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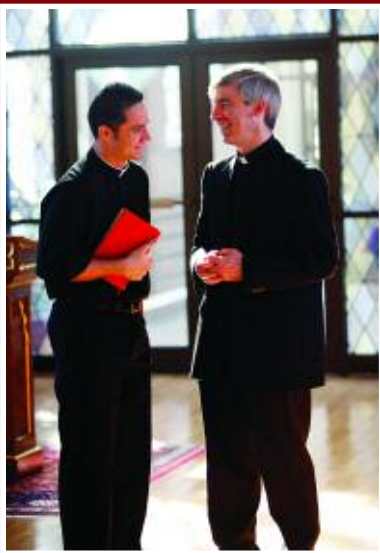
The Rector's Corner:

A Message from Monsignor Robert F. Coleman '74, J.C.D., Rector and Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology



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Stewards of the Mysteries of God

Several weeks ago at the parish where I serve on weekends I could not help but notice a parishioner reading the parish bulletin while I was preaching the homily. Needless to say, this experience severely hurt my pride. What bit of information could have been so important or so interesting as to draw this parishioner away from the pearls of wisdom I was spouting from the pulpit?

After almost thirty years of preaching the question always remains the same as I prepare the homily: what can I preach that will explain the passages from the Scriptures in a meaningful way? How can I both inspire and challenge and be relevant to the situations of the parishioners? The answer to these questions is not easy but complex because each of the faithful come to the parish church with his or her own circumstances and problems and the issues of the day are critical and need a closer response.

How will the power of the Word of God to transform the hearts of these men and women be helped or hindered by the preacher? This question is of great concern to those of us who are charged with the formation of future priests. The Homiletics Program in the Pastoral Theology Department of the seminary works to prepare the seminarians to be tomorrow's preachers. This program has evolved and changed over many years.

The words of Saint Paul continually raise the challenge to us at the Seminary: "Faith comes through hearing." [Romans 10:17] Our faculty work together to help the seminarians to become powerful preachers of the Word. All of the men are schooled in the skills of communication. The seminarians for whom English is their second language are assisted by teachers and tutors for grammar and pronunciation and other language needs. Each year in the study of Theology the men are engaged in the preparation and execution of homilies. In the fourth year of theology, empowered by their diaconate ordination, the seminarians preach both in the parishes and at the seminary. Our preaching program is a good one and will become better with its development through the funding from generous donors. Because "faith comes through hearing" it is imperative that the seminary look to meet the challenges of the present and the future. This will demand the use of new technology and creative methodology, but neither is inexpensive.

The needs of the preaching program are great and these needs are being addressed in part through the Seminary's participation in the capital campaign of the University. Already funds have been received which will go to create a state of the art homiletics lab and to hire prominent faculty in this field. This goal obviously takes time and money. It will be well worth the effort in order to establish one of the

best homiletics programs in this country at this Seminary.

As in every aspect of priestly formation there is the need to stretch our imaginations and resources. Not too long ago while praying the Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours I came upon a passage from Saint Augustine. He proposed a question regarding what seems to be a problematic situation. What if you will be given an amount of material which is much greater than the vessel you have to hold it? If we are desirous of this, then our natural inclination will be to pull and stretch the container until it will receive even more than it was thought to be able to hold.

Our seminarians are challenged to stretch themselves — their hearts and minds and imaginations. They must be ready to accept all the good things given to them at the seminary which will enable them to be the teachers and preachers and healers and shepherds for Christ's faithful. Stretched to the limit they will be ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at ordination and be empowered to go out to all the world and preach the good news.

There are many references in the New Testament to the Catholic teaching on the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We Catholics have traditionally used the term "sanctifying grace" to describe the presence of God in ourselves and in our world. Just as the presence or absence of a beloved person can change our attitudes and perspectives toward ourselves and others, so God's presence within us stretches our hearts and broadens our abilities to believe, to hope and to love. These theological virtues of faith, hope and charity are the effects of the divine presence: they expand our natural human abilities, enabling us to live on a level above our nature. Only by the grace of God are we able to believe in His infinite tenderness, to hope for His infinite mercy and to rejoice in His infinite love.

Today, perhaps more than ever, people need to hear the Gospel message. Their hearts and minds need to be stretched and made wide enough to know what John's Gospel reveals and what the great French Catholic writer, Francois Mauriac, called "the secret of the universe," namely, that God is love.

Thus the power of the Word of God will transform the hearts of men and women. It will not be hindered but helped by the good preachers from this seminary. This will happen with your continued prayerful and financial support.

By the way, I am still looking at that parish bulletin and trying to figure out whether it was the announcement of the bake sale or the trip to the casino that was more interesting than my homily. †

Institution of Acolytes and Admission to Candidacy

Institution of Acolytes

On November 5, 2006, Most Reverend John M. Smith, J.C.D., D.D., Bishop of Trenton, presided as the Second Year seminarians were instituted as Acolytes.



Matthew Dooley, Second Theology, Archdiocese of Newark, kneels before the Most Reverend John M. Smith, J.C.D., Bishop of Trenton, at the Institution of Acolytes.



After being instituted into the Ministry of Acolytes, Second Theologians stand in front of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception with Most Reverend John M. Smith, J.C.D., Bishop of Trenton; Reverend Monsignor Robert F. Coleman, Rector and Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary; and Reverend Monsignor Renato Grasselli, Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

Admission to Candidacy

On November 19, 2006, Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark congratulated Third Theology seminarians receiving admission to Candidacy.



(Left to right) Reverend Monsignor Paul L. Bochicchio, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Nutley, New Jersey; Reverend Monsignor Renato Grasselli, Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary; and Reverend Monsignor Robert F. Coleman, Rector and Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary, celebrate the Admission to Candidacy during Mass at Holy Family Parish.



Reverend Monsignor Robert F. Coleman, Rector and Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary gathers with some of the Third Theologians after the Admission to Candidacy.

Immaculate Conception Seminary adds Undergraduate Department of Theology

In 2006 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new Program of Priestly Formation. These revised norms mandate that Catholic seminaries provide a specific program of formation for men who are preparing for entrance to a major seminary. This program applies to men who are either in a Pre-Theology program or are in an undergraduate college seminary.

Both Pre-Theology and college seminarians will have to complete successfully 10 courses in Philosophical Theology as well as 15 credits of Foundational Theology in Sacred Scripture; Catholic Doctrine; Liturgy and Sacraments; Christian Prayer; and Catholic Morality; all built on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. College seminarians would also have to take nine credits in Latin and New Testament Greek, plus other courses as determined by their academic advisor.

In order to meet these requirements Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology has developed an undergraduate department of Theology here at Seton Hall

University. This program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Catholic Theology also will be open to lay undergraduate students who would like to take one or more courses to learn more about their faith as well as those interested in a degree.

While the exact content and sequence of courses is mandated for seminarians, all of the courses would be available to other undergraduates to pursue either as a major, requiring 36 credits, or an 18 credit minor in Catholic Theology.

There is also the possibility that joint degrees will be developed in the near future with other departments at the University.



The new undergraduate degree program in Catholic Theology will be available to students beginning in Fall 2007 and will become the required program for all entering college and Pre-Theology seminarians. †

Winter 2007 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

19 seminarians, led by the Most Reverend Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, joyously rang in the New Year during a nine day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They visited many sites in the Holy Land including Mount Tabor and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Photos courtesy of Trevor Gildon, seminarian from the Diocese of Wilmington



Seminarians gather for a lecture in the ancient city of Capharnum, the home of St. Matthew.



John DeSousa, Pre-Theology, prays at the birthplace of Jesus in the Basilica of the Nativity in what was the ancient town of Ephrath, now the city of Bethlehem.



(Left) Richard Nichols, Second Theology, Diocese of Washington; (center) Charles Gallagher, First Theology, Diocese of Washington; and (right) Matthew Dooley, Second Theology, Archdiocese of Newark, enjoy an afternoon on the Sea of Galilee.



(Center) Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, and (Left) Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, associate professor of Systematic Theology, celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem.



Seminarians and pilgrims pray at the Western Wall, often referred to as the Wailing Wall, in the Old City of Jerusalem.



Seminarians pray the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem.

Father Walter Lucey Has "The Best Job in the World"

Eight years after his ordination and graduation from Seton Hall University, Reverend Walter D. Lucey, M.Div. '98 returned to Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology last July as a member of the Seminary's Formation Faculty. Father Lucey is not the least bit hesitant to state that he feels this position is the most important one on campus. Working with the wonderful men of the Seminary and contributing to their growth and development as they pursue their vocations to be priests of Jesus Christ, has been "an opportunity of a lifetime" for him.

Father Lucey's own journey to the priesthood did not follow a traditional path. Born and educated in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as evidenced by his still distinct Boston accent, Father Lucey entered the United States Army after high school. He served for three years in a number of locations, mostly in Austria and Germany. Upon his return to the United States, he entered the seminary. After four years at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, Connecticut, and St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, he made a decision to pursue a career in business.

Father Lucey joined IBM in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and worked for them for 28 years, as a marketing executive in a number of locations and in a variety of positions. In addition to serving as a project manager for the construction of a purpose built IBM building in New York City. Father Lucey was instrumental in establishing a very successful business venture for the computer giant, telemarketing IBM hardware over the telephone. His initial involvement in this endeavor was met with skepticism from many people who questioned "why would anyone ever buy something electronically!"

During a very enjoyable and successful career, Father Lucey always heard a little voice that did not let him forget about the possibility that he had a call to priesthood. After taking an early retirement from IBM, Father Lucey applied to Immaculate Conception Seminary and entered in 1993. He was ordained in 1998 and assigned to Queen of Peace parish in North Arlington, New Jersey.



Father Walter D. Lucey, M.Div. '98, recently joined the Seminary's formation faculty.

Father Lucey states that his eight-year assignment in that parish was a wonderful experience. The parish has both a grammar school and a high school. Besides the usual pastoral duties, Father Lucey was very involved in the high school in various roles. He was the liaison between the parish and the school, a founding member of the high school's board of directors and was even acting president of the school for a period of time.

While at Queen of Peace, Father Lucey was also able to become very involved in a number of extra-curricular activities in which he first became interested during his early seminary years; sports, dramatic presentations and editing a school magazine. His years there were very challenging but most rewarding.

Now back at his alma mater, Father Lucey is enjoying the "best job in the world." †

A New Beginning

On October 14, 2006, more than 100 people attended a half-day retreat at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood, New Jersey, presented by the Reverend John Russell, O. Carm, S.T.D., professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology and Spiritual Director for the Institute for Christian Spirituality. The retreat marked the inauguration of the Institute's fourth component program, Seminary's Theological Education for Parish Services (STEPS).

STEPS is a graduate certificate program, designed in collaboration with the Education for Parish Services organization in Washington, D.C., which will foster the education and formation of Catholic lay students for pastoral ministry. It offers an integrated program of theological coursework, spiritual formation and workshops, as well as practical skills for ministry. The program expands the opportunities for lay graduate education by offering classes and programs at Mount Carmel parish in Bergen County, thus expanding beyond the Seminary location in South Orange, New Jersey.

Students in the program will receive a graduate certificate upon completion of 24 credits of coursework covering Scripture, Church History, Systematic Theology and Christian Ethics. These courses can also be applied toward a master's degree by taking additional courses at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. Workshops will cover the practical areas of public speaking, catechesis, and leadership skills. A series of retreats and theological reflections, open to everyone, will round out the program.

Deacon William Toth, Ph.D., associate professor, Christian Ethics, offered a series of theological reflections in October and November 2006 and Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D., assistant professor, Systematic Theology, presented a conference on the Eucharist as part of STEPS. Currently, the first course offered by the program, Synoptic Gospels is being taught by Reverend C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., adjunct professor of Biblical Studies, on Thursday evenings.

Eleven students are registered for the course and according to Jo-Anne Lieder, D.V.M., M.A.T., coordinator of STEPS, the students are enjoying the relaxed, but scholarly atmosphere at the Parish, which has gone out of its way to welcome and support the program. Lieder said that, based on the inquiries she is receiving, registration will probably double next year.

This semester, in addition to the Scripture course, STEPS will offer three evenings on bringing a new spirit into daily prayer life as well as a session on the sacrament of Reconciliation and one on studying the Bible. Again, these sessions are open to everyone.

For more information about the STEPS program please contact Jo-Anne Lieder at (973) 313-6331. Summer and fall courses will include Spirituality of the Old Testament and History of Christianity. †

\$10,000 Raised by Students to Establish Mother Seton Psychological Center

Over the past three years the international service trip, jointly organized between Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and Campus Ministry's Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE), has greatly impacted the lives of many in El Salvador. Each year the group fulfills a specific substantial need of the community. While in El Salvador in March 2006, Michelle Sheridan, M.A. '04, realized that the group's efforts to improve the spiritual, relational and physical quality of life also includes improving the psychological and emotional stability of the community — especially for the children.



Seton Hall students and administrators gather for a group picture during the most recent trip to El Salvador, March 2007.

Sister Dora, who administers La Aldea Infantil San Antonio Orphanage, expressed to Sheridan her dream of a psychological center for the children. Aldea is home to more than 100 abandoned and abused orphans. At the time of Sheridan's conversation with Sister, the orphanage could only afford a counselor to come one day a week, at the rate of \$3 per day to work with the children. Sheridan explains, "That very night, upon reflection, the Seton Hall group decided to make Sister Dora's dream come true for the children of Aldea."

Indeed, the students held steadfast to that reflection over the following months. "Two of our students, Michael Loeven and Kimberly Benson, took the lead on this project," Sheridan comments. "They wrote letters to family, friends and businesses encouraging their fellow students to do the same." The result is nothing less than extraordinary. The students raised over \$10,000 to establish the center. In addition, they decided to name the center the Mother Seton Psychological Center, after their alma mater. The refuge for the children of Aldea, and the dream of Sister Dora, are now becoming a reality.

Sheridan reflects on how the relationship between the Seminary and undergraduate students has evolved, "The seminary has played an invaluable role in every single aspect of these trips. Father Mino Chica coordinates the planning with his family: meals, transportation and sites, and Father Joseph Chapel, associate dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary, provides spiritual guidance to the students through instruction on Liturgy of the Hours, liturgy planning, confession and informal spiritual direction."

When asked how seminarians and students work together Sheridan shared, "Each year the seminarian/student relationship has fostered Christ-centered conversation and friendship." Sheridan hopes the center is just the beginning of many projects Seton Hall can complete for communities within El Salvador.

For more details about upcoming international service trips, and how you can contribute, visit DOVE online at admin.shu.edu/dove. †

Supporting the Mission of Seton Hall University

Ever since his appointment as Archbishop of Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., has encouraged a variety of programs designed to enhance and further the Catholic character of Seton Hall University. The establishment of the Office of Mission and Ministry by Reverend Monsignor Robert Sheeran, S.T.D., University President, was an initiative emanating from the desire to emphasize and strengthen the core mission of this University. The University founded this office, "to foster the spirit and reality of the Catholic faith on Campus." Since its inception the Office has greatly impacted the Catholicity of student life. This impact is the direct result of the Office's leadership.

When Reverend Paul A. Holmes, S.T.D., the first director of the Office, was named the Interim Dean of the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and



Father Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., is the new executive director of the Office of Mission and Ministry.

International Relations, Reverend Anthony Figueiredo, S.T.D., assistant professor of Systematic Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology was appointed to replace him.

Last summer Father Figueiredo was released by Archbishop Myers to work in the Vatican at the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, which coordinates the worldwide charitable organizations and activities for the Catholic Church. The University again turned to the Seminary for an executive director. Reverend C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., assistant professor of Biblical Studies, was appointed to the post by Monsignor Sheeran.

As the executive director, Father Ziccardi reports directly to Monsignor Sheeran. Under the direction of the Office of Mission and Ministry are Campus Ministry, the University Chaplain and the International Institute for Clergy Formation. All of these offices work together to ensure that Catholic religious traditions and values permeate every aspect of University life here at Seton Hall. Father Ziccardi emphasizes he believes that his role is to provide oversight to these efforts, not direct them.



Father Anthony Figueiredo, S.T.D., is the newly appointed official of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum.

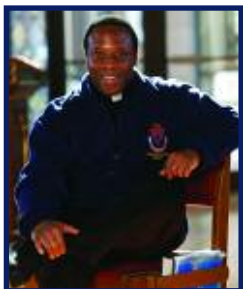
While both Father Figueiredo and Father Ziccardi were highly respected members of the faculty at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and very popular with the students, their appointments to this very important University administrative position were viewed as one part of the Seminary's long standing commitment to the support of the entire campus community and its dedication to the University's Catholic mission.

Father Ziccardi will continue to teach at the Seminary on an adjunct status. Currently Father Ziccardi is teaching the course "Synoptic Gospels" as part of the Institute for Christian Spirituality. This course, the first offered by the Seminary's Theological Education for Parish Services (STEPS), is being offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey. †

A Solid Citizen

When *The Beacon*, the Paterson diocesan newspaper, recently ran a story about Benjamin Williams, one of the diocese's seminarians, the accompanying picture showed Ben standing next to the statue of St. Peter in Lewis Hall. The article describes why that particular spot was chosen for the picture, Williams' continuing reflection on Peter as the "rock" of the Church. But it is also appropriate because in many ways and to many people Ben Williams has been a rock: a solid member of his Church, his country, his local community, and a solid son.

Coming from a financially impoverished



Benjamin Williams, First Theology, is grateful to the Lord for bringing him to Immaculate Conception Seminary

background in Jersey City and Hoboken, Ben started working as a paper boy at 11 and in a supermarket at 16, as soon as he was able to get working papers. His

financial contributions not only helped his family but it also assured that he would be able to attend Catholic school all through his high school years.

Upon entering Rutgers University, Williams became part of the Air Force Reserve Officers Corps. Upon graduating with majors in Communications and English, he was also commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and named outstanding Air Force ROTC Senior, the first of many awards and citations he was to receive during his military career.

While on active duty, Ben served in a number of locations throughout the world and was able to earn a Master's of Public Administration from Troy State University. After his release from active duty, Williams became part of the Air Force Reserve until he was recalled to active duty following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Promoted to Major during this tour, he was involved in coordinating relief efforts to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and the Southeast Asia tsunami.

Before being recalled to active duty, Ben held a variety of positions while studying to obtain his teaching license and he began teaching mathematics in the Paterson Public School District. During this time he also accomplished a major goal in his life. He purchased a home in Paterson for his mother, where she still resides.

Williams entered the Seminary in 2005, completed his Pre-Theology requirements last summer and is currently in First Theology at the Seminary. He was elected by his classmates to be the class president. Although Ben Williams' life has included a number of situations and opportunities many people will never experience, he realizes that there is much more for him to do. He is grateful to the Lord for bringing him to this place in his life and looks forward to, "... (using) some of the knowledge, that I have been blessed to receive, in some small way to serve the Lord." †

The Fall 2006 Gerety Lecture – Monks in the City



Father Augustine J. Curley, O.S.B. '94, gives the Fall 2006 Gerety Lecture.

The Archbishop Peter L. Gerety Lecture for Fall 2006 was presented on Wednesday evening, November 15, 2006, in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. The lecture, entitled “Monks and the City - A Unique New Experience”, was delivered by Father Augustine J. Curley, O.S.B. '94, a Benedictine monk of the Newark Abbey in Newark, New Jersey. Father Augustine is the Librarian and Archivist for the Abbey. He is the first graduate of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology to deliver a Gerety Lecture.

The Lecture Series is one component of the Archbishop Peter L. Gerety Fund for Ecclesiastical History established by the former Archbishop of Newark to promote study, research and scholarship in Church History. Previous speakers in the series have included Avery Cardinal Dulles, Dr. Dermot Quinn, Dr. Samuel Hugh Moffett, and Dr. Mary A. Ward.

Father Augustine began his talk explaining that an urban environment and monastic life appear to many to be antithetical or contradictory. But, he emphasized right away his contention that the upcoming sesquicentennial of the Benedictines’ apostolate to and in the largest city in New Jersey belies that contention.



Father Augustine (center) speaks with Father Benet Caffrey O.S.B. (left) and Monsignor Raymond Kupke, Ph.D., adjunct professor of Church History (right).

The journey from the establishment of a priory in Newark in May 1857 to today has not been a smooth one or a consistent one. Father Augustine detailed questions and difficulties that had to be confronted and surmounted, from a reluctance initially to assume such a mission, to questions regarding the right location for the Abbey, to serious concerns from the members of the Benedictine community itself about the viability of their inner city ministry and individual brothers questioning their commitment to the urban environment.

By carefully and thoroughly tracing the discussions which were held and the decisions made, Father Augustine led the audience through the many questions, doubts, affirmations, and decisions that have occurred during the 150 years of Newark Abbey’s existence. Father Augustine made extensive use of Chapter meeting minutes to present an

intimate picture of all sides in the debates which occurred.

At the end of the presentation, Father Augustine referenced a banner he mentioned at the very start of his talk. This banner, hanging from the buildings of the Newark Abbey, both answers the challenge issued by the Mayor of Newark at his inauguration to stand with him and the City while it proclaims the mission of the “Monks in the City” to, “continue to stand with the city and its people as a sign of Christ’s presence.”†



Father Augustine spoke candidly about the 150 year history of the Newark Abby highlighting the many changes and challenges the Abby has faced.

In Memoriam

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology mourns the loss of these members of our family of priest alumni who recently passed away. Let us offer our prayers to honor these faithful servants of God

Reverend Antonio Anta Ordained 1955

Reverend Monsignor Theodore V. Bonelli '57/Ordained 1961

Reverend Walter A. Debold '38/M.A. '83/Ordained 1942

Reverend Joseph A. Frank '45/Ordained 1949

Reverend Edward J. Kearney '47/Ordained 1951

Reverend Charles H. McTague '43/Ordained 1947

Reverend John H. Wightman '39/Ordained 1943

Reverend Robert Gordon Ordained 1973

Reverend Michael A. Walsh '68/Ordained 1972

Reverend Monsignor Denis A. Hayes '33/Ordained 1937

Meet the New Director of Seminary Development



Catherine Phelan, director of Seminary Development

Over the past several months I have had the opportunity to meet many of you in person at Immaculate Conception Seminary events, through telephone conversations and on some occasions — over a cup of coffee or lunch. While I feel at home at Seton Hall, first as an alumna, and second as an employee — I have found a new

room in this home of Seton Hall at our Seminary. This is largely in part to you, alumni and friends, who have provided me a loving welcome. For this I am very grateful to each of you.

I thought it fitting that as I thank you for your welcome and best wishes in my new position, I share with you why, indeed, I feel so blessed to be part of this community. I, like so many of you, receive solicitations from religious groups, good cause non-profit organizations, and those in need from my community. Letters, phone calls, solicitations are each with the best intent in mind. Certainly, there are many in our communities who

have great needs. We as Christians strive to be good givers — giving to those who rely on our support, not seeking anything in return. We make sacrifices to give, not because we are obligated to, but because our hearts seek to help and heal others who need us. Yet, while many of us prefer to give silently, anonymously, without recognition, sometimes it is nice to know that our generosity is acknowledged and appreciated.

It is in this way that I found a unique opportunity at our Seminary. In a small way I ensure your generous gifts are properly accounted for and in their correct designations. I then work with Monsignor Coleman and others at the Seminary to make sure we, the Seminary, thank you for each and every gift. Guided by the Holy Spirit, I am finding great joy in providing you with an opportunity to support our Seminary and to thank you for your generosity. Still, even more important than this joy — I am learning why you sacrifice for our Seminary.

The community of Immaculate Conception Seminary comprises many individuals both near and far away. I hope that in the upcoming months I can meet with more of you to learn your stories. I want to share with you our many updates that could not all fit in this newsletter. More important than sharing with you, I want to learn from you. Your story allows me to grow in my faith journey.

Please know that I welcome your phone calls, e-mails and visits in the most sincere way. †

Don't forget to send in your Darlington Annual Fund gift before June 30, 2007!

A new federal tax law allows taxpayers to make direct charitable gifts from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). Donors age 70 1/2 or older will be able to exclude from gross income otherwise taxable IRA distributions of up to \$100,000 per year for gifts to Immaculate Conception Seminary during 2006 and 2007. The law applies only to outright gifts, so the IRA transfer cannot fund a charitable gift annuity or remainder trust. The new law permits donors to have their annual required minimum distributions paid directly to ICS thereby enabling them to actually lower their taxable income!

Yes, I'd like to learn more about the new law or other ways to contribute to Immaculate Conception Seminary's Darlington Fund:

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Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Immaculate Conception Seminary Events

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Delbarton Priesthood
3 p.m. - St. Mary's Abbey Church
Delbarton, NJ

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mass of Blessing for Graduates
5 p.m. - Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
Academic Awards Dinner
Immediately following Mass
Atrium, Jubilee Hall

Monday, May 7, 2007

**Seton Hall University
Commencement Ceremony**
11 a.m. - Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, NJ
Visit www.shu.edu for
commencement information.

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Metuchen Diaconate Ordination
10 a.m. - St. Bartholomew's Church
East Brunswick, NJ

Saturday, May 19, 2007

Camden Priesthood Ordination
10 a.m. - Church of St. Agnes
Blackwood, NJ

Saturday, May 19, 2007 (continued)

Wilmington Priesthood Ordination
10 a.m. - Cathedral of St. Peter
Wilmington, DE

Trenton Priesthood Ordination

10 a.m. - Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
Trenton, NJ

Paterson Diaconate Ordination

5 p.m. - Holy Family Rosary Church
Paterson, NJ

Washington Diaconate Ordination

10 a.m. - Cathedral of St. Matthew
Washington, D.C.

Sunday, May 20, 2007

Newark Diaconate Ordination
Noon - Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Newark, NJ

Saturday, May 26, 2007

Newark Priesthood Ordination
10 a.m. - Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Newark, NJ

Saturday, May 26, 2007

Paterson Priesthood Ordination
10:30 a.m. - Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Paterson, NJ

Saturday, June 2, 2007

Metuchen Priesthood Ordination
10 a.m. - Cathedral of St. Frances
Metuchen, NJ

Providence Priesthood Ordination

10 a.m. - Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul
Providence, RI

Trenton Diaconate Ordination

10 a.m. - Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
Trenton, NJ

Monday, June 25, 2007

**27th Judge Roger W. Breslin Cornerstone
Golf and Tennis Classic**
1 p.m. shotgun start
Honoring Father Robert Stagg '711
M.Div. '82/Ordained 1975
Raritan Valley Country Club
Bridgewater, NJ