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Many have asked how they may easily send donations in support of the many works on going at the Seminary and to support the training of the Seminarians. Here follows our local bank information, should others wish to make direct deposits into our accounts. If at all possible, please send us a note or email message notifying of your intention in making the donation so as to assist the Seminary Bursar in his laborious duties in Accounting. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Family & Vocations Weekend:

- September 12th - 9:45am Solemn High Mass, Procession and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; 12:30pm Luncheon; 3:00pm Conference on Music and Education.

- September 13th - 9:45am Solemn High Mass, Procession with Relic of the Holy Cross; 1:00pm Soccer Tournament.

- Bishop Bernard Tissier de Mallerais will confer the Priestly Ordinations on 19 December 2009. This will be the last Australian to be ordained for at least six years. Are there any courageous men who love God enough to respond to His call?

- Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:

- Men's Retreat: 4 to 9 January 2010

- Ladies' Retreat: 18 to 23 January 2010



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And Peter answering said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: (Matt 17:4)

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

It is good for us to be here... living in the Seminary and preparing young men to become like the Apostles, men ordained to preach Christ to the world. In order to accomplish this great task, these men must, in the short time of their Seminary training, truly put on Christ. This comes to be by the sacrifice of self in fidelity to God's Will for us to become saints.

But this objective is difficult as the world clamours for our attention. Many distractions and much opposition to the humble pursuit of holiness are offered by the worldly protests of the likes of Pontius Pilate, who, when faced with being just and honest in their responsibilities, react by dismissing truth: *What is truth?* This fearful objection seeks to liberate the objector from being responsible for his own actions. The reasoning is: "deny objective truth, and relativize responsibility;" thus freeing one to do according to their fancy. The result is the social disorder we witness today.

God is infinitely wise and seeks to order all things to perfect goodness. Man has the responsibility to conform to this true pattern of goodness in which he



The Transfiguration by Fra Angelico

finds his true happiness. The true lover of God confidently submits to the truth of divine order. This submission, or conformity to God, is not fulfilled without a certain self-sacrifice, a “giving way” to God. It would be pure folly to imagine doing better than God.

Sadly, feeble man often dares to impose his perception of truth in place of Truth itself, with the glib objection that “God wants us to be happy.” But this notion of happiness has lost conformity to the divine plan, which desires man’s perfect happiness in the Beatific Vision. Sentimental and materialistic man, “reasoning” that earthly comfort is his happiness, determines to avoid all that limits his feeble perception of happiness. Consequently, he rejects even the salvific Cross of Christ, and his own participation in the daily cross of the Christian life, which is simply conforming to God’s will. If we would go to heaven, we must take the means, which is the cross: *If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you...* (Jn 15:20)

God’s truth, painful as it may sometimes be, is the prescription to *put off the old man and put on the new* when we face the diagnosis of our wounded nature. The good Physician comes to heal, fortify and enliven... forever. The medicine may at times be bitter, but the desired cure is worth the temporary discomfort of fidelity to the effective treatment – we expect to come to the eternal joys of heaven.

What folly to refuse the truth of our cure! *Behold not for us those things that are right: speak unto us pleasant things, see errors for us.* (Isa 30:10) We live in a time in which society generally accepts the exultation of self resulting in the wide spread evils of divorce, contraception, injustice and deception. When it is suggested that the unhappiness in the world is due greatly to the lack of conformity to the sacrificial example of Christ, the retort is: “Who are you to judge?” God, the just Judge, has revealed His truth for man to discern good and evil and then to live responsibly: *to do good and to avoid evil.* May He bless us with good judgement to flee all that is opposed to His Truth, our happiness.

As we at Holy Cross endure the examinations of the first term, we consider the great joy of the Seminary life: a community of men seeking the pure truth of God, living to *decrease so that Christ may increase*, and striving to give the most worthy glory to God by being conformed in all things to Christ. Not simply for the “security” of the members of the Seminary or the community as a whole, but to offer salvation to all men. As Christ is a missionary, so are His priests. The priest must go out into the world carrying the light of divine joy, the happiness found in perfect conformity to God’s truth and will.

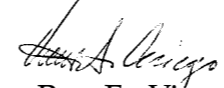
This conformity is interior and rooted in the soul as a perpetual disposition of giving all to and for the glory of God. The priest must strive for this noble goal, exemplifying what he must preach to the faithful: *But doing the truth in charity, we may in all things grow up in him who is the head, even Christ* (Eph 4:15) May God guide all of us, especially at Holy Cross, to *grow up in Christ.*

Please pray for all of us at Holy Cross as our seminarians receive the Minor Orders and the brothers soon make their religious profession in the days and weeks ahead. Your priests and religious depend upon your generous prayers and sacrifices as we spiritually assist one another in the Mystical

Body of Christ, especially as your seminarians discern and nurture their vocations. We can help each other to become saints.

Thank you also, dear friends and benefactors, for your continued generosity in financial support. Reliant upon the material support of the faithful, our Seminary would be greatly hindered from properly operating, maintaining and repairing its physical requirements. Be assured of our continued efforts to train and live faithfully according to Christ’s example. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Queen and Protectress, ever watch over you and us as we endeavour to live Christ truthfully.

In Christ the King,



Rev. Fr. Vicente A. Griego
Rector, Holy Cross Seminary



Mr. Pius Nanthambwe receives a St. Pius X medal after pronouncing his engagement in the Society of St. Pius X.



Mr. John Cameron receives the pax after pronouncing his engagement in the Society of St. Pius X.