

FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC

Dear Friends,

Where does the time go?

I asked myself that as I packed up my office here at the end of eight years as president of the Paulist Fathers. As I went through my files, I was reminded of so many events since May 2014 that have been life-changing for all of us. I uncovered wonderful memories, and some challenging ones as well.

The memories I cherish most have been with you. Parish visits, fundraising events, funerals, baptisms, ordinations and so forth — these times with you made my role an absolute joy.

Thanks to your support, we have been able to do great things together — like educating and forming a wonderful cohort of young priests, seminarians and novices.

It is because of you that we also have cared well for our senior Paulist Fathers whose prayers for you never end, despite the limitations of age.



I am especially grateful for the tremendous support you have given our "Hope for the Future" comprehensive campaign, the active phase of which is now complete. To read and watch our "Thank You" message, please visit: paulist.org/ThankYou.

We handily exceeded our goal for "Hope for the Future" and participation rates were off the charts. Our consultants, who generally conduct campaigns for dioceses, had never seen anything like it. But, I was not surprised. I have learned over the past eight years how actively engaged all of you are in our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As I pass the torch to our new president, Paulist Fr. René Constanza, I know we are in good hands and our work will continue to grow in new and bold ways.

Some people have asked what's next for me. I plan to take a sabbatical and then assist this autumn in the grand opening of the new Paulist House of Mission and Studies in Washington, D.C. Then, we shall see what the Holy Spirit has in store!

Wherever I am, you can count on my prayers for you and your loved ones. And, I ask that you keep me and all of the Paulists in your prayers as we begin this next chapter of our journey! **I look forward to walking with you along The Way!**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Pictured: Fr. Eric with Ryan Holmgren of Steier Group, a consulting firm that assisted with our "Hope for the Future" campaign.



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Pictured: Easter Vigil at St. Paul the Apostle in Los Angeles. Please see inside this issue of "The Voice" for news and updates!



PAULIST PILGRIMAGE: THE HOLY LAND

You are invited to join Paulist Pilgrimages for a spiritual journey to the **Holy Land** January 22 to February 2, 2023. The pilgrimage will be led by Paulist Fr. Rich Andre.

To learn more, please visit: paulist.org/HolyLand.

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To make a gift, please use the enclosed envelope or visit: paulist.org/give

Introducing Our New Presidential Board

We are pleased to announce the election of Paulist Fr. René Constanza as the next president of our missionary society.

On June 7, he will succeed Paulist Fr. Eric Andrews, who is completing his second, four-year term as president.

Fr. René has served since 2018 as rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Grand Rapids, MI. He also is director of the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids, a position he has held since 2016.

"I am deeply humbled and honored by the overwhelming support I have received from my Paulist brothers. Despite the challenging and exciting task ahead, I feel a pervading sense of peace knowing that the Holy Spirit is the one in charge of our community and its mission. It also is comforting to continue trusting in God who has always placed wonderful and talented people around me in every leadership role I have had," said Fr. René.

A native of Belize, Fr. René is the son of Silvino Constanza, Sr., and Dionicia Constanza Tillett.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Spalding University in Louisville, KY, where he studied biology and secondary education.



Fr. René's Installation Mass will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7

in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

For details, and to watch the Mass online, please visit:

paulist.org/Installation

He holds a Master of Arts in higher education administration from the University of Louisville, and a Master of Divinity from The Catholic University of America.

Prior to joining the Paulist Fathers, he was founding principal of Bishop Martin High School in Orange Walk Town, Belize.

Fr. René was ordained a priest on May 19, 2012. From 2012 to 2016, he was associate pastor of St. Austin Catholic Parish in Austin, TX.

Since 2018, he also has served as a member of the Paulist General Council.

Fr. René will be one of three members of our presidential board, which handles day-to-day administration on the national level, and implements our collective vision for the future.

Joining him will be Paulist **Fr. Frank Desiderio as Vice President** and **Paulist Fr. Dave Dwyer as First Consultor.**

Fr. Frank, ordained a priest in 1982, has served as First Consultor for the past eight years.

He previously served as president of Paulist Productions; director of the Paulist Center in Boston, and as director of formation at our seminary in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Dave was ordained a priest in 2000. He has served since 2004 as executive director of our media ministry Busted Halo.

He also hosts "The Busted Halo Show" weeknights on The Catholic Channel on SiriusXM Radio, which he will continue to do.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide Fr. René, Fr. Frank and Fr. Dave as they begin their new roles! 🙏



Pathways in Faith

Pathways In Faith is a new resource from **Paulist Evangelization Ministries** for parishes to strengthen the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The materials also may be used for general adult faith formation.

Pathways In Faith provides commentary and questions to flesh out catechetical materials — promoting conversation, personal reflection and sharing.



To learn more, please visit: pathwaysinfaith.org. 🙏

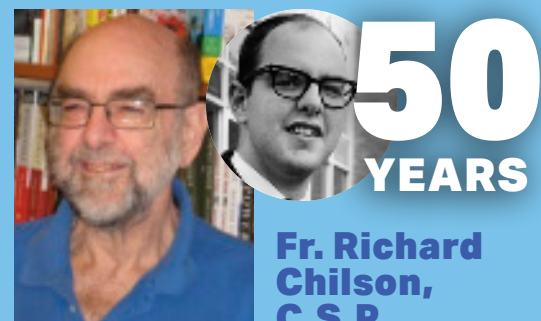
New Mass Cards

We are pleased to announce the debut of our new Mass Cards in leather-like folders. Cards are available to remember a deceased loved one or to pray for someone's intentions.

To order, please visit: paulist.org/MassCards. 🙏

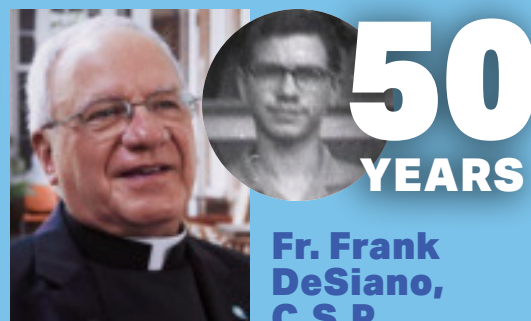


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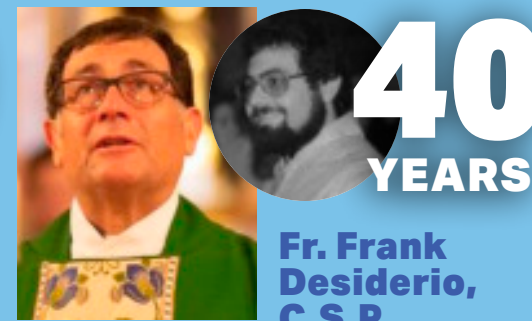
Fr. Richard Chilson, C.S.P.

Ordained: April 29, 1972
Native Place: Warren, MI
Lives Today: Old St. Mary's, San Francisco, CA
Serving: Senior Ministry: Old St. Mary's Cathedral



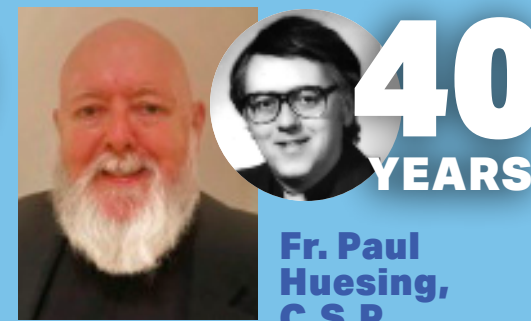
Fr. Frank DeSiano, C.S.P.

Ordained: April 29, 1972
Native Place: New York, NY
Lives Today: Washington, D.C.
Serving: Paulist Evangelization Ministries



Fr. Frank Desiderio, C.S.P.

Ordained: May 22, 1982
Native Place: Washington, D.C.
Lives Today: New York, NY
Serving: Paulist Presidential Board



Fr. Paul Huesing, C.S.P.

Ordained: May 22, 1982
Native Place: Covington, KY
Lives Today: Vero Beach, FL
Serving: Superior, Vero Beach, FL

Kudos Corner

"Fr. Steven — thank you for your guidance and endless wisdom about how to be leaders in faith and life. We could not be in this position without you."

— Joshua Tran, writing on Twitter on March 8, 2022 🙏



Pictured: Paulist Fr. Steven Bell with members of the student ministry team at UC Berkeley Newman Hall

