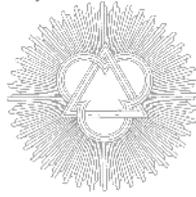

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My dear Catholic people,

Many changes have happened for the seminary in the past few weeks, and there are more changes to come.

Our big news is the ordination of four new priests. You can see pictures of this magnificent ceremony in the Supplement to this newsletter.

The other change is that our move to Pennsylvania is now in progress. The remodeling is nearly finished. We are therefore beginning a gradual move. At this writing, a truck is about to leave, loaded mostly with books. Counting all the books in our library, as well at the personal libraries of the priests, there are easily twenty thousand books to transport. Each hardbound book – and nearly all of them are hardbound – weighs about 1.6 pounds. That adds up to thirty-two thousand pounds of books! Add to this the furniture: desks, chairs, bookcases, altars, sacristy items, beds, mattresses, and so forth.



We are moving!

We also have to split off the seminary from the parish here in Brooksville. This takes a good deal of administrative attention and adjustment. The present seminary building will become the school,

which is also experiencing significant growth. We have people moving here from California and Wisconsin, as well as from other areas, in order to enroll their children in our school. The online school is also expanding. The total number of students, both physical and online in all of our schools, will be 280 in the fall. The online school not only benefits the children and families who receive the educational services, but it is also a way of propagating the Faith.

The Sisters of Saint Thomas Aquinas must also expand their convent facilities, since they are receiving more vocations than they have room for.

The four new priests will be of great service to us. Two will stay with the seminary, Frs. Bayer and Orasch, and two, Frs. DeSaye and Barnes, will be attached to the parish and school in Brooksville.

We are also splitting our school into separate girls' and boys' campuses. The boys will be at the present school facility on Barnett Road in the city of Brooksville, whereas the girls will be located at what is now the seminary. Frs. DeSaye and Barnes will manage and teach the boys' division. They will also reside on that campus. The split will take place from grade 8 on up.

So as you can see, this summer is a time of great change and growth for us. It is all positive, however.

The seminary begins its school year on September 15th in Reading, Pennsylvania. Since there will be six on the faculty there, myself and five priests, we hope to say Mass in various locations in Pennsylvania and the neighboring states.

We have made an offer on a church in Norristown, Pennsylvania, which will, if the deal goes through, provide the Mass in the Philadelphia area. We also will explore the establishment of Mass centers in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Lancaster, parts of Maryland, and Reading itself. Unfortunately we cannot offer Mass for the public in our seminary building in Reading.

The establishment of Mass centers not only provides the Mass and sacraments to the faithful, but also, with time, provides a source of income for the seminary. The seminary is completely dependent on outside sources for its upkeep. In most cases, the families of the seminarians either cannot or will not contribute to the seminary for the education of their sons for the priesthood. Consequently we must look elsewhere for this support. When everything is added up — food, building maintenance, utilities, salaries, automobiles, insurance — it costs approximately \$15,000 per year per student to educate them for the priesthood.

Donations for the education of priests is money well spent. It is likely that they will function as priests for fifty years or more. If you bought a car for \$15,000, it would be the smallest car you could buy, and you would have to junk it in a few short years.

For this reason, we ask you to continue to be generous to the seminary. Our building fund is still very much active. Not only are we facing yet more expense to completely finish the building in Reading, but our move to Reading, 1027 miles north of us, will also be expensive.

We were hit recently from the City of Reading with an extra \$80,000 charge, totally unexpected. They are requiring us to put in a system in the building by which the fire chief can communicate with his men inside the building during a fire. Since the building is made of stone, it tested poorly in this regard. When the Fire Marshal said he wanted it, I was expecting an extra \$5000 charge. It came in at \$80,000: \$45,000 for the unit, and \$35,000 to install it. It sounds crazy and it is.

For one thing, the building is virtually fireproof. It is made of solid stone, steel and cinder block. There is a sprinkler system throughout the entire building. Furthermore, it has exits everywhere. It would take less than a minute to get out of that building.

The reasoning that the City gave was that, if the police had had this system in Uvalde, where the Texas shooting took place, there would not have been so many casualties. We know, however, that this is not true, since the police waited a full hour to enter the building while the little children were being massacred. But a courageous mother, over the objections of the police, went in and picked up her child and walked out unscathed.



A recently finished hallway in the Reading seminary.

This is the "new wing," which was added in 1955 by the Lutherans to the older home in order to make an old age home for the wives of deceased Lutheran pastors. The original mansion dates from 1929.

While it is praiseworthy to prevent fire casualties, there must be a reasonable balance between prevention and common human activity. For example, if the speed limit were set at 20 miles per hour on freeways, the number of highway deaths (40,000 per year) would be cut drastically, perhaps by 90%. In so doing, however, our lives would be very seriously inconvenienced. There is a tendency in communities to impose ever stricter fire regulations on buildings. This \$45,000 contraption is yet another example. We are trying to appeal this decision.

The Norristown church. We would like to buy a church in Norristown, Pennsylvania. I have already toured it inside and out. It appears to be in excellent condition. It could easily hold 150 parishioners. It has a big social hall downstairs, and it is connected to a modest rectory which could hold two priests comfortably. I have no doubt that it would draw many parishioners from the greater Philadelphia area. It would also give the seminary a venue for its major ceremonies, such as Holy Week, ordinations, Confirmations, and on other great feast days. Our chapel in Reading is quite small (24 feet by 40 feet), and will have a very small sanctuary. We really need a church in which to have these ceremonies, as we have here in Brooksville. *Your donations would be very much appreciated.*

Fall enrollment. It appears that we will have about twenty seminarians in the fall. It is possible that we will pick up a few others, however, during the summer. We recently lost one of our seminarians who was here for two years, owing to

a gluten problem. He could not tolerate the Sacred Host, and therefore could not say Mass every day as a priest. It was a tragic loss, since he was a very good seminarian with a lot of talent and promise.

We have never had twenty seminarians. Not even close. It is heartening to see the enthusiasm among the youth for what will be a difficult and sacrificial priesthood. God is moving them, and they have not resisted.

A few changes in our seminary program. In addition to the many changes taking place this summer, we have also made some minor changes in our program. We are retaining the seven years of study, but we are making the first year a preparatory year in which we will teach the students various skills for their years of philosophy and theology. Principal among

these is a course in English grammar. Many, if not most, come into our seminary without the slightest knowledge of grammar. When we throw them directly into Latin, they struggle. Latin is an *extremely* grammatical language, far more than English. We will also teach them some etiquette, as many know little about good manners. We also need to cure them of bad speech habits, learned in adolescence. For example, there is the excessive use of the word "like." It is presently used to mean "said." So "I'm like" now means "I said." Young people tend to pepper their whole conversation with "I'm like." Another dreadful custom is the term "you guys" to mean merely the plural of *you*. "Guy" is a very demeaning term. Seminarians here are corrected constantly in their everyday speech.



A student's room in the "new wing." Each is 10 feet by 12 feet. On this corridor, each seminarian shares a shower and toilet located between the two rooms, but there is a sink in each room, which can be seen on the left.

Clergy need to be dignified in their conduct. It pertains to their exalted state. Part of this dignity is the manner in which they speak. How they conduct themselves at table is also important.

We will be drawing our new seminarians from Florida, Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, Ontario, and Wisconsin, nine all tolled. One of these is a Jesuit Novus Ordo priest who desires to quit the New Religion and regain his Roman Catholicism. There is yet another Novus Ordo priest who has shown some interest, and with whom we are carrying on a dialogue.

One of the reasons for the surge in vocations is, as always, Bergoglio. He has done us the great favor of unmasking Vatican II and the Novus Ordo in general, showing it to be what it really is.

Cemetery news. Although our Brooksville property has long been approved for use as a cemetery, to date we have not buried anyone in it. This is about to change. The delay was due to two factors: (1) determining exactly how to go about burying someone, and (2) the legal documents which had to be prepared for the permission to bury a deceased.

The first problem was solved by a local parishioner, a recent arrival in our area, who volunteered to handle the practical aspects of burying someone. The second problem has been solved indirectly by the recent ordinations, since I have handed over to Fr. DeSaye all of the documentation

necessary to prepare the legal aspect. Fortunately I had all of the cemetery documents from the Diocese of Brooklyn cemeteries. (My mother saved *everything*). Hence there was no need to have recourse to a lawyer in order to prepare the documents.

Legally speaking, the church grants a perpetual permission to bury on the church property. What is required is the signature of the pastor of Queen of All Saints Chapel (the new name of the Brooksville property), or his designee. This is required in order that no unworthy person, for example a heretic or public sinner, be buried in the consecrated ground.

The cemetery will hold 960 deceased persons. Because of the high water table in Florida, only one, by law, can be buried in each plot.

The cemetery, in the shadow of the church, will enable the priest to conduct a burial as foreseen by the Church's ritual, that is, straight from the church into the ground. No need for limousines. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Donald J. Sanborn
Rector



The Hood

This is a very expensive item in the kitchen, required for fire prevention. In the case of fire, it will rain down up the flames a powder which will immediately extinguish them. It is required for all commercial kitchens. The remodeling of the kitchen will cost a total of about \$90,000.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

JUNE 29TH, 2022



From left to right: Fr. Francis Miller, O.F.M., Fr. Federico Palma, Fr. Oscar Saavedra, Fr. Nicolás Despósito, Fr. Damien Dutertre, Fr. Gregory Barnes, Fr. Michael DeSaye, Bishop Sanborn, Fr. Tobias Bayer, Fr. Nico Orasch, Fr. Germán Fliess, Bishop Selway. The newly ordained are immediately on Bishop Sanborn's right and left.



Left to right: Fr. Michael DeSaye, Fr. Tobias Bayer, Fr. Gregory Barnes, Fr. Nico Orasch.



The Litany of the Saints



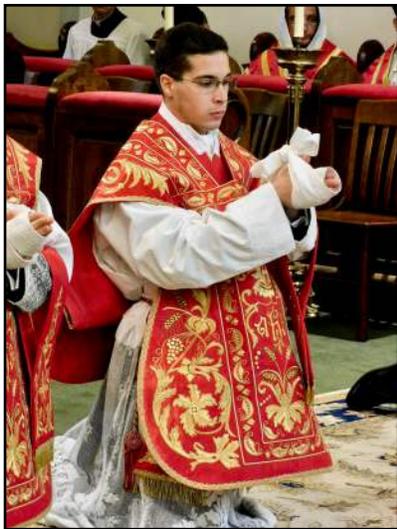
Bishop Selway receives the first blessing from the newly ordained Fr. DeSaye.



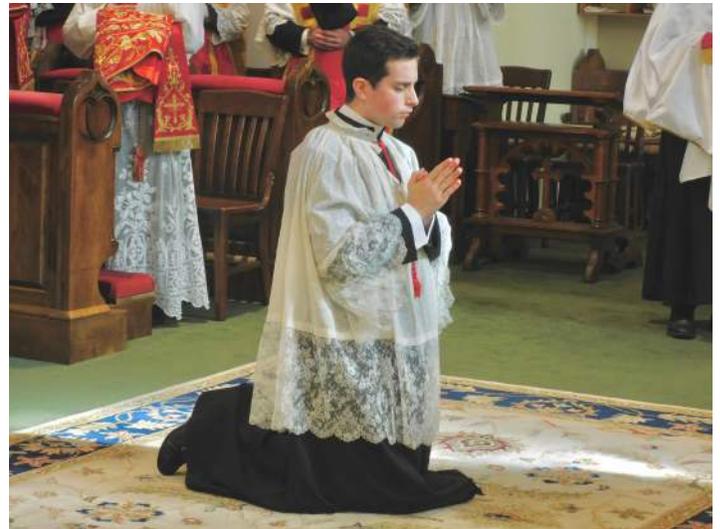
Bishop Neville imposes hands on the ordinands.



The newly ordained recite aloud the entire Mass with the celebrant. In the middle are the assistant priests, Fr. Palma (first row) and Fr. Saavedra (second row).



Fr. Bayer's hands have just been anointed, and wrapped in a manutergium, which, by custom, is placed in the hands of the priest's deceased mother before she is buried.



José Santos Casas from Málaga, Spain, kneels after he has been given Tonsure, which confers the clerical state upon a seminarian. It is the first step toward the priesthood.



Three seminarians, Andrew Nowrouz, Christian Ingham, and Truth Ingham received minor orders on June 29th.



The family of Fr. Tobias Bayer



The mother and father of Fr. Michael DeSaye



Fr. Nico Orasch, who is from Austria, with his mother



Father Gregory Barnes with his mother and father