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Letter From the Rector

Happy New Year!

I hope your holidays were full of rich blessings and that those blessings will continue to be yours throughout the coming year.

I am pleased to share with you as we begin the new semester with a total of sixty-two students. Over the Christmas break we interviewed and accepted a new student from the Diocese of St. Augustine and a new student from the Diocese of Venice. Please keep them and all our students in your prayers as they begin another academic semester.

There are a couple of important upcoming events which I’d like to bring to your attention. First, from Monday, February 22 through Thursday, February 25, the on-site visitation team will be here from SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and ATS (Association of Theological Schools) as part of our re-accreditation process. One exciting aspect of the re-accreditation process is the development of a QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan). We have chosen to make “Homiletics” the focus of our QEP which should enable us to better develop our students’ preaching skills and give you better homilies.

On March 11, 2010, the second annual Joe-Paddy Festival will take place on seminary grounds. If you would like more information about this event, please contact our Development Office.

Finally, on Saturday, April 24, 2010 we will have Diaconate Ordination. The ordaining bishop this year is the Most Reverend Frank Dewane, the Bishop of Venice. It is always a wonderful occasion as we see our work here at the seminary culminate in men receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

In closing, allow me once again to express my gratitude to all of you who support us in so many ways, with time, talent, treasure and prayers. You are a blessing to us as we continue the important work of forming and educating men for future service as priests of Jesus Christ.

Keith R. Brennan, J.C.D.
Rector - President

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Mission Statement

The primary purpose of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary is to provide a human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation program to prepare candidates for the Roman Catholic priesthood. In response to the large number of Hispanic Catholics in Florida, and throughout the United States, the Seminary formation program is bilingual and multicultural. The secondary purpose of the seminary is to provide continuing theological education to qualified clergy, religious, and laity of all denominations.
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About St. Vincent de Paul

Born April 24, 1581, Pouy, now Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, Fr.— died Sept. 27, 1660, Paris; canonized 1737; feast day September 27) French saint, founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists, or Vincentians) for preaching missions to the peasantry and for educating and training a pastoral clergy.

Educated by the Franciscans at Dax, he was ordained in 1600 and graduated from the University of Toulouse in 1604. He was allegedly captured at sea by Barbary pirates but escaped. He spent a year in Rome, then went to Paris, where he remained permanently. He placed himself under the spiritual guidance of the celebrated Cardinal Pierre de Bérulle, who entrusted him with the parish of Clichy, Fr.

After founding the Congregation of the Mission in 1625, Vincent de Paul established in and around Paris the Confraternities of Charity - associations of laywomen who visited, fed, and nursed the sick and poor. The wealth of these women, many of noble family, aided him in establishing the foundling and other hospitals. With St. Louise de Marillac he co-founded the Daughters of Charity (Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul), an association patterned after the Confraternities of Charity.

April Murphy – Chair 2010 Friends of the Seminary

A dear friend and avid supporter of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary has been named Chair for Friends of the Seminary, 2010. April Murphy a convert to Catholicism, didn’t flinch when she was asked to serve as chair for the Seminary’s signature fundraising event. April so graciously accepted the invitation saying, “it is a true blessing for me to be able to give these young men, who feel the call to priesthood, the opportunity to discern their calling.” She continued, “I do fear for the future of our Church, without the priests, there is no Eucharist.”

The Michigan native became a Florida transplant in 1972 when she, her husband William and their three children; Sheila Christine, Barbara Ann and William Joseph moved to follow a dream. The Murphy’s purchased NuTurf in 1972 and have transitioned it into a true family business.

April, a successful business woman, a full time wife and mother, was also active in her son’s school, Pope John Paul II High School as a member of the Board of Directors. For several years, she was Co-Chair for the Annual Black Tie Affair and Chair for the High School’s Annual Fashion show. She continued her volunteer work at Pope for 10 years.

In her parish of St. Joan of Arc in Boca Raton, April is actively involved. She is a member of the Finance and Budget Committees, and participates in the Charismatic Prayer Group. A highlight for her as a parishioner was her participation in Koinonia, a three day spiritual journey of reflection, sharing and friendship.

It wasn’t until 2003, after her beloved husband William had passed that April was introduced to the seminary. “I didn’t know the public was permitted beyond the gates of the seminary,” said April, “until my dear friends, Don and Rita White invited me to attend Friends of the Seminary.” That was the beginning of a wonderful relationship between April Murphy and St. Vincents’. Since then April has been an annual supporter, sponsoring several of the Seminary’s initiatives including Seedlings for St. Vincent de Paul and the Joe-Paddy Festival.
2010 Friends of the Seminary Committee

April Murphy
Chair

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2006 - Larry Dahman
2007 - Paul & Lynn Lawless
2008 - John Herrick
2009 - Carmel B. Quinn
2010 - April Murphy

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**Dinner Menu**

**Entrée**
- Roasted Rack of Veal
- Herb Crusted Sea Bass
- Ratatouille
- Duchess Mashed Potatoes

**Salad**
- Roquefort Pear Salad with Roasted Pecan

**Dessert**
- Raspberry Frozen Souffle with Grand Marnier and coulis of fruits

*Bon Appétit – Chef Philippe Pedemey*

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Very special thanks to the following volunteers: April Murphy - FOS 2010 Chairman, James Schonefeld and the Knights of Columbus, Raymond Cuminale, Connie Petrovich, Karen Parker, Stephanie Parker, Valeri Polcyn, and Walt Polcyn. We also owe gratitude to our dedicated administration, staff and students: Msgr. Keith Brennan, Rev. Steven O’Hala, Rev. José Alfaro, Rev. Michael Flynn, Sr. Joyce LaVoy, all the Seminarians, Keith Parker, Stanton Cadou, Sharon Melancon, Daniella Coy Minnie Garcia, Cindy Krueger, Mark Librizzi, Roland Jenkins & the Maintenance Crew, the Housekeeping Staff, Chef Philippe Pedemey & the Kitchen Crew.

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We ask for your prayers for recently deceased members of our St. Vincent de Paul family.

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Samuel George, nephew of staff member Therese Brevil
Daniela George, niece of staff member Therese Brevil
Marie Camel Lene, cousin of staff member Therese Brevil
Melisa Fortune, cousin of staff member Therese Brevill

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen
Our Seminarians 2009-10

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Gremaud Angee – III Theology, St. Louis, Pinecrest
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Kevin McQuone – IV Theology, Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Tallahassee
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William Stead – III Theology, Santa Maria del Mar, Flagler Beach

Diocese of St. Petersburg
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Dominic Corona – IV Theology, St. Ignatius Antioch, Tarpon Springs
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Brain C. Fabiszewski – I Theology, Saint Catherine of Siena, Clearwater
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1999  James Towey
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2009  Knights of Columbus State Council

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“Friends of the Seminary” was originally called Opportunity Dinner and was first conceived in October 1983 by the rector Rev. Felipe Estévez. The first Opportunity Dinner took place March 27, 1984. The cost to attend was $125 per person. The event was changed to Friends of the Seminary in 1990, and at times changed from a sit down dinner to a reception with hor’dourves. In the mid 80’s the Donor Brunch & Mass was created as an offshoot of Friends. Celebrated in early December each year, its purpose remains a “thank you” event for all donors.

Friends takes place the evening of the bi-annual Board of Trustees meeting, providing an opportunity for the Archbishop and all the Bishops to celebrate with seminary supporters. In 2004, under the direction of Bill Conroy, the seminary’s new Director of Development, $87,880 was raised. The event’s chair was Larry Dahman, a member of the newly formed Development Council, in both 2005 and ’06. At times the event included singing and music by seminarians and outdoor seating accommodating over 300 guests. In 2005 a Mardi Gras theme was adopted, and continued until 2008.

History of Friends of the Seminary
The idea of title sponsors and/or lay honorary chairs was begun in 2008. **Mrs. Catherine R. “Sis” Murphy** attained that title in 2008, followed by **Jacques and “Danger” Vinmont** in 2009. A decision was made that year to seat all attendees indoors, resulting in a reduced number of tickets available due to space limitations. Roughly 100 fewer guests were seated, however a record $158,203 was raised under the leadership of **Paul & Lynn Lawless**.

The tradition of a commemorative logo, beads, gift bags, program ad sales, complementary promotional items, corporate support, the underwriting of valet parking, printing, food and other expenses, were started in 2007 and expanded in ‘08. This allowed the cost per dollar raised to remain extremely low. In fact in 2008 the lowest cost ever at 13 cents per dollar, and a record $211,531 was given under event chairman **John Herrick**. With the leadership of **Carmel Quinn**, chair of the **Friends 2009**, another new record was set with over $240,100 raised. In 2008, the Knights of Columbus provided 20+ volunteers to assist with the event, and have continued in that capacity.

The 2009 theme was changed to best represent the spirit of the seminary’s mission, ambiance and environment by including the colors, architecture and elements of the chapel and campus. While **Friends** today is able to accommodate fewer guests, it is more generously supported locally and state-wide, and represents over one third of the total annual fund-raising budget. Since the initial event in 1984, 25 years ago, the price per ticket has increased only $50.
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O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis
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V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the
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My most gratifying experience in youth ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace has been to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the youth when the Gospel message is presented in the context of a relationship. Their honest responses are excellent ways for me to get to know them and to learn whether or not the message is coming across.

Pedro Prada, I Theology, Diocese of Palm Beach, Saint Luke, Palm Springs

My most gratifying experience in Lourdes Noreen McKeen Nursing home has been the possibility of listening to the elderly and learning from their experience of faith, and love of Jesus Christ. As well as giving them some comfort and company in their solitude.

Richard Pagano, II Theology, Diocese of St. Augustine, Santa Maria del Mar, Flagler Beach

My apostolic ministry site is the Palm Beach County Jail where I serve the juvenile delinquents. This ministry has been a monumental experience in my life and has taught me so much about God’s unique love for sinners. Our time together is spent reading scriptures, praying, and talking about life. One of the aspects of this ministry that I cherish is the time I spend listening to them as they share their life stories and their desire to follow Christ and change.
Nick Lanowich, *I Theology, Archdiocese of Miami, St. Gregory the Great, Plantation*

My apostolic ministry here at the seminary is the Caring Kitchen. We tend to the less fortunate of the area. I enjoy the ministry especially when I bring meals to the shut-ins. It allows me to not only care for their physical needs but to also be present and listen to their own personal struggles.

Brian Fabiszewski, *I Theology, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Saint Catherine of Siena*

I am currently assisting homeless individuals with registering for food stamps and hygienic care at St. Anne’s Place in downtown West Palm Beach. Although the visits have their challenges, there are tremendous rewards that accompany the challenges. The most gratifying moment is to see the joy in the face of the person I assist and the positive results of integrating what I am learning in the seminary in active pastoral ministry. This mainly occurs through just actively listening to the client.

On behalf of St. Edward Catholic Church, we thank the Lord for the St. Vincent de Paul Seminary and the work they do in the formation of our seminarians. The future of our Church is greatly blessed by your presence.

May God bless you!

St. Edward Catholic Church
Palm Beach, FL
Joe-Paddy Festival Announces Co-Chairs for 2010

The seminary is proud and honored to announce that Msgr. Stephen Bosso, and volunteer Denis Mullane are Co-Chairs for the 2010 Joe-Paddy Festival. Msgr. Bosso, the creator of the event is a SVDP alumnus, former Rector/President and current faculty member. Mr. Mullane, is a new volunteer from the Village of Golf and Hartford Connecticut. The 2nd Annual Joe-Paddy Festival on March 11th, is held in celebration of the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. The event benefits the needs of our seminarians and the seminary. The SVDP student council takes on the responsibility of selling tickets and promoting the event as their major fundraising event of the year. “All of our seminarians will be there working the event and meeting guests,” said Luis Rivera, Student Council President.

Joe-Paddy is an outdoor casual event, featuring evening prayer followed by Irish and Italian music under a big tent on campus. Corned beef and cabbage, pasta, salad, garlic bread and desserts are served. Adult beverages will also be available. Live and silent auctions round out the event. Tickets are $50 per person, and can be purchased on line. A limited number of round tables of ten are also available for reservation. Go to “Donate Now” and select Joe-Paddy Festival at www.svdp.edu. Ads in the Joe-Paddy program are also available by contacting Daniella Coy at dcoy@svdp.edu. A business card size ad is $25, quarter page is $50 and half page is $100. Supporter listing is $10 per name/business.
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Beyond the Gates

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Matthew Worthen:
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