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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

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The Seminary Year quickly approaches its end. The sombre disposition of pensive seminarians preparing for final examinations prevails despite the many and perhaps frantic efforts to maintain and prepare the grounds and buildings in preparation for the Ordination ceremonies on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The seminarians to receive the Diaconate are to begin their final year of formation at Holy Cross in March 2015. Please God they will be ordained Priests in December 2015!



*After the Brothers' Renewal of Vows on 29 September*

The formation of priests is the objective of the Seminary. This supernatural work requires God's grace and the mystical Body shares in the responsibility to ask God to bless the work of training and ordaining priests. Hence, there will be no formation without the generosity of souls to pray for vocations, as Our Lord commands. Young men discerning their vocation must come to the conclusion that they must actually apply to enter the Seminary in order to clearly and definitively discern whether or not they indeed have a vocation to the Priesthood.

The mind of Holy Mother Church is that young men must enter the Seminary in order to be rightly guided in the discernment of their vocation and to be duly formed as other Christs. The importance of praying for vocations cannot be over stressed, but there is also the need to offer certain acts of penance and to give ourselves more readily to acquire the habit of virtue, whereby we implore God's mercy and abundant graces.

This has been the aim of the Seminary's annual Crusade for Vocations. We are presently in the last few weeks of our Crusade and on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will mark the end of this organised effort to rally the faithful to join our plea for many and holy vocations. We hope to receive your spiritual bouquets in honour of the Immaculate Virgin so that we may present them to her at the end of a procession following the Solemn High Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup>. You may post them or perhaps even

bring them and join us in the Mass and procession. May God continue to send us many more holy vocations and may our Lady be honoured by the generosity of our prayers, sacrifices and efforts to grow in virtue, which we hope will urge the good God to send abundant graces upon us. It is these graces that will draw young men to consider their vocation and to follow God's Will as well as to help those studying to persevere. Religious and priests also profit, being fortified and further sanctified by the suffrages of the Crusade.

Even after the Crusade, we must continue to pray for our priests, religious, seminarians and the young who have a vocation and need only respond to God's call. The world presents terrible examples and occasions of sinfulness; hence, the need of good examples and efficacious means to fight the evil influence of the worldly and godless. Followers of Christ must seriously heed Our Lord's call to pursue holiness of life. We expect priests and consecrated religious to exemplify in the highest degree the standard of the Christian life, which is a great encouragement to all to live in opposition to the world's base standard and rebellious spirit. Further, we need the priest to give us the Sacraments, which are the great means to persevere in our daily duties as true Christians.

What a great act of charity and religion to thus assist young men training for the Priesthood! With the end of the academic year the seminarians will soon venture out into the world for their month of summer apostolate, during which time they will put to employ the fruits of their learning and prayer-life. The seminarians must be good examples and should edify the neighbour that Divine Providence has arranged for them to meet. Even the summer holiday affords many opportunities to "preach" Christ by the seminarians' good example of fidelity to their rule of life that directs their every thought, word and deed to their end, which is simply to give glory to God.

In a Letter addressed to Cardinal Respighi (5 May 1904), St. Pius X wrote:

*The restoration of all things in Christ...with God's help...demands...proper formation of the clergy.... To bring about the reign of Jesus Christ in the world, nothing is more essential than a saintly clergy who, by their example, their preaching and their learning will be the guides of the faithful... Indeed we read in the Council of Trent: 'Nothing is more effective in training to piety and the worship of God than the life and example of those who are consecrated to the divine ministry; cut off from the world and its affairs, clerics are on a pedestal where they can be seen, and men look into their lives as into a mirror in which they may see what they are to imitate' (Sess. XXII, c. I, de Reform. AAS XXXVI, p. 655).*

May our seminarians be men of sacred recollection and contemplation, who keep before their eyes the high ideal of the priestly vocation and thus fulfil these words of our heavenly Patron.

Archbishop Lefebvre held this same objective and thus maintained with the greatest conviction the sustained effort to be a saint and to lead others to sanctity. This is the reason why a priest enters the Church's combat – to fight all errors because the corruption of doctrine and morals is an insult to God and a sure destruction of souls. Forty years ago today, Archbishop Lefebvre made his wonderful Declaration of Faith in opposition to the modernist and liberal errors that influenced many men's (clerical and lay) minds and hearts. The Declaration is reproduced below for your study and edification. May we all take to heart not only the courage to *profess* the Faith, but let us also be brave enough to profoundly and humbly *live* the Faith.

Humble and serious conviction in living the Faith will certainly bring forth, by the grace of God, heroic examples of Christ among His priests, religious and layfolk. Even today, amid so many errors and so many evils being publicly and even officially tolerated or endorsed, Christ can be victorious in conquering souls and raising them to the heights of

holiness. Our Faith proclaims it clearly and we are confident that God will help those who earnestly seek to love Him to become true champions in Christ.

Please continue to help us in our Crusade for Vocations. You are assured our prayers for you and your intentions – especially in gratitude for your generous support of the Crusade. Your prayers are efficacious in helping to fortify the priests, brothers and seminarians in the work of forming priests and religious at Holy Cross. In order to achieve this objective, we also have to maintain the buildings and property of the Seminary, in which we conduct this formation.

We are in need of your kind help with our present material needs. The Seminary still lacks funds to replace our old wood-sheds, which are literally falling apart. A single new shed will be necessary to store the massive piles of wood the seminarians must annually collect in order to have fuel to provide heat in the winter and ensures that the wood is safely stored and kept dry. This shed will also house the farm equipment needed to tend to the grounds and paddocks, which provide feed for our cattle. The livestock on the Seminary grounds provide the most economical means of providing meat for our table. You see that our seminarians are not only employed in the classroom or chapel, but lend their youthful strength to provide for the livelihood of the Community and the maintenance of the facilities.

Another project we attempted to address early in the year, but were unable to follow-through, were the plans to improve the heating in the chapel and refectory. We would like to install plumbing and radiators to provide a cleaner means of heating as well as reduce the number of fires we must manage during the winter. We humbly appeal to your generosity and promise you of our gratitude and prayers and assure you of the blessings of God for your charity.

Thank you and may God bless you and the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Mother of God, watch over you and bring you to holiness of life and the joy of eternal life in heaven.

In Christ the King,



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



*Bro. Matthias (of Holy Cross Seminary) & Bro. Vincent (of St. Anthony's, Wanganui) sign their certificates of Vows*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Ordinations to the Diaconate** will be on 18 December 2014. His Lordship, Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta will celebrate a Pontifical Mass of Ordination at Holy Cross Seminary at 9:00 am. All are invited to attend the Mass of Ordinations and to pray for the young deacons.
  - **Retreats at Holy Cross Seminary:**
    - Ladies' Ignatian Retreat – **CLOSED**
    - Men's Ignatian Retreat – 12 to 17 January 2015
- Information on Retreats: email <[retreats@holycrossseminary.com](mailto:retreats@holycrossseminary.com)> or write to above listed address.

## DECLARATION OF ARCHBISHOP MARCEL LEFEBVRE

We hold fast, with all our heart and with all our soul, to Catholic Rome, Guardian of the Catholic Faith and of the traditions necessary to preserve this Faith, to Eternal Rome, Mistress of wisdom and truth.

We refuse, on the other hand, and have always refused to follow the Rome of neo-Modernist and neo-Protestant tendencies, which were clearly evident in the Second Vatican Council and, after the Council, in all the reforms which issued from it.

All these reforms, indeed, have contributed and are still contributing to the destruction of the Church, to the ruin of the Priesthood, to the abolition of the Sacrifice of the Mass and of the Sacraments, to the disappearance of religious life, to a naturalist and Teilhardian teaching in universities, seminaries and catechetics; a teaching derived from Liberalism and Protestantism, many times condemned by the Solemn Magisterium of the Church.

No authority, not even the highest in the hierarchy, can force us to abandon or diminish our Catholic Faith, so clearly expressed and professed by the Church's Magisterium for nineteen centuries.

*But though we, says Saint Paul, or an angel from heaven preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema* (Galatians 1:8).

Is it not this that the Holy Father is repeating to us today? And if we can discern a certain contradiction in his words and deeds, as well as in those of the dicasteries, well we choose what was always taught and we turn a deaf ear to the novelties destroying the Church.

It is impossible to modify profoundly the *lex orandi* without modifying the *lex credendi*. To the *Novus Ordo Missæ* correspond a new catechism, a new Priesthood, new seminaries, a charismatic Pentecostal Church – all things opposed to orthodoxy and the perennial teaching of the Church.

This Reformation, born of Liberalism and Modernism, is poisoned through and through; it derives from heresy and ends in heresy, even if all its acts are not formally heretical. It is therefore impossible for any conscientious and faithful Catholic to espouse this Reformation or to submit to it in any way whatsoever.

The only attitude of faithfulness to the Church and Catholic doctrine, in view of our salvation, is a categorical refusal to accept this Reformation.

That is why without any spirit of rebellion, bitterness or resentment, we pursue our work of forming priests, with the timeless Magisterium as our guide. We are persuaded that we can render no greater service to the Holy Catholic Church, to the Sovereign Pontiff and to posterity.

That is why we hold fast to all that has been believed and practised in the faith, morals, liturgy, teaching of the catechism, formation of the priest and institution of the church, by the Church of all time; to all these things as codified in those books which saw day before the Modernist influence of the Council. This we shall do until such time that the true light of Tradition dissipates the darkness obscuring the sky of Eternal Rome.

By doing this, with the grace of God and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and that of Saint Joseph and Saint Pius X, we are assured of remaining faithful to the Roman Catholic Church and to all the successors of Peter, and of being the *fideles dispensatores mysteriorum Domini Nostri Jesu Christi in Spiritu Sancto*. Amen.

Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre  
21 November 1974