

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RENÉ

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite songs of all time is "Todo Cambia" (All Things Change) performed by the famous Argentinian singer, Mercedes Sosa. This verse comes to mind as I reflect on all that has taken place these past four months:



*The climate changes over the years.
The shepherd changes his flock.
And just as everything changes,
that I change is no surprise.*

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I enjoyed my summer in New York City, especially my runs in Central Park and along the Hudson River. But as the heat of the summer gives way to the cooler months, I started to appreciate how God has a way of taking care of all creation.

God has also been providing me with endless opportunities to adapt to the changes in my ministry. I am one of those shepherds that has changed his flock. I miss profoundly the people of West Michigan and my pastoral duties there. Yet, my new leadership role has afforded me opportunities to connect with so many of my Paulist brothers (and other wonderful people) in New York City, Columbus, Chicago, Lake George, Washington, D.C., Berkeley, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, and Vero Beach in just a few months.

One of my most joyful moments so far as president was receiving the final profession of Eric Hernandez, as he committed his life to the community and mission of the Paulists. His ordination as deacon the next day was a grace-filled acknowledgement of the Spirit's prompting him to serve the People of God. Eric and our other six seminarians continue to be an inspiration for all Paulists in their fidelity and openness to be led by the Holy Spirit. We join them in their joyful anticipation of their move to the new Hecker House, the Paulist House of Mission and Studies.

All things change but God remains constant. The Holy Spirit is there to comfort and guide us through all the changes we experience. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us (Is 40: 8), "the grass withers, the flower wilts, but the Word of our God stands forever."

The Paulists are grateful to have you as partners in our mission through your heartfelt prayers, community support, and generous giving. With prayerful best wishes for a joyful harvest season to you and your loved ones, I remain:

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. René

Very Rev. René Constanza, C.S.P.
President, The Paulist Fathers



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Pictured: Our president, Paulist Fr. René Constanza, and some of the Paulist seminarians after the Diaconate Ordination Mass on September 3, 2022, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

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News from The Paulist Fathers Office of Mission Advancement



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After years of prayer, discernment and study, Paulist seminarian **Eric Hernandez** made his final promise to the Paulist Fathers during a special Mass on Friday evening, September 2, 2022, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Washington, D.C.

During the liturgy, Paulist Fr. René Constanza, president of the Paulist Fathers, presented Eric with a Paulist Mission Cross as well as a single penny as payment for his coming lifetime of ministry work.

At the same Mass, novice **James Marquez** made his first promise to the Paulists, officially becoming a Paulist seminarian and the latest person to gain the "C.S.P." order initials.

Paulist seminarians Chris Lawton, Dan Macalinao, Ben Chisholm, Chris Malano and Zachary Turner renewed their promises during the liturgy.

The next morning, on Saturday, September 3, Eric Hernandez was ordained a transitional deacon during a Mass in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, also in Washington, D.C.

Alongside two seminarians from the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Eric was ordained by Bishop Roy Campbell, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.



Supporting Eric at both Masses were his mom, dad, sister and his Godparents.

A Texas native, Deacon Eric earned his bachelors degree in philosophy at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi, TX. He entered the Paulist novitiate in 2017 and made his first promise in 2018.

James Marquez is a California native. In 2018, he earned a bachelors degree in history at the University of California at Los Angeles. He met the Paulist Fathers at the University Catholic Center at UCLA.

Watch replays of the Promises Mass and the Diaconate Ordination Mass at paulist.org/Promises.



Paulist Fr. René Constanza with the Paulist seminarians and formation team on September 2.



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.

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Hundreds of people crowded into the St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbus, OH, on Sunday, July 31, 2022, for the Paulist Fathers' Farewell Mass. Some came from points around the country.

The bittersweet liturgy marked the completion of nearly 66 years of ministry at The Ohio State University that began in 1956.



HECKER HOUSE

Blessing and Dedication



Thanks to the prayers and generosity of our parishioners and friends far and wide, we are pleased to announce that **Hecker House**, the new Paulist House of Mission and Studies in Washington, D.C., will be blessed and dedicated at **10 a.m. Eastern on Saturday, November 19, 2022.**

His Eminence, Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, will preside.

After years of planning, fundraising and construction, this right-sized building will be a home for our seminarians, novices, formation team and the Paulists who work in our nation's capital.

We invite you to join us virtually or in-person for this special occasion!

The ceremony will be broadcast LIVE at paulist.org/NewSeminary, the Paulist Facebook page and YouTube channel.

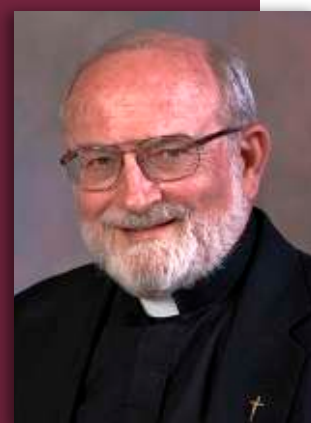
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Praise be to God for all of the blessings we have received!

Kudos Corner



Fr. Rich Colgan, C.S.P. (1952 - 2020)



Fr. Charlie Brunick, C.S.P.

Karen Lee Humphries
I first met the Paulist priests in Clemson SC in the early 1980's and began attending Mass at St. Andrews; Fr. Rich Colgan was the campus minister and encouraged me to ask questions about various practices of the Roman Catholic Church. I was confirmed in December 1983 and it was the best decision I had ever made! Thank you, Fr. Charlie and all the other amazing men who have chosen the Paulist way of life.
Pax et Bonum

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On the cover: Paulist Fr. René Constanza presents Paulist seminarian Eric Hernandez with a Paulist Mission Cross on September 2, in Washington, D.C. Photos from the Promises Mass and Diaconate Ordination Mass are by LNJ Designs Photo.