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WHAT'S AHEAD AT XXIII

AUGUST

Arrival of new students Aug. 22 (Wed.)
Arrival of upper classes Aug. 29 (Wed.)
Orientation for entire student body Aug. 30 (Thurs.)
Mass of the Holy Spirit Aug. 31 (Fri.)

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Sept. 3 (Mon.)
Classes begin Sept. 4 (Tues.)
4th Theo. Pastoral Ministry Orientation Sept. 7 (Fri.)
Pastoral Supervisors' Orientation Sept. 11 (Tues.)
Spiritual Director's Conference Sept. 12 (Wed.)
National Conference Diocesan Vocation Directors (Phoenix, AZ) Sept. 16-21 (Sun.)
Child Protection Workshop Sept. 18 (Tues.)
Annual Lawn Party Sept. 26 (Wed.)

OCTOBER

Order of Malta Reception Oct. 3 (Wed.)
Board of Trustees Meeting Oct. 4 (Thurs.)
PSJS Annual Retreat Oct. 7-12
Classes Resume Oct. 15 (Mon.)
Alumni Days Oct. 16 & 17 (Tues./Wed.)
Catechesis for Candidacy Oct. 22 (Mon.)
Human Formation Presentation Oct. 23 (Tues.)
Spiritual Director's Conference Oct. 24 (Wed.)
Donor Mass and Brunch Oct. 28 (Sun.)
Ministry of Candidacy Oct. 31 (Wed.)

NOVEMBER

Knights of Columbus Mass and Communion Breakfast Nov. 4 (Sun.)
USCCB Baltimore Nov. 8-16
Veterans' Day Nov. 11 (Sun.)
Spiritual Director's Conference Nov. 14 (Wed.)
Thanksgiving Break Nov. 20 (Tues.)
Classes Resume Nov. 26 (Mon.)
Catechesis for Ministry of Reader Nov. 27 (Tues.)

DECEMBER

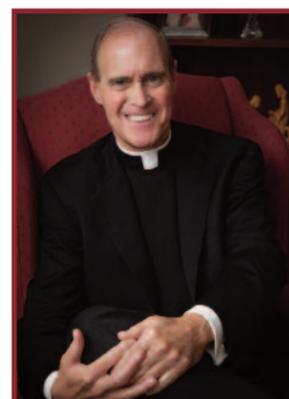
Advent Vespers Service Dec. 4 (Tues.)
Ministry of Reader Dec. 5 (Wed.)
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8 (Sat.)
Advent/Christmas Mass Dec. 12 (Wed.)
Semester Final Examinations Dec. 14-18

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK



Changes at PSJS

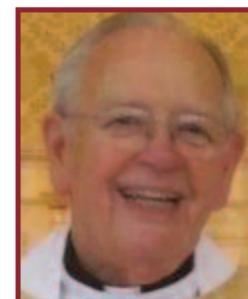
The past year has brought many changes to Pope St. John XXIII. Perhaps, most significantly, the recent faculty changes announced by Cardinal O'Malley. It is both a time of sadness and joy as we bid farewell to several long serving faculty, Rev. Micheal Alfano, Rev. Paul Helfrich and Rev. Mark Yavarone and, at the same time, welcome our newest faculty members, Rev. Stephen J. Linehan and Rev. Vincent E. Daily.

In this issue you will learn more of their respective backgrounds and forthcoming assignments.

As is our custom, the spring newsletter will focus on the 18 members of the graduating Class of 2018 as they share recollections of their formation years at PSJS. Incidentally, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) annual survey reports 430 ordinations in 2018; our 18 members represent almost 5% of that total.

We will also take you well beyond our Weston campus to learn of the contributions-- both spiritual and philanthropic of our seminarians and alumni.

Finally, the "In Memoriam" piece will reflect on the ministry of our recently departed alumnus, Fr. Joe Whittel '03. Fr. Joe was a priest in Waterford, CT and was one of our strongest supporters serving as Vice-President of the Alumni Association for many years. At his funeral Mass I was reminded of his devotion and support of PSJS in so many ways.



In closing, as always, I thank you for your prayerful and generous support.

Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely, Rector

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Farewell and Welcome



Rev. Michael Alfano

His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, the Archbishop of Boston, made the following PSJS faculty changes. First, the Cardinal announced the transfer of the Reverend Michael Alfano from the Faculty of Pope St. John XXIII Seminary, effective June 1, 2018. Fr. Alfano has been our Director of Pastoral Formation for the past 10 years and has made an invaluable contribution to countless seminarians and priests through his outstanding ministry of service. Our community will miss him but we rejoice with him as he returns to parish ministry. The Cardinal has appointed the Reverend Stephen J. Linehan to serve as the new Director of Pastoral Formation. Fr. Linehan was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood in 1975 and has served as a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Boston and as a Chaplain in the US Naval Reserves. He is presently the Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Westwood, MA.



Rev. Paul Helfrich

Next, the Cardinal appointed the Reverend Paul Helfrich, Brother of Hope, as Pastor of St. Christopher's Parish in Dorchester and as Campus Minister at the UMASS Boston. Fr. Helfrich has been a valued counselor, spiritual director, and teacher at PSJS and we will always be indebted to him for his generous service. Cardinal O'Malley has appointed the Reverend Vincent E. Daily as a Spiritual Director at Pope St. John XXIII. Fr. Daily was ordained in 1990 for the

Archdiocese of Boston. He earned a Doctorate of Sacred Theology in Spiritual Studies from the Angelicum and served as a Spiritual Director at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. He is presently the Collaborative Pastor of St. Gregory/ St. Angela/St. Matthew Parishes in Dorchester.



Rev. Rector Brian Kiely (and Pope St. John XXIII!) welcome Rev. Vincent Daily (left) and Rev. Stephen Linehan to the PSJS faculty.

I have also been notified by the Provincial Rector of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, the Rev. James Walther, that the Reverend Mark Yavarone, OMV, has been assigned to their Retreat Center in Venice, Florida, effective June 1st. Fr. Yavarone has served this community for six years and has been an outstanding educator and a model priest for so many of our Seminarians.



Rev. Mark Yavarone, OMV

I know that I speak for the entire PSJS Community in expressing my appreciation for the dedication and fraternal example of these devoted priests.

Finally, I want to introduce yet another member of the "PSJS team", Tom O'Shea. Tom is a Permanent Deacon assigned by Cardinal Seán O'Malley to promote vocations in the Boston area to Pope St.

John XXIII Seminary and to the Permanent Diaconate formation program. He also serves as a deacon in two parishes in Lynnfield. Deacon Tom currently works as a research director at a consulting firm that serves the financial services industry.



Deacon Tom O'Shea

Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely, Rector

The Year in Review



Toys for Tots!



Blood Drive - Over 25 Participants!



Cardinal Seán O'Malley Speaks at Lawn Party



Palm Sunday



New Student Orientation Team



Seminarians at the March for Life Washington, D.C.



Alumni Days Mass



Christmas Visit from Santa



Play Ball!



10 Seminarians make Diaconate Oath of Fidelity



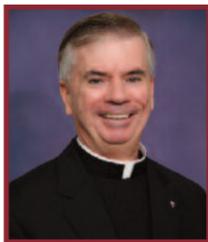
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Installation



First Theologian Parish Visit to St. Francis of Assisi, Braintree, MA

PSJS Alumni

Philanthropy....today and tomorrow



Fr. Kevin Mulligan '15

For most of us philanthropy is about today's giving and it takes many forms. This is also the case for two of our alumni. For Fr. Kevin Mulligan '15, pastor of St. Genevieve Parish in Flourtown, Pa it was to assist Fr. Eric Garcia '17 and his Diocese of Mayaguez, PR following Hurricane Maria, with a special collection that sent more than \$10,000 to directly aid Fr. Garcia's parishes.

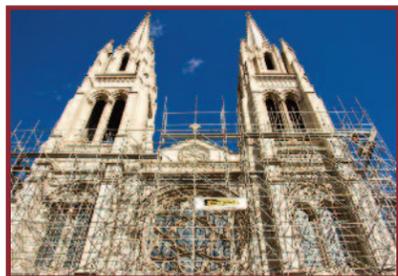


For another alumnus, Rev. Ron Cattany, '13 his immediate philanthropic focus is overseeing the restoration of the 104 year old Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Denver. A three year project with a \$5.6 million cost to improve the security, safety and



Fr. Ron Cattany '13

aesthetics of one of Denver's most historic buildings.



Renovations to the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

Two men with very different backgrounds; Fr. Kevin a former sports journalist for the Philadelphia Daily News and Communications Director for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; and Fr. Ron a Natural Resources advisor to four Colorado Governors for 35 years..

While focusing on today's needs, both men have also thought about tomorrow; they have included their alma mater, Pope St. John XXIII, in their wills.

Their motivation for remembering PSJS is similar; Fr. Kevin states "My years at PSJS taught me how to be a good and holy priest and I want those that follow to have that

same opportunity." At his graduation in 2013, Fr. Ron reflected "PSJS is dedicated to the formation of holy priests centered in Jesus Christ and I want to help support that mission."

These men have committed to continuing the mission of PSJS. Will you?

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SAVE THE DATE!
PSJS 37th
Annual Lawn Party
Wednesday, September 26, 2018

The Class of 2018

As we say a temporary goodbye and celebrate this class that has contributed so much to the XXIII community, the members of the class were asked to reflect on their years of formation and answer the following questions:

- What was your most memorable moment?
- What will you miss most (can't mention meals!)?



JAMES BATES

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT, CT

Before entering seminary Jim worked in IT for Pitney-Bowes and in industrial electronics and software development.

"While it is true that God, in many varied ways, calls men to His service, it is through the seminary that they are formed to be priests. I am not the same man I was when I entered PSJS four years ago and that has been a profound and humbling realization. My most memorable moment at PSJS, has been making the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity in preparation for my diaconate ordination--a moment I shall not soon forget. I have made friends during my time here that I will keep for life and it is their companionship that I will miss the most; I could not have made this journey without their support."

Deacon James will be ordained on June 2, 2018 at St. Joseph Church, Danbury, CT.



RONALD BLANK

DIOCESE OF NORWICH, CT

Prior to entering the Seminary, Ron worked for over 30 years as an environmental and electrical engineer.

"As I leave Pope St. John XXIII Seminary, I take with me personal and spiritual development and a deeper understanding of what it means to be human and what it means to be a priest. My most memorable moments were my initial meetings with my Faculty Advisor and my Spiritual Director; they drove home the point that my formation had truly begun. I will miss the institution itself and, of course, all my fellow seminarians."



ED CASEY

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON, PA

Prior to entering the Seminary, Edward was ordained a deacon in 1989 after finishing Christ the King Seminary in, Buffalo, NY and then worked for Catholic Social Services for 40 years. After years of caring for his ailing parents Ed's Bishop suggested that he spend a year at PSJS answering the call to priesthood.

"My time here at Pope St. John XXIII can best be described as a whirlwind. I found out the first week of August last year that I would be coming for a year, and then I arrived two weeks later. Pope St. John XXIII Seminary is a special place, one of deep spirituality and a place to grow. My year here has many fond and holy memories."

Deacon Ed will be ordained on June 9, 2018 at St. Peter Cathedral, Scranton, PA.



MICHAEL BOVA

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS

Prior to entering the Seminary, Michael received a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the UCLA School of Medicine and worked in the biotechnology industry for close to 14 years before entering religious life, and eventually Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary.

“My main recollection about my years at PSJS will be the camaraderie among the men. I have made lifelong friendships; I now have a band of brothers. Additionally, I will forever remember the cutting edge theological conversations with a world class faculty.”

“Probably one of my most rewarding life experiences has been working with the homeless at St. Anthony's soup kitchen in Palo Alto. Now I look forward to serving those in need in Africa as a member of the Society of African Missionaries (SMA Fathers) in the future.”



MICHAEL COVEYOU

DIOCESE OF RALEIGH, NC

Prior to entering the Seminary, Michael was raised on a farm in Petoskey, MI. He earned a B.S. in Computer Science and Mathematics and worked in the telecommunications field, designing network software.

“As I reflect on my years at PSJS, I will always remember the support that I received from my fellow seminarians as well as from family and friends. I have several shoe boxes of their letters encouraging and wishing me well. I will forever cherish these thoughts and memories. Being called to be a shepherd of souls, requires each of us to trust our Lord completely, and to place all our concerns into His hands. For He loves us, and will empower each of us, to accomplish His will. For we can do all things, through Him who strengthens us.”

Deacon Michael will be ordained on June 23, 2018 at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh, NC.



FRANK D'AMATO

DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH, FL

Prior to entering the Seminary, after graduating from Florida Atlantic University with a BA degree in communications, Frank worked for many years in the luxury resort, golf, and convention industry, a career that allowed him to travel the world.

“I can't believe five years went by so quickly! I am definitely not the same man that I was when I arrived here. The Holy Spirit (together with a willing heart) has done His work yet again in forming me as a Catholic priest. Of course with help from the Blessed Virgin Mary, too.”

“This seminary is certainly a special place for older seminarians because the formation program builds on an already solid foundation. I truly believe this is a one of a kind institution; there may be others like it, but none equal to it.”

Deacon Frank will be ordained on May 5, 2018 at Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola, Palm Beach, FL.

Beyond the Classroom

Throughout their time at PSJS, seminarians have the opportunity to experience God and His goodness outside of their academic studies. Whether it's relaxing, volunteering or creating, these men find and see God in various places. These experiences help to reinforce and validate their decision to “answer the call” to priesthood.

Four seminarians share their experiences during breaks this academic year:

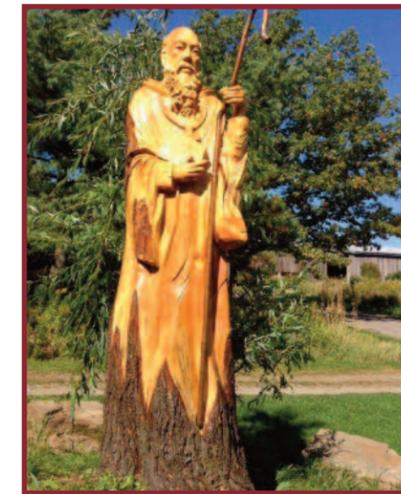
Francisco Sordo '20 travelled to Iceland for relaxation. He was joined by **Bruce Barnett '19** later in the trip. Bruce learned – and now fully understands – Francisco's love for the country, its food and its people. Per Bruce, “It was like being on another planet, but I also experienced the presence of God in a unique way.” On the feast of the Epiphany, the seminarians were also gifted with having dinner with the Bishop of Iceland, Msgr. David Bartimej Tencer OFM-Cap - a friend of Cardinal Seán! An evening - and a trip - they won't soon forget!



Chris Koehn '18 spent part of his Christmas break on a mission trip to Haiti, along with members from his home parish in the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina. Chris shares: “The purpose of the trip was to open a new medical clinic in a rural mountain location. Four doctors accompanied the twenty-person group which packed medical equipment for the newly constructed clinic. The opening was scheduled for this spring, but the village heard that doctors were present, so we ended up seeing patients, even though they still didn't have electricity or running water. Haiti still is recovering from hurricane Irma which devastated the island nation last fall. We left Haiti physically tired, but spiritually enriched. The people of Haiti benefited from the fruits of our good works, and we benefited from the overflowing spirituality and resilience of the people that we met.”



When not at PSJS, **Brother Dominic Savio '19**, a Third Theologian seminarian from Vinh City in Viet Nam, can be found at the Benedictine monastery of Mount Saviour in Pine City, N.Y. carving wood in celebration of God's gifts. He is a Cistercian monk and lived in the monastery of Our Lady of Grace in Viet Nam for 13 years before his Abbot and community assigned him to the United States to learn more about monastic life and to improve his English. It's in wood-carving that he finds God outside of the classroom and he has blessed his community with many art pieces since coming to the U.S. We are so grateful he shares his talent with us all!



You can see a collection of photos of Brother Dominic's work, visit the monastery website: <http://www.msaviour.org/photosE.php>

Photos and text by Bruce Barnett '19



EDWARD SHIKINA

DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS, OH

Prior to entering the Seminary, Ed worked in the IT field, for a paper company and as a retail store manager.

“I will miss the greatest part of this seminary, the people, from seminarians to faculty to staff. The people at PSJS embody Christ’s commandment to love one another. Every one of them has helped me to become a better Christian, and hopefully a better priest.”

Deacon Edward will be ordained on May 26, 2018 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Columbus, OH.



SHANNON THURMAN

ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER, CO

Prior to entering the Seminary, Shannon worked as a pediatric medical assistant in an outpatient clinic.

“After my years at PSJS My main takeaway is that the man who entered seminary is completely different from the one leaving for ordination. My Journey here has been one of transformation through my spiritual life and human formation. This journey was well worth it and I leave here well prepared to enter priesthood.”

Deacon Shannon will be ordained on May 19, 2018 at Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Denver, CO.



JIMMY MACALINAO

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND, CA

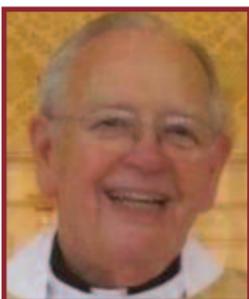
Prior to entering the Seminary, Jimmy began his career as a religion teacher and ultimately earned his Doctor of Ministry at Washington Theological Union in D.C.

“My main reflection on my years at PSJS is that we have an awesome God who is full of surprises! I will always recall my attending the canonization of Saint Junipero Serra in Washington DC and the special blessing given by Pope Francis to seminarians, priests, and religious. My call to priesthood was inspired by a powerful question: “Why don’t you do more?” This urgent call was nourished and fortified by prayer and encounters with the poor and the sick in hospitals and convalescent homes.”

“I’ll miss the daily Masses which were central in my spiritual growth and relationships with others.”

Deacon Jimmy will be ordained on May 25, 2018 at Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland, CA.

In Memoriam



Rev. Joseph B. Whittel
(1938-2017)

Fr. Joe was married to his wife Eileen for 37 years. They had two sons and two daughters and many grandchildren. A year after her death, Fr. Joe told his children he was going to retire from the Hartford Insurance Company to pursue his call to priesthood. He was ordained a Deacon in 1979 in the Archdiocese of Hartford and later studied at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in 2003. Upon his passing, Father Whittel was Pastor of St. Paul in Waterford. His contributions to his diocese were many. For PSJS he served for a decade as vice president of the Alumni Association. We are grateful that he shared with the PSJS community his time and treasure to support the ongoing formation program of Catholic priests at Pope St. John XXIII.



BALDEMAR GARZA

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON, MA

Baldemar is originally from Corpus Christi, TX and was a member of the Little Brothers of St. Francis before entering the Seminary.

“My main recollection of PSJS is the honor of being able to study at this great Seminary. It has helped me to grow, through the intercession of Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother, and prepare for the priesthood. My most vivid memory is the reception and applause I received for my presentation at a Supervisors Dinner in May 2015. This occurred after many months of speech therapy and has helped me gain confidence in my public speaking. What I will miss the most is the priests, faculty, and staff and how they have helped ready me for priesthood.”

Deacon Baldemar will be ordained on May 19, 2018 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church) in Boston, MA.



FRANK GILBERT

DIOCESE OF NORWICH, CT

Prior to attending PSJS, Frank graduated from Ft. Schuyler, the New York Merchant Marine Academy and sailed as a Merchant Marine Officer for nine years and then worked in the nuclear power industry.

“My most memorable PSJS moments are my shared fraternal experiences at the March for Life in Washington, DC. praying together, and being together in the seminarian fraternity. I will miss most the solitude and stillness of the early morning, being present to HIM in our beautiful chapel--no noise, no disturbance, no distractions, all enshrouded within the veil of darkness and silence. I profoundly appreciate my seminarian life here and the generosity and gifts of our entire staff.”

“We dwell in the antechamber of heaven here. May God continue to bless you all.”

Deacon Frank will be ordained on June 30, 2018 at St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich, CT.



ALBERTO GONZÁLEZ

DIOCESE OF MAYAGUEZ, PR

Prior to entering the Seminary, Alberto worked as a journalist for “El Visitante”, the Catholic newspaper of the Puerto Conference of Bishops.

“My main recollection of my four years of formation at PSJS is that a priest needs to have a heart for the people. You don’t have to stop being yourself, but always be at the service of Christ and the Church. I will definitely miss my friends, the faculty, the people from St. Bridget Parish and the Pastor, Msgr. Francis Strahan. I will miss witnessing the changing seasons of the year as they remind me of all the wonders that God has created.”

Deacon Alberto will be ordained on Friday, June 8, 2018 at Our Lady Candelmas Cathedral, Downtown Mayaguez, PR.



PATRICK GRODE

DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS, SD

Patrick hails from Rapid City, SD with degrees in English and Theatre. Prior to entering the Seminary, Patrick was a Deputy State Attorney for Pennington County, S.D

“Like any seminarian, I arrived here with a desire to serve the Lord and the Church. But that desire has to be shaped into a sense of mission. My time here are Pope St. John XXIII has guided me to know the mind of the Church and to embrace the Church’s vision of priestly ministry.”

Deacon Patrick will be ordained on May 25, 2018 at Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls, SD.



CHRISTOPHER KOEHN

DIOCESE OF RALEIGH, NC

Chris Koehn is from a military family, born in England and raised in Virginia. He earned degrees in Accounting and History from James Madison University. As a project manager for Chesapeake Hospitality, Chris’s previous career has taken him throughout the United States which provided him with a variety of parish experiences.

“My time in the seminary has been like watching a new television show, “The Incredible Make-Over”. Formation is both transformation and creation. Formation is learning to be happy and to be ourselves and being intimately connected with Jesus Christ, the ultimate extreme makeover specialist!”

“Sunday nights at 9pm, the community here at PSJS chants night prayer in candlelight in the Alumni Chapel. It is a perfect time for reflecting on the richness of the weekend’s ministry assignments; I will miss that special experience each week.”

Deacon Chris will be ordained on June 23, 2018 at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh, NC.



DARRICK LEIER

ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER, CO

Prior to entering the Seminary, Darrick grew up on his family’s 4th generation farm and ranch. He moved to Colorado in 2001 and worked for many years in the computer, software, and civil engineering fields.

“The seed of my vocation was planted six and a half years ago upon the death of my beloved mother from cancer. Through this sorrowful and life changing event, the Lord pierced my heart and poured out His love and mercy upon me. Jesus transformed my life and it would never be the same again.

Through amazing, grace-filled events, it became apparent that God was strongly calling me to something vastly beyond myself. I surrendered to God’s will and tried to follow wherever He was leading me. After a year and half of dedicated and prayerful discernment, it was evident that the Lord was calling me to the priesthood, and I honestly could not be any happier!”

“I will miss our “Relics” softball team and the Annual Rector’s Cup. This is a great tradition where we play our fellow future brother priests from St. John’s Seminary. Even though my Class leaves with a 1 and 3 record, I loved the fraternal fun and bonding experienced during our practices and in the big game!”

Deacon Darrick will be ordained on May 19, 2018 at Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Denver, CO.



JOHN MAKSYM

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT, MI

Prior to entering the Seminary, John was a judge for the Navy and Marine Corps. He served as a Naval Officer for 31 years, the last 13 as a trial and appellate judge. He retired in 2014 after completing his final tour as the Circuit Judge for the Western Pacific.

“From the time I was five years old I always knew the day would come when I would become a priest. While I did not plan to wait an additional 51 years to see that plan brought into fruition; it is clear to me that Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary was the tool the Holy Spirit always had in mind. For four years I have been the beneficiary of unequalled spiritual and theological mentorship. The PSJS Faculty and Staff will forever shadow my priesthood, which taken alone alleviates any fears or apprehension.

My most memorable moment: walking into a small room and realizing I was sharing a bathroom with another man at age 52, looking up to the sky and saying to the Holy Spirit - stop laughing!

I will miss the faculty and staff members who have become my personal friends - a common occurrence at PSJS XXIII Seminary that makes us different from any other seminary in the world.”

Deacon John will be ordained on May 19, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit, MI.



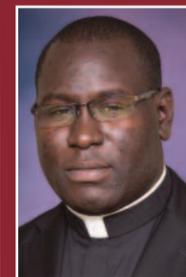
LAMBERT NIEME

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON, MA

Lambert was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and earned a Ph.d in Philosophy from the Catholic University of the Congo and a second Ph.D. in Theology from the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven) in Belgium where he worked as a postdoctoral researcher.

“This Seminary is a wonderful house of formation for the priesthood. I loved the brotherhood, classes, liturgy, prayer in common and in private. My most memorable moment is the night of our Profession of Faith before our Ordination to the Diaconate. At the altar, Father Rector Kiely gave a hug to each of us. He said to me kindly “Lambert, welcome to the Archdiocese of Boston”. I will never forget these words that reflect the welcoming spirit I enjoyed at this Seminary. I will miss that and the brotherhood we shared, following Jesus footsteps.”

Deacon Lambert will be ordained on May 19, 2018 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Boston, MA.



RICHARD ODUOR

DIOCESE OF KENYA

Richard is a native of western Kenya and was a Trappist Monk for three years before discerning God’s call to priesthood.

“My years at PSJS have been filled with joy and spiritual growth. I will miss my many friendships and parish assignments. God bless!”

Deacon Richard will be ordained on May 12, 2018 at St. Joseph’s Ugunja Parish, Kenya.