



Mr Todd Stephens of Tynong and Mr Remi Picot of France, are called to the Altar to their ordination to the Subdiaconate.

down the graces of priestly and religious vocations. Material support is also needed to maintain and continue the Seminary's facilities and its operation. Without God's grace and the generosity of the faithful, especially of courageous young men to offer themselves for the fight, a Seminary will not succeed. We get the priests we deserve. Let us ask repeatedly for many holy priests... for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

May the Mother of God, Mother of priests, bless us with many holy vocations and bless you and your families in the love of Christ.

In Christ the King,

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



Work continues on the Seminary Cemetery chapel as the solid black granite altar is hoisted in place by crane. The altar has been installed and the remaining work to lay down the floor, complete the electrical work and painting awaits the help of our benefactors kind support. Please help us finish this work before the Feast of All Souls. Thank you for your support.

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Regnavit a ligno Deus

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Dear friends & Benefactors of Holy Cross Seminary,

On the occasion of the titular feast of the Seminary, I make my first address to the readers of this monthly newsletter – as it were, taking up the cross for Christ's crusade to conquer all hearts with His love! It is an immense honor to assist in the training of Our Lord's soldiers, religious and priests, in holiness, doctrine and discipline for the noble work of God, His glory and the salvation of souls.

I wish to thank Fr. Peter Scott for his six years of hard work at Holy Cross Seminary. His good efforts are greatly appreciated. Now he takes on the challenge of Catholic education for the youth at the Society's new school, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Wilmont, Canada. May God bless Fr. Scott's new apostolate as he diligently applies his knowledge and many talents for the glory of God.



Fr Griego presents the ordinands to His Lordship,
Bishop Bernard Tissier De Mallierais

These few weeks since my arrival at Holy Cross Seminary have been busy as I familiarize myself with the role and routine of new duties. It is a blessing to live in a community directed entirely to the worship of the good God! Chief among the immediate blessings was the ordination of two young men, an Australian and a Frenchman, to the Subdiaconate on September 12th. With anticipation, we look forward to the end of December, when three deacons are to be ordained to the Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and these new subdeacons are to be ordained to the Diaconate.

We must beg God that our good hopes come to fruition and that many others will offer themselves

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS SEMINARY

Ordinations to the Priesthood:

Friday, December 27, 2008

Men's Five Day Ignation Retreat:

Monday, December 29, 2008 to Saturday, January 3, 2009

Women's Five Day Ignation Retreat:

Monday, January 5, 2009 to Saturday, January 10, 2009

Men's Five Day Marian Retreat:

Monday, January 12, 2009 to Saturday, January 17, 2009

Please take note:

The Women's Five Day Ignation Retreat scheduled for January 5 to 10, 2009, will not be offered.

Crusade Boys Camp:

Saturday, January 3, 2009 to Saturday, January 20, 2009 in Brisbane area. Please call Fr Bourmaud for details.

likewise – pray for vocations! We live in a time of cultural and social selfishness which is the mortal enemy of the selfless sacrifice of a religious or priestly vocation. Today, with great difficulty the call of Christ is heard, responded to, and nurtured to maturity. Many saints, when they speak of the frequency of the grace of God’s call, assure us that “one in three young men have a priestly vocation.” Sadly, few respond to the privileged call of Christ.

The beckoning of a lackadaisical life frequently drowns out the noble call of Christ to a life of conviction. Without drive or desire, just complacency, the young are not challenged, have no real goal, and hardly can be said to really live. Life is meant to be spent achieving a goal. In our world today, is there not anything “to die for”? The deception of half-hearted living leads many to die because they are unwilling to live for an ideal. Without an ideal, man is intellectually dead. Here we begin to see the reason for so many unmotivated, uninterested and unsatisfied “lives” today. Christ has risked all, by giving His life, through His Sacrifice on the Cross, for the ideal of sinful man’s redemption. What shall we do with our lives?

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For he that will save his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for my sake, shall find it (Mt 16:24-25). In these words we find a challenge to action, in which we are guaranteed victory. Many today are convinced that the life of the religious or priest is too difficult, too rare, and too strange for our times. It is easy to dismiss the call of Christ in this manner – so much easier than picking up the cross and following Him. But does one find happiness in such a dismissal?

...blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it (Lk 11:28). Mere spectators will find this challenge unattractive: a participant in the challenge will discover the joy of living with zeal for the honor of God! To teach priests this fervent zeal for the glory of God was the reason Archbishop Lefebvre founded the Priestly Society of St. Pius X:

“The Society’s purpose is the priesthood and all that pertains to it and nothing but what concerns it; *i.e.*, the priesthood as Our Lord Jesus Christ willed it when He said, ‘Do this for a commemoration of me.’ ...The Society must... orient the priest towards – and have him concretize in his daily life what is essentially his *raison d’être*: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, with all that it means, all that flows from it, and all that complements it.” (Statutes of the Society of St. Pius X, p. 2)

According to Christ’s example, the priest labors in the field. But these laborers must be prepared for the difficulty before them. The priest of Christ does not take an idyllic walk through meticulously groomed and uniform rows of wheat. On the contrary, the field has been bombed and the crops burned. The priest goes into the raging battle to harvest the good fruits clinging to life: he waters the parched roots, he binds the broken stalks and he gathers the weathered grain.

Christ goes first to the fight and there He shed His Precious Blood. Now Our Lord, raised upon the Holy Cross of our altars, calls from the midst of the ravaged field for the support of courageous laborers in this combat of love. As there



Seminarians and Faithful process with a statue of Our Lady preceeding the renewal of the Consecration of the Seminary to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

is the need of priests, there is undoubtedly the grace for young men to respond to this call. Come and learn the tactics of spiritual warfare, brave young men, and prepare to give yourselves for the glorious battle in honor of Our King and the most august Queen, the Blessed Virgin Mary!

God will hear our earnest prayers pleading for laborers for the harvest since He Himself has told us to ask. He will send abundant graces to move the courageous idealism of men to join this crusade. For this reason I appeal to you, dear friends of Holy Cross Seminary, pray and sacrifice for many holy priests. On behalf of the young men now studying in the Seminary and for those new vocations yet to come, *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest* (Mt 9:38).

Archbishop Lefebvre explains in our Statutes that the members of the Society, giving their all for the glory of God, will contribute to “...raising souls towards the realities of Heaven, towards the Holy Trinity, and towards the company of the Angels and the Saints” (page 2). *Do not think that I came to send peace upon earth: I came not to send peace, but the sword* (Mt 10:34).

Young men willing to join the fierce battle for the glory of God will be required to unite in Christ’s Sacrifice. The priest’s life is not a fairy tale of fanciful piety or a “last option” for men who do not know what to do with their lives, or for those seeking “security” in the safe confines of the seminary. On the contrary, the priest prepares to enter into a real battle. Courage, strength, and intelligence, in the realm of grace, are required and fortunately for us weak mortals, merited by Christ’s Most Precious Blood. Indeed, one out of three may certainly have what it takes to serve Christ – but he must cooperate with God’s grace – both desiring and doing God’s Will! Logically, if we wish to partake of the spoils of Our Lord’s victory over sin and death, then we must share in His Sacrifice, not as mere spectators, but participators in Our Lord’s sacrifice. This is true for all men, most especially for priests.

The life of a priest of Christ necessarily must resemble closely the life of Christ. Our Lord tells us this Himself: The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you (Jn 15:20).

The men training in the Seminary today at various stages of their formation need your prayers. In August, two men made their first offering of self by putting away the garb of the world and donning the habit of a man dead to the world, the cassock. They are at the beginning; how many others will dare to start? How many will persevere to the Holy Priesthood of Christ? Pray for vocations and pray for their perseverance. We must also thank God for the blessings of the vocations we have already received as we pray for more courageous men to offer themselves in the example of Christ.

Thank you for your response to the grace of God in your continual support of Holy Cross Seminary. Your most necessary prayers and sacrifices for the formation of Christ’s priests are the cry to heaven needed to bring



Mr John Cameron of New Zealand and Mr Pius Nathanmbwe of Zimbabwe after the Mass in which they received the Cassock.