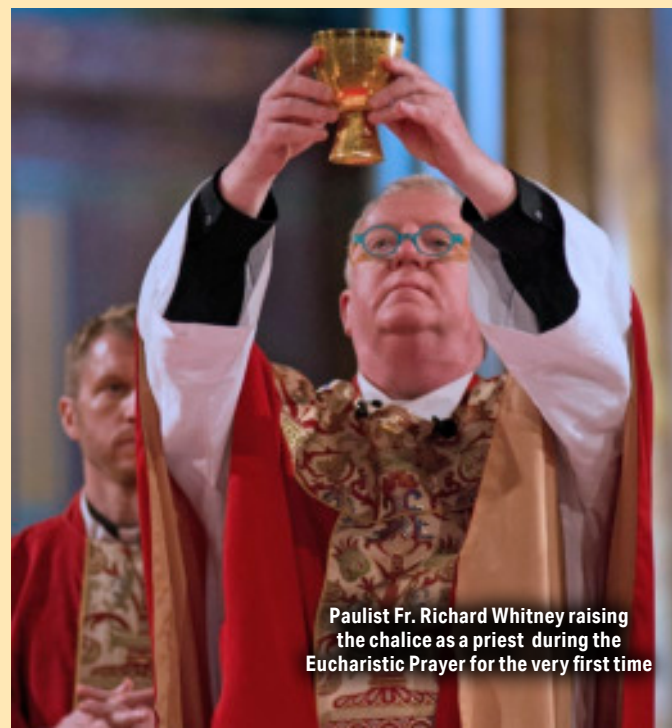
A native of Chelmsford, MA, Fr. Mike earned his undergraduate degree in computer science at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. After college, he moved to New York City to work for Citigroup. It was then that he met the Paulists at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

Fr. Rich grew up in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. After high school, he worked behind the scenes at theaters as a carpenter, technical director, production manager and electrician. After earning his undergraduate degree in history at Northeastern University, he also worked as an addictions counselor. He met the Paulists through the Paulist Center in Boston.

Fr. Mike and Fr. Rich both celebrated their Masses of Thanksgiving (or "First Masses") on Sunday, May 23, 2021, at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle. Fr. Mike's First Mass was at 10 a.m. while Fr. Rich's was at 5 p.m. Departing from tradition, they both preached the homilies at their own First Masses.

In their first priestly assignments, Fr. Mike is serving at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids, MI, while Fr. Rich is at home at St. John XXIII University Parish in Knoxville, TN.

On the cover: Paulist Fr. Rich Whitney and his mom after the Ordination Mass  
Photos by Tobia St. Germain



Paulist Fr. Richard Whitney raising the chalice as a priest during the Eucharistic Prayer for the very first time

## Fr. Dave Receives Gabriel Award for Personal Achievement



In June, the Catholic Media Association (formerly the Catholic Press Association) awarded Paulist Fr. Dave Dwyer the Gabriel Award for Personal Achievement.

Fr. Dave is longtime director of the Paulist Fathers' Busted Halo media ministry and host of "The Busted Halo Show" on SiriusXM's The Catholic Channel.

The Gabriel Awards recognize excellence in film, television, radio and digital offerings. In describing the Gabriel Award for Personal Achievement, the Catholic Media Association stated:

"This award goes to the person, who through their life and work, communicates the message of Jesus Christ with integrity and persistence. Their contribution to the media culture offers light amid darkness and hope in the midst of suffering. Through this recognition, colleagues acknowledge the awardee's gifts and talents for proclaiming the Gospel in the world of communications.

"Candidates must be in the field for at least 10 years, made a significant contribution to Catholic communications media and consistently upheld the Church's teachings, including Catholic social teaching."

Paulist Fr. Eric Andrews, our president, said the recognition was well-deserved.

"In 2020, on radio and online, Fr. Dave led so many people throughout the pandemic and other calamities with grace, perseverance, and grit," he said.

In June, the Paulist Fathers also received a Gabriel Award in the religious places category for the Internet video "**We Need Each Other - St. Patrick's in a Time of Pandemic.**" The video describes how St. Patrick's Catholic American Parish in Rome persevered during COVID-19. It was created by freelance filmmaker Emanuele Sesta and produced by the Paulist Office of Marketing and Communications.

**Busted Halo** also received eight recognitions from Catholic Media Association at this year's Catholic Press awards ceremony. This included a first place award in the best multimedia package category for the feature "Faith in Action: Resources for Today's Anti-Racist Catholic."

## On the Move

Paulist Fr. Ron Franco has been appointed postulator of the Cause for the Canonization of Servant of God Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers. Fr. Ron previously served for 10 years as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Knoxville, TN. He is based at the Paulist Motherhouse in New York City. Learn more about Fr. Hecker at: [paulist.org/Hecker](http://paulist.org/Hecker).

Paulist Fr. Larry Rice has been named resident campus chaplain at Rensselaer Polytechnic institute in Troy, NY, where he also will serve at Christ Sun of Justice Parish. Fr. Larry previously served as director of the University Catholic Center at the University of Texas at Austin. Learn more about Fr. Larry's new ministry at: [chapelandculturalcenter.net](http://chapelandculturalcenter.net)

Paulist Fr. Michael Hennessy will now serve in a full-time capacity as associate vocation director for the Paulist Fathers and head of a new West Coast Vocation Office. He previously served at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids, MI. Fr. Michael is living in the rectory at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community in Los Angeles. Learn more about Paulist vocations at: [paulist.org/Vocation](http://paulist.org/Vocation)

