

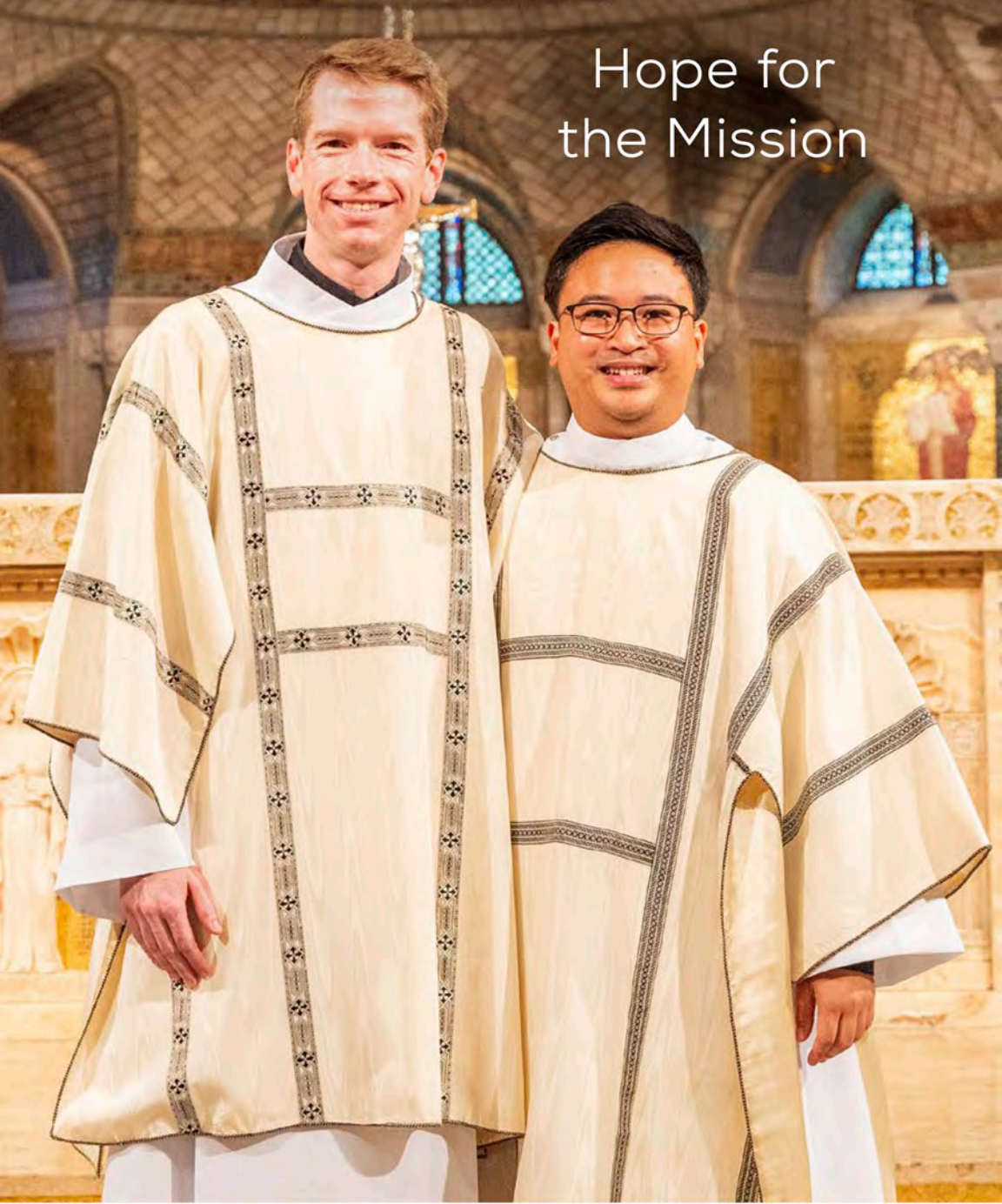
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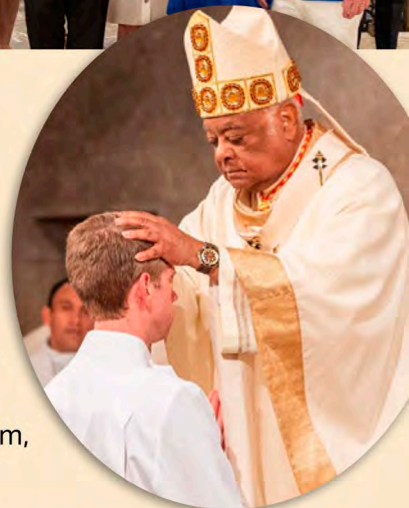
On Saturday, September 9, 2023, Paulist seminarians **Chris Lawton** and **Dan Macalinao** were ordained transitional deacons by Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington, D.C., during a Mass in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

In his homily, Cardinal Gregory said:

"As a Paulist, a community meticulously dedicated to preaching, you must carry on that charism of your religious family by becoming inspiring and eloquent preachers of God's Word."

The previous evening, Friday, September 8, Deacon Chris and Deacon Dan made their final promises to our missionary society during a Mass at Notre Dame Chapel at Trinity Washington University celebrated by our president, Paulist Fr. René Constanza.

At the same Mass, our other seminarians, Ben Chisholm, Chris Malano, Zachary Turner and James Marquez, renewed their promises.



A native of Oconomowoc, WI, **Deacon Chris** earned his undergraduate degree at Harvard University in biochemical sciences. He then earned a medical degree at Columbia University in New York City.

He was a resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital and a fellow at Mt. Sinai Hospital. He was then an attending physician and assistant professor of medicine in palliative care at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Deacon Dan is a native of Manila in the Philippines. He earned his undergraduate degree in 2008 from Wesleyan University where he studied molecular biology and biochemistry.

In May, 2018, he received a doctorate in cancer biology from the Gerstner Sloan Kettering Graduate School of Biomedical Science in New York City.

Deacon Chris and Deacon Dan met the Paulists when they were parishioners at our mother church, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City.

God willing, they will be ordained priests there on Saturday, May 18, 2024. 🙏



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On the cover: Paulist seminarians Chris Lawton and Dan Macalinao after they were ordained deacons on September 9, 2023, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Photos by LNJ Designs.



#GivingTuesday

Tuesday, November 28, 2023, will be the 11th annual #GivingTuesday. The day encourages charitable giving in contrast to the shopping frenzy of "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday."

To make a gift to the Paulist Fathers on #GivingTuesday, please visit: paulist.org/apa.

Busted Halo, a Paulist media ministry, also runs a #GivingTuesday appeal. To make a contribution, please visit: bustedhalo.com/donate. 🗑️

Living In The Spirit

Landings International, our ministry with Catholics returning to the Church after a time away, has launched a new parish-based, small group resource called "**Living In The Spirit.**"



Over seven weeks, participants reflect on their spiritual gifts, how to foster deeper intimacy with Jesus, and mature discipleship. Please learn more at LandingsIntl.org. 🗑️



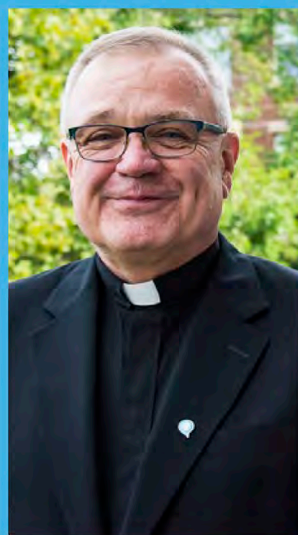
Our New Vice President

Paulist Fr. John Ardis was elected in October to serve as vice president of the Paulist Fathers.

Since 2018, Fr. John has been pastor of Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco and superior of the Paulists who live in that city.

From 2015 to 2018, Fr. John was our senior director of mission advancement, leading our fundraising and marketing initiatives.

He also has served as pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles; director of the Paulist Center in Boston; associate pastor of St. John XXIII University Parish in Knoxville, TN; and as our vocations director. ↗



Our New Novice

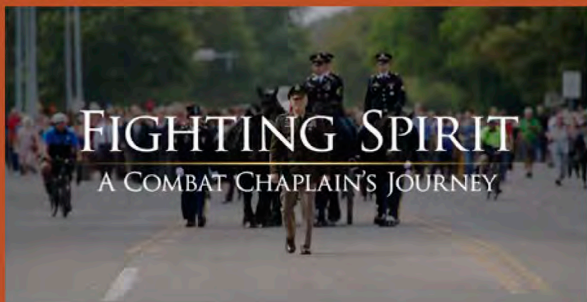
Andrew Ouma "signed in" to the Paulist Fathers' novitiate at Hecker House in Washington, D.C., on October 23, 2023.

A native of Kenya, Andrew earned an undergraduate degree in Philosophy with a minor in Religious Studies from The Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi. He has spent the last several years living in Brazil where he was teaching English to middle school students.

Andrew is pictured here with **Paulist Fr. Mike Kallock**, our Director of Novices. ↗



New Paulist Productions Documentary



"Fighting Spirit: A Combat Chaplain's Journey," a new documentary film co-produced by **Paulist Productions**, debuted this autumn at screenings at the Vatican and the Newport Beach Film Festival in California.

The powerful film shares the stories of U.S. military chaplains who died while serving.

It is framed by the story of **Justin Roberts**, a former U.S. Army chaplain, as he attends the long-delayed funeral in 2021 of **Servant of God Emil Kapaun**, a priest and U.S. Army chaplain from Kansas, who died in 1953 as prisoner of war in North Korea.

"Fighting Spirit" was co-produced by the U.S. Army Chaplains Corps.

Watch for details on how to view "Fighting Spirit" in your area in 2024. ↗

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RENÉ



Dear Friends,

I pray that you and your loved ones are enjoying a blessed autumn.

As the days and nights grow cooler here in New York City, please know that I am personally grateful in a special way to all of you who contributed to our **"Hope for the Future"** comprehensive campaign.

Funds raised during the campaign were used to replace and upgrade the windows in our Motherhouse here in NYC, a building from the 1930s that is home to approximately 20 Paulist Fathers and several of our national offices.

The new windows are more energy efficient (less drafty!) and greatly reduce the volume of city sounds that we previously heard inside our home (less noisy!). These vast improvements are thanks to you and your generosity.

I also want to express my gratitude to all of you who have contributed to the **2023 Annual Paulist Appeal**. As of this writing, the appeal has received gifts this year from 1,449 households. By comparison, the 2022 appeal was supported by 958 households.

Your support gives me great hope for our Paulist mission that calls us to work with every person, in every situation, who is yearning to know a life in Jesus Christ.

Paulists do not go out and tell people, "you must change and then you will belong to this Church." No. With curiosity and active listening, Paulists meet people where they are at, we welcome and assure them, "you are loved without conditions, you are worth it, and you belong in this Church."

Rooted in divine love, we allow the Holy Spirit to work a transformation in people.

It's a very different way of evangelizing. It is not only a response to our personal encounter with Christ, but is also an imitation of Jesus' way of encountering people throughout the gospels. That's why we are always saying, "Welcome, welcome, welcome. All are welcome."

Thank you for being our partners in this mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Father René".

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

Pictured: Paulists gathered after our Promises Mass on September 8, 2023, in Washington, D.C.



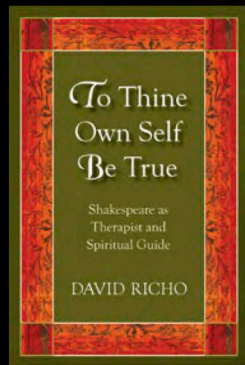
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Pictured: Friends from the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in NYC surround brand new Paulist Deacons Chris Lawton and Dan Macalinao on September 9, 2023, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Look inside this issue of "The Voice" for details about the Diaconate Ordination Mass.

