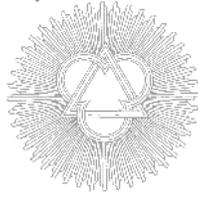


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# Most Holy Trinity Seminary Newsletter



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My dear Catholic people,

The seminary has begun its 26<sup>th</sup> academic year. We have fourteen seminarians, which is our capacity. We absolutely need to expand. We already have four young men interested for next year.

The course load is quite heavy this year, due to a convergence of some voluminous subjects. We teach our philosophy and theology courses in cycles, with the result that some courses fall together in one year which cause the heavy load to which I am referring. As a result, both the student body and the faculty are very busy. In theology we are doing *De Ecclesia*, which concerns the doctrine and theology of the Church, a most important subject in today's context. We are also teaching a course in Apologetics, entitled *De Revelatione*, which is a defense of the Catholic Faith and of the Catholic Church as the one, true Church outside of which there is no salvation. There are two other dogma courses, one entitled *De Deo Creatore*, which is the study of God as He is Creator of the angels, the world, and man; the other is entitled *De Verbo Incarnato*, which is the study of Christ. There are two different levels of Moral Theology being taught. (The seminarians take four levels of Moral Theology during their seminary career). Then there is one level of Church History, comprising the period from 1774 to 1878, which period includes the French Revolution and the rise of liberalism in Europe, as well as of the so-called "Liberal Catholicism" which was a precursor of Modernism. In philosophy the seminarians are taking Psychology, that is, philosophical psychology, which is the study of life in general, and in particular the human soul and its faculties. The philosophers are also taking Cosmology, which is the philosophical study of the inanimate world. In Sacred Scripture they are studying St.

Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians. There is also a course in Ascetical and Mystical Theology. In the field of languages, we are teaching three different levels of Latin in English, one level of Latin in Spanish, and a French II in English.

Add to all these things the spiritual conference every weekday, one chant practice per week, and their Mass, meditation, and Divine Office in the chapel. It is a full load. Most years are not this heavily loaded.

We have help this year from Fr. Damien Dutertre, who teaches courses from his rectory in Quebec, via Zoom, and from Fr. Henry Chappot de La Chanonie, who, also by Zoom, is teaching courses from his rectory in France. As a result, there are a total of six members of the faculty.

In addition, we are giving special courses to our recently converted seminarian from the Novus Ordo priesthood. We are moving him through as fast as we can (and he can), so that he can return to the altar as soon as possible.

If all goes as planned, I hope to ordain four seminarians to the priesthood on June 29<sup>th</sup> of 2022: Nico Orasch (Austria), Tobias Bayer (Illinois), Michael DeSaye (New Jersey), and Gregory Barnes (Michigan).

**Reading news.** Overall the news is very good. We received the building permit from the City of Reading, at long last. It took eleven months to extract it from them. In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency of the State of Pennsylvania approved of our sewer module, which is simply an estimation of how much effluent will pass from our building into the sewer on Hampden Boulevard. It took about six months for both the city and the state to sign off on it.

It means that we can start with the remodeling of the building which will permit our using it as a seminary.

The bad news is that we received a very high estimate for this remodeling. I was expecting a million dollars. It came in at 2.3 million. This is, of course, more than we have, a lot more, and as a result, I had to cut back on many of the projects in the building which are very useful but not absolutely necessary. I am hoping to complete them later.

So right now we have it down to about 1.4 million, which will clean us out. But there is no help for it. We paid \$1,050,000 for the building. If we spend \$1.4 million in remodeling it, it is still a lot cheaper than the probable five million for building an addition to the seminary here in Florida. I am basing that estimate on what the builder quoted to Bishop Selway for a school building on a property next door which we already own. For 10,000 square feet, he quoted 4.5 million. A school building is essentially a box with two common bathrooms in it. A seminary building, on the other hand, is like an apartment house with plumbing and electric all through it. So even a 10,000 foot expansion of our current facility would have cost a minimum of five million.

Therefore, if anyone has any extra cash which he could spare for our seminary building fund, we would very much appreciate it. What better use can be made of money than to accommodate a young man in the seminary who aspires to the priesthood? What do we need more in this sick and insane world we live in than a truly Catholic priest?

The contractor said that it would take about six months to complete the job. Therefore, realistically I do not think that we could move in until the summer of 2022.

**Growth of the Roman Catholic Institute.** You may remember that a few years ago I established an organization of priests and seminarians known as the Roman Catholic Institute. It is a project which I had worked on for many years. I put a great deal of thought into it, trying to determine the theological, pastoral, and liturgical positions as specifically as possible, and to provide a clear rule of discipline and structure for the clergy.

The seminary is not associated with the Institute (the RCI), but nonetheless all of the members of the faculty belong to it. Many seminarians belong to it as well.

Currently there are nineteen members of the Institute: Bishops Sanborn and Selway (both Florida); Fathers

Despósito (Florida), Palma, (Arizona), Fliess (Florida) Trytek (Poland) Eldracher (Australia), Dutertre (Canada), Petrizzi (Florida), Chappot de la Chanonie (France); seminarians Michael DeSaye (New Jersey), Tobias Bayer (Illinois), Gregory Barnes (Michigan), Nico Orasch (Austria), Aedan Gilchrist (United Kingdom), Frank Natera (Puerto Rico) Andrew Nowrouz (California), Christian Ingham (Maine), Truth Ingham (Maine).

**More heresies from Bergoglio.** Earlier this month, in reference to differences of religion, Bergoglio made the statement that “If in the past, our differences set us at odds, nowadays we see in them the richness of different ways of coming to God and of educating young people for peaceful coexistence in mutual respect.”

It is to be remembered that in February of 2019, he signed a joint statement with a Mohammedan Grand Imam which stated: “The pluralism and the diversity of religions, color, sex, race and language are willed by God in his wisdom, through which he created human beings.”

It is a blasphemous heresy — an insult to God — to say that God wills the existence of false religions, as if He, who is Subsistent Truth, could will something that is both false and evil, and which contributes to the corruption of the human race. It is also heretical to say that a false religion is a “way to God.” A false religion, by itself and objectively, can only deliver hell to its adherents. It is truly a way to damnation.

The only positive thing that can be said about false religions is that, among the many errors which they teach, there are occasionally some religious truths. They may teach, for example, that there is only one God, or that Christ is God, and similar truths which have either been borrowed from the Catholic Church, or have been deduced from reason. These truths may alert someone to search further into the true religion, and by the grace of God, he may find it and embrace the Catholic Faith, the one, true religion, and the only religion revealed by God, and the only Church founded by Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Donald J. Sanborn  
Rector

# ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS OF FATHER HENRY CHAPPOT DE LA CHANONIE

NANTES, FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2021



*The ordinand prostrates himself for the  
Litany of the Saints.*



*The First Mass of the new priest, offered on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the feast of Saint  
Pius X.*



*Bishop Sanborn imposes hands upon the ordinand,  
which is the matter of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.*



*After the First Mass, the newly ordained, the bishop, the  
priests, seminarians, and servers who took part pose for a  
picture. Fr. Guépin can be seen to the right of Fr. Chappot  
de La Chanonie.*



*The elevation of the Sacred Host during the First Mass.*



*The reception at the home of the Chappot de La Chanonie family after the First Mass. Their home dates from the 1780's. At Bishop Sanborn's right is Fr. Guépin, the priest in charge of the Chapel of Christ the King in Nantes, and to his right is the new priest's father. To Bishop Sanborn's left is Fr. Chappot de La Chanonie, as well as three seminarians from Brooksville, namely Tobias Bayer, Truth Ingham, and José Santos Casas, who came up from Spain. The woman in the pink floral dress is the new priest's mother. At her right is Fr. Jocelyn LeGal, the priest in charge of the Paris Mass center operated by the Institute of Our Mother of Good Counsel of Verrua, Italy.*