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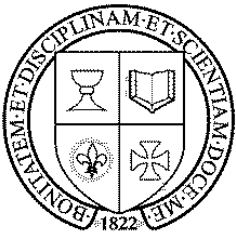
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Dear Confrères and Basilian Lay Associates,

“The Basilian way of life is life in community. Following the pattern given by Jesus for all Christian community, we take for our model the life of the Blessed Trinity, aiming at a life of openness to other persons, giving and receiving, sharing all that we are and all that we have.” (*Basilian Way of Life*, 31)

Our life in community and our giving and receiving and sharing all that we are is what follows in these pages of our publication of the *Basilian Annals 2014*. This is our sacred history; we move forward, guided by the Holy Spirit. As I wrote in my report to the 2014 General Chapter, “When our reference point is the priestly service of God’s people in particular Basilian apostolates, through specific Basilian communities, and by individual Basilians, then we engage with one another in ways that give birth to hope.” As you read these pages be inspired by this record of service and hope. I thank, on your behalf, Father Jack Hanna CSB who prepared this yearly history of the Congregation of St. Basil. God bless all of you and give you his peace.

Fraternally, in Christ,

George Smith, CSB
Superior General

Dear Brother Basilians and Basilian Lay Associates, Apreciados Hermanos, Chers Confrères,

2014 was another year in the history of a remarkable religious family, the Congregation of St. Basil. Our ten founders blessed us with a beautiful charism: individuality! This quality, along with a desire to live the consecrated life and a dedication to prayer and ministry make us who we are. It was a pleasure to prepare for you our history for 2014; enjoy looking through these pages. J'espère que vous apprécierez la lecture des *Annales* des Prêtres de Saint Basile de 2014. Espero que Uds. disfruten la lectura de los *Anales Basilianos* de 2014.

In the Lord’s peace,

Jack Hanna, CSB
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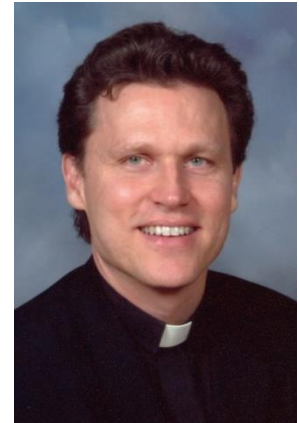
Anthony Emile Giampietro, CSB

25 years professed

Truly to follow Christ is to grow in the capacity to lay down one's life for others. To have the opportunity to embrace this way of life with Basilian confrères, and with those who collaborate with our Congregation, is a tremendous blessing, providing a glimpse of the communion of persons to which Christ calls every human being.

My initial attraction to the Basilians was to a community of men who were approachable, "familial," easy to be with, and who were firmly committed to their faith. Whether engaged primarily with academic work, parish ministry, or the missions, these were men of pastoral prudence and joyful disposition, with just the right dose of good, sometimes edgy, humor. I have been blessed to be engaged in opportunities to conform my life to Christ in this particularly Basilian way. The vows have fostered growth in an interior freedom and have provided a foundation for dialogue with others, especially those who have different perspectives from my own. A committed life highlights both difference and sameness with others. This makes sense if we consider that Christ created each of us as unique and unrepeatable yet did not create us each to be *alone*. He calls us to be persons in relationship with one another. These years have also brought a deeper awareness of the fact that we are called to be leaders who recognize our weaknesses and failings. This encourages *charity* even as we exhort one another to our full potential.

Twenty five years have gone by quickly, yet the time has been so full! Texas, Toronto, Rochester, the Bronx, Connecticut, now California. The beauty of being in community with those near and far is that it promotes an understanding of connection with others that is not geographically limited. I remain in contact with persons from each place I have served. We are "growing old together," I often think. The fact of being a Basilian in vows has been essential to this communion in which I have been privileged to participate. We are a community of men in which the oldest and youngest are separated by well over half a century in age. Yet we are in a sense all the same age. My "elders" among the Congregation have always made me feel welcome, practically a peer from my earliest days as an associate. With old and young, with those near and far, vowed life for me has provided a way of living joyfully into the Eucharistic communion we profess. Deo gratias!



Rafael Ignacio Lopera Montoya, CSB

25 years professed

"El Espíritu del Señor esta sobre mí, porque me ha ungido. Me ha enviado a llevar la buena nueva a los pobres, anunciar la libertad a las personas, a anunciar la libertad a los presos, a dar la vista a los ciegos, a liberar a los oprimidos y a proclamar un año de gracia del Señor." (Lucas 4, 18-19)

Hoy doy gracias a Dios por el don precioso de la vida, por todos los regalos y bendiciones que he recibido a lo largo de mi vida, especialmente, al celebrar



las manifestaciones del amor de Jesús hacia mí dentro de la Congregación de los Padres Basilianos.

Me siento orgulloso de llevar grabado en mi corazón el lema que nos identifica como Basilianos: "Enséñame Bondad, Disciplina y Ciencia". Doy gracias al Señor por la oportunidad de vivir mi consagración a Él dentro de nuestra comunidad Basiliana. Hoy me siento orgulloso de ser quien soy con mis fortalezas y debilidades; gracias de todo corazón a los hermanos que me han acompañado y corregido en este camino de seguimiento a Jesús. Doy gracias a la comunidad por toda la formación y preparación que he recibido como Basiliano, es un privilegio del cual siempre he gozado, gracias a la dedicación, entrega fiel y generosa al Señor de nuestros hermanos mayores, muchos de ellos ya se encuentran gozando de la casa del Padre.

Doy gracias a la comunidad por las oportunidades de servir a Jesús dentro de la comunidad y en medio del pueblo de Dios que nos ha encomendado. Por favor, oren por mí para que Dios continúe realizando la obra que ha iniciado en mí y me haga dócil a su gracia para acoger siempre a Jesús como el centro de mi vida y la valentía para revelarlo a los demás, especialmente en medio de los pobres y oprimidos.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, announce liberty to captives, to give sight to the blind, to free the oppressed, and to proclaim the time of favor of the Lord." (Luke 4, 18-19)

Today I give thanks to the Lord for the gift of life, for all the blessings that he has given to me during my lifetime; especially I celebrate the manifestations of Jesus' love for me through the Congregation of St Basil.

I feel proud to have engraved in my heart the motto that identifies us as Basilians: Teach me Goodness, Discipline and Learning". I give thanks to the Lord for the opportunity to live my consecration to Him through the Basilian community. I am happy to be who I am with my gifts and weaknesses. I thank with all my heart those brothers who have accompanied me and corrected me in this journey of following Jesus. I give thanks to the community for the formation and preparation that I have received as a Basilian; it is a privilege that I have received, thanks to the generosity and commitment of our older brothers many of whom are enjoying their reward in the Father's house.

I give thanks to the community for the opportunities to serve Jesus in the community and for the people that have been entrusted to us. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless the task that he initiated in me and that he make me docile to his graces so that I may accept Jesus as the center of my life; may He give me the courage to reveal Him to others serving in the building of His Kingdom, especially in the midst of the poor and oppressed.

David Joseph Zapalac, CSB

25 years professed

I made my first profession of vows on August 13, 1989 and I thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon my life through the Basilian Fathers. Being born and raised in Angleton, Texas, I was inspired by the many Basilian priests who served in my hometown parish. The first Basilian I can remember is Father Joseph Shannon who baptized me and gave me my first communion. Other Basilian priests who influenced me while I was growing up were Fathers Eugene Heyck, Jay Walsh, and Roy Oggero.



Through these parish priests I saw a joy and holiness that I wanted to imitate in my own life. After reflecting on a vocation to the priesthood, I asked Father Oggero what I needed to do. He told me that it depended upon what type of priest I wanted to be, a diocesan priest or a member of a religious order. I was very confused when he told me this, because the Basilian Fathers were the only priests I ever knew. For me, being a priest meant being a Basilian. I wanted to be like them.

During my years of study at the University of St. Thomas, I became an associate and worked in Campus Ministry with Father Ted Baenziger, who took me under his wing. After graduating I was sent to Assumption High School in Windsor, Ontario, where Father Leon Hart taught me that hospitality was a Basilian charism. After a year in Windsor, I taught at the Aquinas Institute in Rochester, New York for a year and then entered the novitiate in Sugar Land, Texas with Fathers John Malo and Don Cooper as the Novice Directors.

After studying theology at the seminary in Toronto, Ontario, I was ordained in Angleton by Bishop James Tamayo on June 26, 1993. I spent my first year of priesthood in Angleton living with Fathers William Coughlin, Gerald Dillon, and Robert Ritz. After Angleton, I was assigned to St. Anne's in Houston for five years, where I lived with Fathers Charles Christopher, Enrique Bravo, Thomas Mailloux, and Thomas McReavy. I was then assigned to Holy Family Parish in Missouri City, Texas for eight years and became pastor after Ted Valencia. Next I was assigned as pastor of Sacred Heart in Manvel, Texas where I served with Fathers John Broussard and Charles Lynch, two very holy men, who have both passed away. I am currently pastor of Most Holy Trinity back in Angleton where I serve with Father Juan Carlos Rojas.

I am grateful to God for my brother Basilians who have both inspired and challenged me to grow in our Basilian way of life.

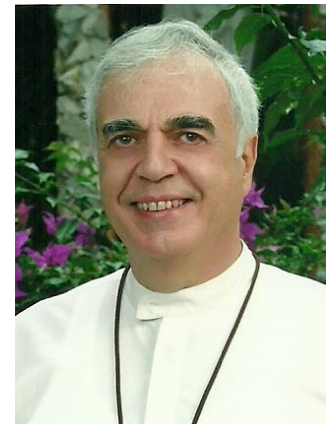
Francis Anthony Amico Ferrari, CSB

50 years professed

What a wonderful time it was, those four years of high school at Aquinas Institute. Now it seems like another era, another world! As a teen, I was so impressed by the presence of some 45 Basilian teachers dedicated to their task of forming impressionable young men. They seemed as one group in solidarity with the same mission. It was Father William Joseph Brown, now a diocesan priest, who helped me to be convinced that I should be a Basilian.

Thirteen of our graduating class proceeded to the Novitiate in Pontiac. I recall our arrival one Saturday evening during benediction when the novices were chanting the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and I was overwhelmed with the solemnity of it all! Thanks to then novice Jack Hanna, this new postulant was introduced to one of the easier tasks for manual labor – looking after the gladiola garden. Jack assured me that during the winter, it was a breeze! 45 novices professed in Pontiac at the end of that memorable year! Tom Sepulveda and I remember it well!

I was privileged during my years of formation to have had the opportunity of studying at Notre Dame University, at the *Grand Seminaire* and the Sorbonne in Paris and in Rome at the Angelicum. It was as a deacon that the great challenge arrived, one afternoon in Toronto when Bill Gibbons asked me where I



would like to live my deacon year. Immediately I asked for Holy Rosary in Toronto which looked so appealing especially with the presence of Father Tom Mailloux, and to live in Toronto was certainly a plus! The following day, Bill arrived and said that I would be going to Saint Anne's in Detroit! I was thunderstruck! I informed him that I did not speak Spanish and he replied "you will learn!" Without knowing it at the time, Bill's insistence directed my entire ministry to this day.

I am also indebted to Bud Paré for inviting me to be part of the first Basilians to initiate the mission to Colombia. It has been a blessing to be in this wounded and beautiful country. I am grateful to the Basilians who have lived here, especially Roberto Seguin and Rafael Lopera who have been in Colombia from the beginning and also those who presently make up the community for their unconditional support and solidarity.

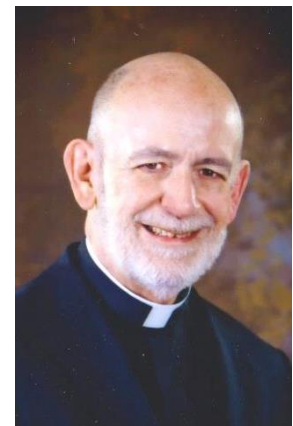
I cannot imagine myself as anything else other than a Basilian. I have been blessed and am grateful to the Lord for my initial experience at Aquinas Institute which has brought me to the present day ... and for so many wonderful persons and experiences yet to come!

Thomas William Sepúlveda, CSB

50 years professed

The year 2014 holds a trifecta of important life events: May 11 is the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, June 7 is my 70th birthday and September 15 is the 50th anniversary of Religious profession.

Born and raised in Detroit, I considered a vocation to the priesthood. Combining that call with an apostolate in secondary education became a very appealing possibility. Encouraged by one of my teachers who was a religious sister, I made contact with the Basilian Fathers and was accepted into the novitiate class of 1963. The number of novices that year was the largest ever; today only two of us will celebrate this significant anniversary.



The years following the novitiate began with university studies, teaching and the study of theology. The education that I received in Houston (UST) and Toronto (TST) was an excellent preparation for ministry. I ministered as a deacon at the Parish of Ste. Anne de Detroit (1973-1974). In an interview with Father Jim Hanrahan, CSB prior to priestly ordination, he suggested that I try life and ministry with the Basilians in Mexico "for a year." Thus began thirty years of a close and gratifying relation with the Basilians in Mexico as well as participation in Hispanic ministry in Canada and the United States. I spent fifteen months in San Antonio, TX at the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC), thanks to Ricardo Ramírez, CSB. This was one of the most formative experiences of my life. I returned to Mexico with a new sense of purpose and commitment.

Detroit became my home again in 2003 when I was appointed pastor of Ste. Anne Parish. The ministry there was wonderful in every way. After nine years I was given permission to accept an assignment in the Diocese of Brownsville, TX where my joy is guiding Immaculate Conception Parish and School in Rio Grande city, TX.

A review of the past fifty years demonstrates that much of this “Golden Experience” has also been “God’s Great Surprise.” Despite the difficulties, my life has been a great source of personal fulfillment, joy and happiness. For that I am grateful to the Almighty, to the religious sister who accompanied me in my original discernment, to Father James Hanrahan, CSB, as well as to each of you, my brothers. ¡Muchas gracias!

John Douglas Hilmer, CSB

25 years ordained

It’s hard to believe that it has been almost 30 years since packing up and leaving the Detroit Novitiate at Ste. Anne’s and moving to Toronto to begin Theology at 95 St. Joseph St. There is a lot I have forgotten about those years. Most of my memories are of the community at St. Basil’s College with Basilians as well as the diocesan seminarians who lived with us. One of the things that I had to do was work with my spiritual director and others to balance the academic work with spiritual life and incorporate each into the other.



My ordination was on September 2, 1989 at Transfiguration of Our Lord parish in Etobicoke which is the parish I grew up in. It was wonderful to have my Basilian family, parents and sisters and friends come together with the parish community and Bishop Lacey, the first pastor of the parish. I was the first from the parish to be ordained in its 35 year history.

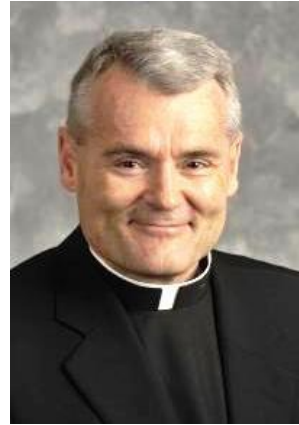
I’ve been so very blessed in the many communities and ministries I’ve been privileged to live and minister. I love to celebrate the sacraments and accompany people in their highs and lows of life. Teaching is always my greatest time either in the classroom, preaching or retreat work. My time at Henry Carr Farm (one of my first introductions into the Basilians) was a great gift. I was able to help the local church, work with my hands on the farm and with the horses, work with students in our many retreats (almost 50 a year) and live with some wonderful confreres. This is also the area where our first North American vocation came from. This time at the Farm came with many challenges which have helped me to grow as a person and priest.

The gospel passage that I chose for my ordination came from St. John and included the phrase, “My command is this: Love one another as I have loved you”. (John 15:12) I still believe that this should be the motto, if you will, of my priesthood: to love as Christ loves. I recognize that there are many times that I have not lived up to this command and calling. This does not take away from the goal to which I strive whether it is in my ministry, religious or personal life. In the context of our Basilian motto of ***Teach me Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge*** I feel that we are called to be lovers as God would have us love. I ask that God continue to call and strengthen me in my vocation and that my Basilian community, family, friends aid me in this call.

George Terrence Smith, CSB

25 years ordained

One of the greatest gifts of the many that I have received from our Congregation is a wonderful education, first as a priest and then as an educator. It serves me still. The integration of theological study for ministry and doctoral study for higher education allowed me to enter the world of Catholic colleges and federated universities with a certain naïve confidence. When this confidence was deconstructed and rebuilt by experience and mentoring, I was led to an understanding that the pursuit of Christian wisdom was going to be an elusive, life-long endeavor.



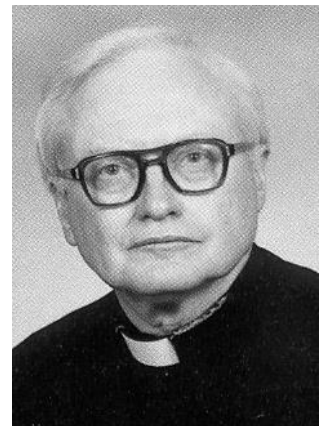
The ministry of leadership, which has been at the heart of my priesthood as a Basilian, is the most humbling of ministries in that it seems to make plain to self and others inadequacies that could otherwise remain hidden. The role of college president, at least as I exercised it in Edmonton and Saskatoon, allowed me to nurture one of the great passions of my life—the distinctly Canadian concept of the cultural dialogue between a Catholic college and a secular university. The role of congregational leader, as imperfectly as I have exercised it from our curial office in Toronto, allows me to nurture the other great passion of my life—participating in our apostolic commitment to the unity of priesthood and education. But both passions have had to be tempered by the reality that priestly ministry is, in essence, a ministry to people, not ideas. That is the balance that leaders must always work out: between a determination to give birth to, and implement, great ideas and plans, on the one hand; and the reality that the joys and sufferings of individual men and women are more important than any idea or plan (save that of the Paschal Mystery), on the other.

While I may have spent a disproportionate amount of time focused on ideas and plans in the first twenty five years of my priesthood, I hope to give more time to the joys and sufferings of people in the second. Or perhaps God will allow me the grace to one day work out the balance.

Leo Dennis Burns, CSB

50 years ordained

My theological training began at my mother's knee and continued with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters at St. Francis de Sales elementary school in Detroit. It continued with Father Frank Kelly, CSB and Father William Nigh, CSB at Assumption College School in Windsor. I learned from Father James Embser, CSB, my Novice Master; I was influenced by Father Charles Lavery, CSB and Father Joe Dorsey, CSB at the University of St. Michael's College. I studied at St. Basil's Seminary from 1961 to 1965 and was granted a Bachelor in Sacred Theology by USMC in 1965. I was ordained by George Cardinal Flahiff, CSB on December 13, 1964 in St. Basil's Church in Toronto.



Some of the most memorable and meaningful moments of my priesthood were my ordination and my First Low Mass celebrated in the chapel of Loretto College with my mother and my father and assisted by Father James Morro, CSB. I celebrated my First Solemn High Mass in St. Michael's Church in Dresden, ON on December 27, 1965 with Rev. Mr. Bernie McCarron, my cousin, as Deacon and Rev. William Lewis, CSB serving as my Sub-Deacon. I was served by six seminarians from St. Peter's Seminary in London, ON who were all former students of mine at Assumption College School. The preacher was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. Parnell Mahoney, the Rector of St. Peter's Seminary in London, ON who was also from Dresden, ON.

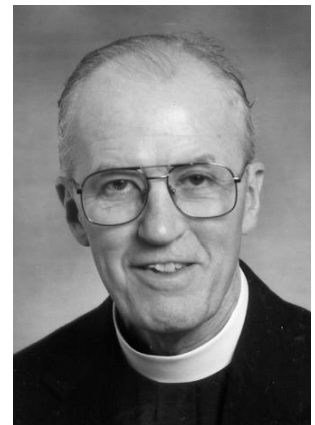
Another memorable moment was the Mass celebrating the golden jubilee of my ordination, concelebrated on November 21, 2014 with many of my classmates in the chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre in Toronto. We concelebrated again on December 13, 2014. I also concelebrated the Saturday evening Mass in St. Clement's Church in Markland Woods on December 13, 2014, with Msgr. Paul Zimmer, a former student of mine and attended by an honour guard of 25 Fourth Degree brother Knights of Columbus in full regalia.

My vision of priesthood at this time of my life echoes the words of Our Lady: "Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum."

Daniel Doherty Callam, CSB

50 years ordained

I studied theology at Saint Basil's Seminary from 1961 until 1965, being ordained on 13 December 1964 by the then Archbishop Flahiff, CSB. By taking several extra courses and writing a thesis, I obtained an M.A. in theology at that time. The title of my thesis was *The Attitude of Pope Anastasius II towards Acacian Ordinations*. Having an M.A. made it possible for me later to pursue a doctorate at Oxford, from 1973-1977, with a thesis on *The Origins of Clerical Celibacy*.



Most of my life has been spent in the classroom, first at Assumption High School in Windsor where I taught mathematics and physics, and then at Saint Thomas More College in Saskatoon and the University of Saint Thomas in Houston, where I taught, respectively, religious studies and theology. While I was in Windsor, being originally from Amherstburg, I was able to officiate at various family events for my parents and for my brothers and their families. In Saskatoon, I was much involved in the diocese helping out regularly in parishes and various programmes for adult education. As a result of a motion at the general chapter 1981, I was asked to start a magazine, which I subsequently did: *The Canadian Catholic Review*. I edited it for fifteen years, until 1997 when I was moved from Saskatoon to Houston. At first my duties there were purely academic, but in 2002 my teaching load was reduced to allow me to assume the position of chaplain, with Sister Clare Hunter, FSE, acting as campus minister. The warmth and appreciation of the variegated congregation at the University chapel of Saint Basil, where I celebrated Mass most Sundays, made my time in Houston memorable and rewarding.

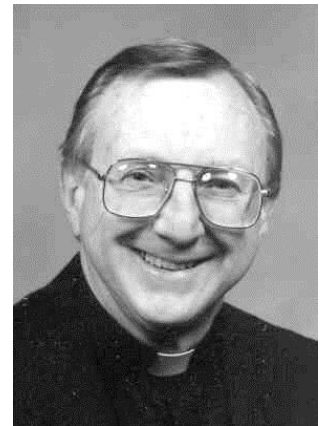
My studies and life-long experience have served to confirm and deepen my allegiance to the traditional understanding of priesthood and religious life. Each in its own way is a witness to the reality of a transcendent realm. By his ordination, the priest shares in the work of Jesus—the sole mediator between heaven and earth—by administering the sacraments, which for the faithful are an earnest of everlasting life. Religious life is also in its own way an anticipation of heaven. Monasticism was its first form, and prayer, *opus Dei*, was its basis. I believe that it remains so even in active communities such as ours, for a regular régime of prayer continues to be the distinguishing mark of the monk, the nun, and of their remote offspring in the numerous congregations of which the Basilian Fathers are one instance. Where the love of God is nourished and flourishes, an effective love of neighbour will necessarily follow, and apostolates, familiar or novel, will identify themselves and prosper.

Robert John Duggan, CSB

50 years ordained

Each of us has a story that is basically the same and yet different because we have done some very different things but all for the sake of the Good News. A religious community is much like a family; none of us can pick who belongs. Still we are brothers. Here are some of the lessons I learned in the last 50 or so years.

For me Vatican II was crucial. We were studying Theology during that time; some of our professors were steeped in new forms of theology and scripture like Terry Forrestal and Walter Principe. We were ordained by Cardinal Flahiff. What a gift!



Catholic Central continued to teach me, especially men like Bill Gibbons and “Doc” French, Joe Barnes, and Joe Miller. It was there too that I got involved with the Charismatic Renewal and discovered a deeper relationship with Jesus and a group of lay folks who wanted that same thing. I made life-long friends, including our own George Beaune and George Kosicki.

Later in Amherstburg, Sister Adriana, who ministered to the Italian community, taught me to say mass in Italian. After my first Italian mass an older lady came up and kissed me, cried, and said, “Oh, Father, you love us.” That was when I realized how important it is to pray in the language of our hearts. At St. John the Baptist I also learned the value of the RCIA and farm life.

When I went to Ste. Anne's in Detroit I learned more as people of different languages, races, and social status came together in God's house. The people accepted me even with my poor Spanish. They taught me more about loving. My first Spanish teacher was Sister Angela Cerna Plata, IHM who taught me to say mass in Spanish.

Then in Texas I found out I could learn to love rednecks, those fine people in and around Angleton who called me to deeper prayer, the prison ministry, good liturgy, and Texas football. During these last few years, being at the Sugar Land Novitiate has given me a whole new perspective on our Basilian way of life. I see great hope in them in these young men.

I have been fortunate to have lived with Basilians who have stood the test of time, the test of poverty, the test of chastity, the test of obedience, the test of serving, the test of leading, the test of teaching, the test of administration, the test of sickness, the test of faith. They have come through these tests of life stronger and holier. What a blessing for me!

James Joseph Gaunt, CSB

50 years ordained

It was 1953 in the spring when Father Wilfred Kehoe, CSB, my physics teacher at Catholic Central in Detroit, asked me if I ever thought I might have a vocation. My immediate reply was “No!” That evening I went to see a Precious Blood priest to see what he thought. His advice was: “Just give it a try. You’ll either love it or hate it, but, either way, you’ll know.”

That was 62 years ago and I am still here, so I guess it agrees with me.

I have been a high school teacher, a high school principal, a college professor, a superior, a vice-president, a novice master and a pastor – now I am retired at St. Dominic’s Village in Houston, TX. I hear confessions every Friday morning, I celebrate mass every Wednesday and Friday, I lead the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent and I do anything else I am called on to do.

Such is the life of a Basilian priest. It has been 50 years since I was ordained and I don’t think priestly life will change much but I do think it will likely be even busier.

For the priests of the future, I say; “Just hang on! It will be a bumpy but a wonderful ride. I am not sure what God has in store for you, but you can be sure that it won’t be boring.”



Robert Kernahan Holmes, CSB

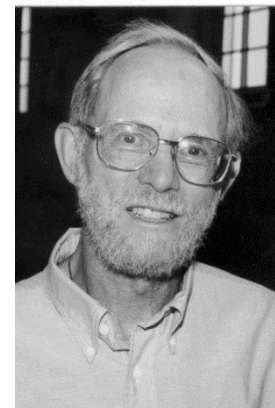
50 years ordained

As I reflect on 50 years of priestly ministry on the feast of Epiphany 2015, I am looking for my guiding stars.

In high school, at St. Mike’s, **Bill Conway** helped attract me towards a priestly ministry which included teaching and coaching. **Art Holmes**, my brother, showed me the steps I could take in following this vocation. **John McGuire** in the novitiate helped me understand the importance of community, Basilian community, in sustaining ministry.

Mike Quealey introduced me to youth ministry at Boys’ Camp where I enjoyed 25 years of service. In the seminary it was **Terry Forestall** who brought the Gospels alive for me and nourished my preaching. **Father Eschmann**, a Dominican teaching ecclesiology during Vatican II, taught me that the Church is the people of God and that I need to be on guard against clericalism, legalism and triumphalism.

Bill Gibbons was the star that guided two young Basilian priests to the inner city of Detroit to start a group home. It was there, at St. Cecilia’s Church, where **Ray Ellis** guided us both in pastoral ministry developed by listening to the people. **Paul Rybicki** became the Bible Study teacher at St. Cecilia’s for decades and was my mentor in the ministry of Gospel story telling. **Tony Lococo**, who as principal at St.

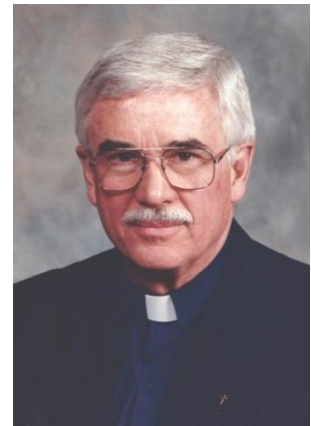


Charles College in Sudbury supported my first fragile years of teaching, was a model for me when I became principal at Immaculata High School in Kelowna. **Gerry MacGuigan**, who I never knew well, inspired my venturing into cross-cultural ministry with the One World Education Program in the 20 years following my years in British Columbia. During this time it was the inspiration of **Dom Helder Camara**, who lived Jesus' "preferential option for the poor," that helped lead me into justice ministry with the Catholic Worker in Toronto and then to peace ministry with the Christian Peacemaker Teams. It has been my honour to serve as the Basilian Coordinator for Justice and Peace for the past decade.

You may have noticed that the guiding stars I have named have all passed on. There are many still living who I will not name for fear of leaving someone out. Thank you all!

Joseph Thomas Walsh, CSB 50 years ordained

When I attended St. Michael's College School, I was impressed with my teachers, the Basilian Fathers. However, it was only after 4 years, when my only brother Bill (older by one a half years) entered St. Basil's Novitiate in Richmond Hill in August, 1953, that I began to think of becoming a Basilian. "If he could do it, so could I!" My parents and I visited him on Sundays once a month. I was particularly impressed by Johnny Redmond and Paul James who were in the Novitiate with him; they were good guys and down to earth. In May 1954 I signed the papers to enter the novitiate. Bill (Knobby) took vows for 2 successive years and then left the Basilians. If he had not made it through his first 2 of his 3 years, I wonder if I would have entered the novitiate and taken vows at the end my year there. They say that vocations come through personal contact and the three that I mentioned were the people who influenced me the most along with my Basilian teachers.



In my 28 years of teaching I believed that I best fulfilled my priestly vocation and education by teaching religion. Ever since the 1960s the teaching of religion was not esteemed by the students. So that I wouldn't burn out "casting pearls before swine," I also taught mathematics each year. The strategy worked because as long as I was in the classroom as a priest, I continued to teach religion.

I then moved on to parish work full-time for 10 ½ years until age 65 and a bypass operation led me to transition to part-time parish work for 11 years. In the last 2 ½ years I've been very happy helping out as a senior citizen serving as superior for the confrères at Anglin House.

Since I have moved to the Cardinal Flahiff Center I have come to realize what I knew to be true intellectually, that it is not what you do but who you are, that is important. I was lucky enough to spend about four years living with Dan Chui until his death on December 21, 2014. Dan was a man of great faith and a very loving person who demonstrated his love by being always approachable and spending hours with his parishioners. He is lovingly remembered by almost everyone that he met, not because of what he accomplished, but because of the loving person he was. I have been granted more than 50 years in the priesthood, and Dan Chui, a man I knew and loved, is another concrete Basilian example of how to become more like Jesus, the one great High Priest.



Ordination to the Presbyterate

Father Warren Roger Schmidt, CSB

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, ordaining Bishop



In June 2007, I became a Basilian associate. At the time, I was working as a microbiology lab technician by day and taking evening courses in philosophy at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton. I came to know the Basilians through the community of our confrères in the city where I was born and raised. On May 10, 2014, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park, AB, I was ordained a priest. I continue to serve in priestly ministry at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Irondequoit, NY. These have been an eventful eight and a half years between my entry as a Basilian associate and now. They have been years of joy and years of growth.

An especially life-changing event was my first stint teaching French and English at Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción (INSA) in Cali, Colombia from January to June, 2008. Cali was a place of firsts for me in all these respects and more: first teaching experience, learning Spanish, and first experience of living in religious community. On a bus near Bogotá, Colombia, over a crackling cell phone line in May, 2008, I got more significant news: "You've been accepted to the novitiate beginning in August. Your novice director will be Jim Carruthers." I was the lone novice at O'Connor House from August, 2008 until my first profession of vows on August 15, 2009. It was said that, yes, Jim was my main director of novices, assisted by Joe Quinn... and all 15 of our confrères then at O'Connor House!

I became the lone scholastic in Toronto after profession. At Frassati House the directors of scholastics were Terry Kersch and Ken Decker. Again, as in Windsor, I have many confrères to thank for guiding my growth in living in community over those four years. As a scholastic, I continued in refugee and migrant ministry, begun in Windsor as a novice. I led children's sacramental preparation at St. Basil's Church and worked over summers at Salt and Light TV, in Madrid (World Youth Day 2011), and again at INSA. I professed final vows and was ordained a deacon in 2013, and have served at St. Kateri Parish since then. I am blessed once again with a wonderful community of confrères, friends, and colleagues with whom I continue to hone pastoral skills in these months as a deacon and then as a priest.



Promoter of Vocations (Canada / USA)

Toronto ON

During 2014 Norm Tanck, CSB, the promoter of Vocations, sent resources to the community to help Basilian houses, schools and parishes celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in February and The World Day of Prayer for Vocations in April. These resources included homily hints, intercessions for the Prayers of the Faithful, bulletin announcements and model prayer services and re-printable prayer cards. Basilians were encouraged to preach about vocations and to tell their own personal vocation story in homilies, bulletin articles and school publications.

Later in 2014 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Consecrated Life to begin on November 21, 2014 and continuing on through February 2, 2015, with the theme “Wake Up The World”. In preparation for this year Norm Tanck sent out talks Pope Francis had given to Major Superiors and to novices and seminarians, including the Pope’s November 21st *Apostolic Letter on the Occasion of the Year of Consecrated Life*. The Congregation was also sent resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to plan an “open house” in February, 2015.

To start the Year of Consecrated Life off in the Archdiocese of Toronto Norm Tanck presided at a Taizé Prayer and Benediction service offered by Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association (TAVDA), of which he is a member. During 2014 Norm, Fathers Bill Irwin, Dave Bittner and Novice Kevin Mannara attended the bi-annual convocation of the Canadian National Association Vocation and Formation Directors (NAVDA) in Toronto and the bi-annual convocation of National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) with Father Morgan Rice in Chicago.

Working with TAVDA, Norm was one of the directors of Busy Students Retreats at the University of Toronto and Ryerson University. Working with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, he was on the staff of three discernment weekends at Invermara, the Sister’s facility at Lake Simcoe.

Throughout the Community, local houses, parishes and schools, individual Basilians and Basilian Lay Associates continued to pray for vocations and to promote the Basilian Way of Life through vocation programs, personal witness and by inviting young men to consider a vocation to the Basilian Fathers. During the Year of Consecrated Life which began on November 21, Basilians are called to wake up the world and give witness as we live the consecrated life.



Initial Formation (Canada/ USA)

Those charged by the Congregation in 2014 with the responsibility for the Initial Formation in Canada and the United States were: Norm Tanck, Director of Associates, Bill Irwin (Canada) and Vince Dulock (USA), Novices Masters and Dave Bittner, Director of Scholastics. In Canada and the United States the Congregation ended 2014 with two associates; Colin Prusak, associated with the St. Thomas High School House and Ian Gutgold associated with the Catholic Central House, teaching at Detroit Christo Rey.

Before the 2014 General Chapter Norm Tanck, Director of Associates accompanied associates Omar Garza, Ian Gutgold and Eduardo Rivera for a retreat preached by Fr. John Reddy at Mount Saviour Benedictine Monastery near Corning, NY. They later joined the chapter capitulants for the pre-chapter retreat preached by Redemptorist Archbishop Joseph Tobin of Indianapolis.



During the July 2014 General Chapter of the Basilian Fathers, our Superior General received the first vows of Kevin Mannara, who completed his novitiate in Toronto under the direction of Bill Irwin. Kevin later joined the other scholastic, Steven Huber, at the Houston Scholasticate under the direction of David Bittner. Associates Oscar Carbajal García, Omar Garza, and Eduardo Rivera were blessed and sent to Novitiate. Omar Garza and Eduardo Rivera to Sugar Land with Vince Dulock as Novice Master and Oscar Carbajal to Tehuacán with Paul Walsh as Novice Master.

We are grateful to all who have supported these young men with their encouragement and prayer. Please continue to pray for vocations and invite men to consider the Basilian Way of Life.

Basilian Prayer for Vocations

Oh Seigneur, illumine ceux que tu as appelés selon ta parole. Donne-nous les vertus de persévérance et de fidélité dans l'amour de ton Esprit Saint. Amen.

Oh Señor, si llamas a alguno de ellos para consagrarlo todo a Ti en nuestra Comunidad Basiliaria, que tu amor aliente su vocación desde el comienzo, y la haga crecer y perseverar hasta el fin. Amén.

Oh Lord, enlighten those you have called through your Word, and grant us all the gifts of perseverance and fidelity in the fire of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Basilian Office for Peace and Justice, Bob Holmes, CSB Director Flahiff Centre, Toronto ON

As usual, it was a busy year: organizing a myriad of Gospel Peacemaking presentations, retreats, and nonviolence trainings in schools, colleges, churches, and organizations; networking with Basilians, BLAs, Former Basilians through *Stirrings*; collaborating with CPT (Christian Peacemaker teams) Pax Christi, Development and Peace, and Canadian Religious Conference; coordinating the Basilian Human Development Grants Committee; leading peace and justice pilgrimages to the Holy Land; and more.

I am often asked, “What does a Gospel Peacemaking retreat look like?” So I thought it might be good to describe in detail a typical Gospel Peacemaking (9:00 AM-2:00 PM) retreat for grade 12 high schoolers. For a large group (150) we gather a team of five or six facilitators. We begin with a “checkpoint” role play. As the students enter, some are directed to spacious seating, most to a crowded standing area and a few detained – a gentle simulation of what students in Hebron experience every day going to school. Then the theme for the day is presented using Luke 4:16-21 as the basis. A presentation follows showing Palestinian students and Canadian First Nation students engaged in nonviolent resistance to oppressive situations they face. The students are divided into groups and rotate through three one hour sessions.

One session is the “Blanket” Exercise. Blankets are spread on the floor and the students invited to walk (shoeless) on the blankets. As the exercise develops more and more blankets are removed and the students become crowded in small areas isolated from other each other – a dramatization of the effects of colonization on indigenous peoples (both in Palestine and the Americas).



A second session is a “nonviolence” workshop. An interactive “Violence / Nonviolence Barometer” helps them understand the varieties of both violent and nonviolent actions. Methods of de-escalating verbal violence such as bullying are practiced. And ways of intervening non-violently in situations of oppression are role played.

The third session is “Forum Theatre.” Small groups of five or six students are asked to dramatize a scenario of oppression (non-physical) that they have observed. After each of these dramatizations is presented the spectators (the other groups) are invited to become “spect-actors” and to volunteer, as the drama is re-enacted, to enter into it and try to transform it.

As we began with Luke 4:16-21, so we return to it in the closing liturgy. Groups of students present the five descriptions of Jesus’ mission to proclaim “good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and forgiveness of debts.” First they sculpt the oppression and then a “Jesus-person” re-sculptures the tableau transforming it to one of liberation.

Would your school, college or parish benefit from such a retreat? Invite us!

The Cardinal Flahiff Centre – Toronto – The Curial Office Staff



Ms. Carolina Klapp



Ms. Elizabeth Contreras



Ms. Amanda Parcher



Ms. Rosalin Gabriel

Carolina Klapp was born in Santiago, Chile and serves as the Congregational Financial Officer. She has been employed by the Basilians for 6 years. She works closely with the Treasurer General to manage the general finances of the Congregation. She provides a monthly report of the financial performance of the General Treasury and prepares the yearly budget and insures compliance with regulatory agencies.

Elizabeth Contreras is from Palmira, Valle, a small city not too far from Cali, Colombia. She has been working for the Basilian Fathers since January 2006. Her responsibilities include assisting the financial officer and performing the day to day financial operations for the Congregation. These include accounting, account payables, general ledger and bank reconciliations, audits and taxation.

Amanda Parcher is a lifelong Torontonion and she has worked at the Flahiff Centre for 3.5 years. She assists with the Administrative Human Resources within the Cardinal Flahiff Centre and she is also responsible for the accounting of the building costs. Amanda is also involved in the day to day operations of the Curial Office.

Rosalin Gabriel comes from St. Vincent, a small island near Barbados. She is beginning her 8th year in the Curial Office. She is the receptionist and secretary and her duties are varied; she answers the phone and greets visiting Basilians and guests, she oversees Basilian mailings, and does many office tasks. Recently she has begun reconciling the investment portfolios, a task that she is finding very interesting.



Cynthia Watson, a Toronto native, is the assistant to the Superior General and the Congregational Secretary; she has held this position for a year and a half. She supports the Superior General in his day-to-day administrative duties, including managing his complex schedule. One of her most important roles is recording the Minutes of the General Council Meetings. She also assists the Secretary General with various projects such as the Basilian Directory and the Basilian Newsletters.

Ms. Cynthia Watson

The Basilian Fathers Archives

Toronto ON

Jim Farge, CSB – Director of the Archives
Michelle Paradis – Congregational Archivist

Here are comments from archivist Michelle Paradis:
2014 was a year of assessment and learning in the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers. Most of my time was spent completing research for Basilians and members of the public and processing new items into the collection. Both of these activities allowed me to learn more about the fascinating history of the congregation as well as to see what areas of the archives need improvement.



Michelle Paradis displays a treasure from France: the shoe of St. John Viannay, the Curé d'Ars

One of my priorities in 2014 was to create a disaster plan for the GABF in case of emergency. The plan details what should happen in the event of flood, fire, and other situations; it provides information and guidance to those who would be tasked with protecting the archives holdings. I was able to attend Archives Association of Ontario and Catholic Archivist Group conferences and a workshop on the storage of photographs. These learning opportunities were very inspiring and they gave me many great ideas that I can apply to the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers.



In honour of Ontario Archives Awareness Week I created a photo album entitled *Basilians Having Fun*. It included photographs of Basilians playing sports, skiing, hiking, fishing, and recreating in other various ways. I enjoyed being able to see the lighthearted side of the Congregation. *(The photo at the left is of a group of novices from around 1930-1932.)*

I'm looking forward to a busy and productive 2015, and I hope to meet more Basilians and hear their stories.

A sample of the topics researched in the archives this year:

- The lawsuit between the Basilians and the Bishop of Galveston over St. Basil's College in Waco, TX
- The Trottier mural in the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre refectory
- The Tree of Life window in the former Pontiac Novitiate
- Early Basilians in Texas and the Mexican Missions
- Father Henry Carr's time at St. Mark's College
- Events in Basilian history since 1992 for Father Kirley's addendum to *1922 Before and After*
- Photos of Basilians at events such as birthdays, ordination jubilees and Remembrance Day
- Biographical information on various Basilians
- Press requests from The Catholic Register, The BC Catholic and U of T Magazine

Maison St-Joseph – Collège Sacré-Cœur Annonay, France

L'année 2014 et ce mois de janvier 2015 furent assez rudes pour notre petite communauté locale en terre d'Ardèche, avec plusieurs "pépins" de santé pour les uns et les autres, ce qui n'est pas très étonnant vu... notre âge avancé!

Père René Robert, qui file sur ses 90 ans (ce sera en juillet 2015), réside toujours à la maison de retraite "Mon Foyer", de l'autre côté de la ville d'Annonay. Il a été hospitalisé une dizaine de jours début novembre suite à un malaise cardiaque. Depuis, il a regagné "Mon Foyer." Son état varie selon les jours: parfois à peu près en forme physique et mentale, parfois plus fatigué. René a de la peine pour se déplacer; ses problèmes auditifs font que la communication n'est pas toujours facile. Il continue de voir pas mal de visiteurs, célèbre l'eucharistie aussi souvent qu'il le peut. Il a été content de recevoir nos confrères basiliens de passage au cours de l'année et tout récemment notre visiteur canonique, le Père John Huber. Les visites le redynamisent toujours.

Père Michel Deglène, qui va sur ses 79 ans, continuant de vivre à la Maison St-Joseph, n'a pas connu non plus une année très facile. D'abord à cause de la maladie de son frère aîné Gérard, qui était hospitalisé à domicile - à St-Laurent-du-Pape, depuis 2 ans finalement décédé en ce mois de janvier 2015. Ensuite, Michel a eu lui aussi son lot d'ennuis de santé ces derniers mois: récemment, il a été opéré de son hernie à l'aîne. Subsistent toujours des soucis de tension, de vue, de prostate, et de douleurs dans les bras. Michel continue d'assurer la logistique et l'approvisionnement de la maison, mais a désormais quelques craintes pour conduire. Concernant ses ministères sur la paroisse Ste-Claire, Michel a dû "réduire la voilure." Pour l'instant, il continue avec l'aumônerie de la maison de retraite de Montalivet. Désormais, sa vie sera plus confinée sur la maison St-Joseph. Il apprécie beaucoup la présence en journée de Mme Françoise Salique, notre cuisinière, qui s'occupe par ailleurs de plus en plus des espaces extérieurs et qui lui assure une présence humaine à la maison ... car je ne suis pas toujours là.

Père François Morfin, qui aura 69 ans en juin 2015, depuis 28 mois à la Villa Ste-Marthe à Aubenas à 125 km d'Annonay. François souffre de plus en plus de problèmes de vue. Sa motricité reste un peu fragile, mais n'a pas diminué réellement. Il peine souvent à retrouver ses affaires dans ses deux pièces... et aurait aimé aussi qu'on aille plus souvent le voir à Aubenas. En 2014, j'ai pu le voir à Aubenas en juillet et en septembre; François est monté sur Annonay fin décembre. Nous échangeons assez régulièrement des mails.

Pour moi-même, **Père Bernard Buisson**, mes 65 ans ont sonné l'heure de ma retraite comme professeur d'histoire-géographie-éducation civique au collège Sacré-Cœur. Mais je ne suis pas pour autant ; au chômage, je continue d'être souvent présent au collège pour les repas au self, 2 heures de culture religieuse chaque semaine et la présence à l'aumônerie pour les 3èmes, les conseils de direction, d'établissement, etc. C'est ma manière de continuer à assurer la tutelle basilienne et d'accompagner presque au quotidien notre directeur laïc, Michaël Bouvier et ses 2 nouveaux adjoints, Blandine Cretin et Pierre-Henri-Sauzeat. Notre évêque de Viviers ne pouvait pas me laisser sans ministère supplémentaire ; je suis donc nommé "curé in solidum" (on se partage la charge curiale) avec le Père Jean-François Beal sur la paroisse St-Christophe-les-Annonay (16 000 habitants, 13 clochers) où je faisais déjà pas mal de ministère depuis 5 ans. Mais désormais je participerai plus aux réunions et je célébrerai

surtout beaucoup plus de funérailles (déjà plus de... 25 depuis le 1er août) et sans doute de baptêmes, mais cela ne changera pas grand chose pour les mariages, étant donné que j'en avais déjà beaucoup sur la paroisse. J'ai commencé de m'impliquer aussi dans la catéchèse des enfants, ce qui m'était à peu près complètement étranger jusqu'à présent. En échange, j'ai demandé et obtenu du Père Evêque d'être déchargé de mes responsabilités diocésaines. Me voilà donc passé du côté des Basiliens... en paroisse, beaucoup plus que du côté des Basiliens... en institution scolaire.

Pour ce qui est de la **Maison St-Joseph** on commence à réfléchir à son avenir: on veut qu'elle reste au service de l'Enseignement Catholique. Le collège Sacré-Cœur pourrait peut-être bientôt utiliser une partie de nos locaux. Un autre projet, à l'horizon 3-4 ans, pourrait concerner le déménagement de l'école primaire de Montalivet sur notre terrain, avec la construction d'un bâtiment nouveau et la réutilisation d'une partie de nos locaux également. Nous avons pu obtenir l'autorisation de continuer d'utiliser notre petit cimetière basilien après l'accord de la municipalité d'Annonay. Du coup, nous avons pu ramener le cercueil du Père Jean Roure - déposé un temps dans le caveau des prêtres d'Annonay - dans notre cimetière le 29 avril 2014.



Au **Collège Sacré-Cœur**, de gros travaux ont déjà été réalisés en 2014 et d'autres se poursuivront en 2015): construction d'un ascenseur, réfection des façades nord et sud, nouvelle salle informatique, aménagement d'un nouvel espace pour la musique et les arts plastiques, et mise en conformité accès handicapés. Bref, les Basiliens nord-américains qui furent un temps plus ou moins long professeurs au Sacré-Cœur auront de la peine à s'y retrouver s'ils peuvent revenir un jour sur Annonay. J'ai aussi commencé d'aménager un espace d'exposition sur la communauté basilienne ; nous avons une carte de toutes nos implantations au Canada, aux USA, au Mexique, en Colombie et en France.

Ainsi va la vie à Annonay. Mais nous gardons la force de la prière et l'envie de servir le Collège et l'Eglise locale tant que nous aurons encore un petit souffle de vie, de force et de dynamisme! Merci aux confrères, les Pères Tim Scott, George Smith, Joe Hunt, John Wheeler, John Huber de nous avoir visités.

Maison St-Joseph – Collège Sacré-Cœur Annonay, France

The year 2014 was pretty rough for our small local community in the land of Ardèche, with several health issues; this is not very surprising given our age!

Father René Robert, who is approaching 90 years of age (in July 2015), still resides in the retirement home “Mon Foyer” on the other side of Annonay. He was hospitalized for ten days in early November following a heart attack. He has since returned to “Mon Foyer.” His condition varies depending on the day: sometimes he seems fine mentally and physically, sometimes he is more tired. René finds it difficult to move about; his hearing problems are such that communication is not easy. He continues to see a lot of visitors and he celebrates the Eucharist as often as he can. He was happy to receive our Basilian brothers visiting during the year; most recently he welcomed our canonical visitor, Father John Huber. These visits are always revitalizing for him.

Father Michel Deglène, who is almost 79 years old, continues to live at Maison St-Joseph and has not experienced a very easy year. First, because of the illness of his older brother Gerard, who was confined to bed at home at St-Laurent-du-Pape, for 2 ½ years eventually died in January 2015. Michel had also his share of health problems; recently, he was operated on for a hernia in the groin. He is still preoccupied about his sight, his prostate, and the pain in his arms. Michel continues to provide logistics and supplies needed for the house, but now is worried about driving. Regarding his ministry at St. Clair parish, Michel had to cut back. However, for the moment, he continues with the chaplaincy of Montalivet retirement home. During the winter he will be confined to Maison St-Joseph and the sunless winter days often seem very long to him and make him become confused about the date and time. He appreciates the daytime presence of Mme. Françoise Salic, the cook, who now also takes care of the outdoor spaces and works hard to insure that Maison Saint-Joseph is a pleasant home for the Basilians.

Père François Morfin who turns 69 in June 2015, has spent the past 28 months at the Villa Ste-Marthe in Aubenas, 125 km from Annonay. François suffers vision problems. His mobility is decreasing, but he can still get around. He tries to keep his affairs in order and he would like for us to come and see him in Aubenas. Before, I could only visit Aubenas in July and September. François was in Annonay in late December. We exchange emails fairly regularly.

For myself, **Father Bernard Buisson**, at 65 years of age I retired as professor of history and geography and civic education at the Collège Sacré-Cœur. But I'm not unemployed; I continue to be frequently present in college for meals, 2 hours of religious culture every week and attendance at the chaplaincy for 3rd level, meetings of governing boards, etc. This is my way of ensuring the Basilian supervision and support of our lay director, Michael Bouvier and two new assistants, Blandine Cretin and Pierre-Henri Sauzeat. The Bishop of Viviers could not give me additional ministry, so I became “curé in solidum” (sharing the ministry) with Father Jean-François Beal of the parish of St-Christophe-les-Annonay (16,000 inhabitants). Now I will attend more meetings. I will celebrate more funerals (already more than 25) and baptisms. The number of weddings has not changed much since I already had a lot in that parish. I began to also get involved in the catechesis of children, which was completely foreign to me until now. In exchange, I asked the Bishop to be relieved of my diocesan responsibilities. I am still working as a Basilian in the parish and in the Basilian school.

In terms of the **Maison St-Joseph**, we begin to think about its future use: it is to remain at the service of Catholic Education. The Collège Sacré-Coeur might soon be using some of our facilities. Another project on the horizon could involve the relocation of the primary school of Montalivet with the construction of a new building and reusing some of our current structures. We were able to obtain permission to continue using our small Basilian cemetery, after the approval of the municipality of Annonay. Finally we could bring the coffin of Father Jean Roure - interred in the vault of the priests of Annonay - to our cemetery in April of 2014.

At the **Collège Sacré-Coeur** considerable work was carried out in 2014: building an elevator, rehabilitation of the north and south facades, a new computer room, construction of a new space for music and art, and compliance for disabled access. In short, the North American Basilians who were teachers at the Collège Sacré-Coeur will find it difficult to navigate if they come back to Annonay. I also started to develop an exhibition space on the Basilian community; we display a map of all our locations in Canada, the USA, Mexico, Colombia and France.

Such is life in Annonay. But we keep the power of prayer and the desire to serve the College and the local Church as we still have a little breath of life, strength and vitality! Thank you to the confreres, Fathers Tim Scott, George Smith, Joe Hunt, John Wheeler, John Huber for visiting us.



Anglin House in the Flahiff Centre Toronto ON

Members: Joseph Walsh (Superior), Daniel Callam (Assistant Superior), Claude Arnold, Robert Crooker, Kenneth Decker, Michael Fallona, Norman Fitzpatrick, Brian Higgins, John Hurley, Howard Keon, Owen Lee, Kenneth O'Keefe, P. Wallace Platt, Peter Swan, Vincent Thompson, Gordon Walker, and John Wilson.

Associated Members: Leo Burns, Charles Principe, Denis Rowan

Deceased Members: (2014): Daniel Chui, Donald Furlong, Rolland Janisse, Thomas Mailloux, and Robert Whyte.

Robert Barringer and Martin Dimnik were with us for several months for medical attention.

Daily Mass is celebrated for members of Anglin and Orsini houses in the fourth floor chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Center. Loretto and St. Joseph sisters and Basilian Lay Associates are often in attendance. Joseph Walsh installed a microphone system for the convenience of Howard Keon, who keeps us informed on birthdays, and for our resident preachers, who are often eloquent.



On First Friday retreat days there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the smaller Anglin House chapel followed by an oral presentation in the larger chapel. Among the presenters in 2014 were Kevin Mannara, who spoke on structuring parish events; Kevin Kirley, who recounted the history of preparing the original *Basilian Way of Life*; Owen Lee, who rhapsodized on the New Science of Creation, and, on several Fridays across the year, Tom Rosica, who with members of his Salt and Light staff had attended the Synod on the Family and duly filled us on many matters overlooked by the secular media.

Doctor Peter Barreca visits Anglin House every two weeks. The nursing is under the capable direction of Irina Kompaneets and her assistant, Puspa Bollegala. There are fourteen assistant staff members (full

time and part time) for nursing, dietary needs, housekeeping, chiropody, plant maintenance, and security. Physiotherapy sessions are provided three times weekly under the direction of Kanika Saxena. Raffaele Schiavone gives us monthly haircuts, as he has done faithfully for two decades. During the year the schedule of recreational activities planned by Maria Texeira expanded to an almost weekly series of events, including parties for St. Patrick's Day, Halloween, and Christmas and day visits to Centre Island, High Park, and Henry Carr Farm. Among the movies screened in the downstairs refectory have been recent favorites (*The Life of Pi*) and sports classics (*Chariots of Fire* and *Field of Dreams*).

John McDermott Wilson, CSB (*pictured to the right*) currently holds the title of the oldest living Basilian; he was born in 1919 in Rochester, MN. This was the same year that the League of Nations was formed, Pierre Elliot Trudeau was born, Benito Mussolini formed the Italian Fascist party and Prohibition was enacted in the United States. Jack has outlasted them all! Jack Wilson was an avid and excellent golfer and he still watches the Golf Channel daily. (Peter Swan, CSB, also born in 1919, is the second-oldest Basilian; he is younger than Jack by just a few months.)



In April Denis Rowan was transferred to a secure unit at Providence Villa. He had been a great walker and late in 2013, because of his dementia, could not find his way home a few times. He doesn't seem to miss being at Anglin house. Recently he was asked if he would like to move to another unit, but he wanted to stay where he was.

In early June, before the official date of the Ontario provincial elections on June 12, we had the candidates of the three major parties address the confrères after our regular 10 AM Mass. A few days later we were able to vote in an advance poll at Anglin house.

In 2014 Leo Burns, Dan Callam and Joseph Walsh celebrated fifty years of ordination, and Peter Swan marked the seventieth anniversary of his priesthood. Owen Lee published an article on Janacek's *Jenufa* in *Opera Canada*, and the Metropolitan Opera's revival of Wagner's *Die Meistersinger* was presented in HD by satellite to 67 countries around the world "in honor of Father Owen Lee". As many will recall, for many years Owen was an integral part of the Saturday broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera, both as a participant and as quizmaster on the Opera Quiz.

Leo Burns lives in Davenhill Senior Living Centre in Toronto. He is associated with Anglin house where he frequently attends Mass, often, by his own admission, arriving late.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Windsor ON

The year 2014 witnessed significant change at Assumption Parish. In August, Bishop Ron Fabbro, CSB announced that the church building would be closed in November. All liturgies would take place in the former Holy Name of Mary church building on McEwen Avenue in Windsor. However, Rosary Chapel adjacent to the Assumption church would continue to be used for weekday Masses as well as smaller liturgical and devotional events.

In anticipation of this announcement, and believing that someone other than he should guide the parish through this transition, the Pastor, Bill Riegel CSB had requested a move to another apostolate. Bishop Fabbro and George Smith CSB, Superior General, eventually acceded to Bill's request and appointed Don McLeod CSB as temporary Administrator in September. He has continued in this position through Christmas and the New Year, and expects to be at Assumption until mid-spring 2015.

Some explanation is important to understand the situation. Essentially, as one diocesan official put it, the church building is on "life support" structurally, requiring from \$10M to \$13M in restoration and repair work. Following two failed fund-raising campaigns, and a colder than normal winter of 2013-14, which at times saw the temperature inside the church building at less than 10 degrees Celsius, the Bishop and his advisors felt that until adequate funding for restoration was secured or the building was disposed of in an appropriate manner, the parish would be better served by moving to the Holy Name of Mary site which is structurally sound and much easier to heat. *(Photos of the church, now called: "Assumption Parish – McEwan Campus" are seen at the right)*

It goes without saying that the move to another site for major liturgical celebrations has impacted the parish significantly. On the negative side, average weekend Mass attendance was down an average of 34%, with collections approximately 25% less than previously. On the other hand, as has often been the case in the past, many parishioners have stepped up and put considerable effort into making the transition from the one site to the other. As an example of this, more than forty people contributed their time and talent on October 18 to the task of preparing the Holy Name of Mary site for move-in on November 8-9. Although tinged with a note of sadness, this event was at the same time a testimonial to the dedication that has characterized Assumption for more than two and a half centuries.

As the parish enters 2015, there is ongoing hope that the funds to restore the church building will still be found. In the meantime the parish – which is home to a wide variety of devotional events along with a flourishing St. Vincent de Paul ministry and an active Knights of Columbus Council, as well as serving as a centre for the Windsor-area Basilian Lay Associates – continues as a strong and vibrant presence of the Church in West Windsor, a presence which the Basilian Fathers, by resolution of the General Chapter of 2014, have pledged to support and strengthen. *Ad multos annos!*



The Curial Community

Toronto ON

The Curial community continues to reside in small apartments near the Cardinal Flahiff Centre. Following the General Chapter, Timothy Scott began a sabbatical year leaving only the Superior General and the Vicar General as members of the community.

David Katulski serves as the rector of the Curial community and he continues his service as a chaplain in the Knights of Malta. He also works with the staff of St. Joseph's College School as celebrant for both daily and special occasion Eucharists. He also assists with professional days, and offers staff retreats. 2014 marks the 24th year of David's service to St. Joseph's College School. He also continues his ministry to the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca, leading monthly days of retreat for the sisters.

George Smith serves as vice president of the Canadian Conference of Religious (CRC), as chair of the Ontario Collaborative Housing for Religious (OCHR), as chair of the Board of Directors of Canadian Catholic Congregational Management (CCCM), and as a member of the Board of Directors of Becoming Neighbors which is a ministry to refugees and new immigrants to Canada. George enjoys his priestly ministry at Holy Rosary Church in Toronto where he presides at Saturday evenings when he is in town.

Timothy Scott began 2014 with the usual and varied activities on the General Council. He was also a member of the Theological Commission of the Canadian Conference of Religious. Following the General Chapter Timothy was able to begin a sabbatical as a prelude to return to academic life. The sabbatical was cut short by a job offer as Executive Director for the Canadian Conference of Religious in Montreal.

Associated Members

Joe Redican splits his time between Toronto where he counsels recovering addicts and alcoholics, and Detroit where he lives at Cristo Rey House and serves as chaplain at Cristo Rey High School.

Thomas Rosica is in his twelfth year as founding Chief Executive Officer of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. He also serves as President and Vice-chancellor of Assumption University in Windsor. Tom works in the Press Office represents the Vatican to English language media.

During the spring of 2014, Tom took part in the canonization ceremonies of Saints John XXIII and John Paul II at the Vatican. Tom served as English language spokesperson for the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family and also moderated the Press Conference in Vatican City for the Apostolic Visitation of Women Religious of the USA. Tom continues to serve as a member of the Communications Commission of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the University of St. Thomas in Houston Texas, the Board of Trustees of St. John Fisher College in Rochester New York, and the Board of the Gregorian Foundation of Jesuit Universities in Rome.

Tom has given many lectures in Canada, the USA, France, Italy, and the Vatican over the past year. He has written articles and has preached retreats to priests and bishops in Canada and the United States

Awards: John Carroll Society Medal from the Archdiocese of Washington, DC , January 2014.

Publications: *Pope John Paul II: A Saint for Canada* (Novalis, 2014)

Frassati House Toronto ON

The Frassati House community consists of Father Norm Tanck, rector, and Fathers Ken Decker (rector emeritus), Bob Holmes and Jack Hanna. Father Neil Hibbard is associated with the community.

The Basilian House on Sackville St is in the Corktown, one of the oldest Toronto neighborhoods. Frassati House is located around the corner from the historic St. Paul's Basilica (Toronto's oldest parish) where Bob and Norm occasionally help with weekend Masses.



The Basilian history of the house begins with it being the Scholasticate for our men studying Theology at USMC's Faculty of Theology, Toronto School of Theology and after the transfer of the Scholasticate to Houston in 2013 the house has been used as a comfortable home for the small Basilian community living there and working at various ministries in Toronto.

The house consists of two adjoining townhouses that are used as one residence. With nine bedrooms the Frassati community is able to offer hospitality to visiting Basilians, Associates and Lay Associates, Basilian family members and friends. For the second year two seminarians from the Archdiocese of Toronto who are in their pre-theology Spiritual Year spent the month of January at Frassati House while volunteering in programs that serve the poor. Tanzanian Father Prosper Lyimo spent the summer at Frassati house while doing mission preaching in Canada for his home diocese of Arusha. Before leaving Canada he was appointed auxiliary bishop of his diocese.

The religious life of the house follows a regular schedule. Weekdays, Morning Prayer and Mass are at 7:30 AM followed by a pick-up breakfast and off to work. The confreres take turns preparing the evening meal which is usually around 6:00 PM followed by evening prayer. The confreres help with ministry at St. Paul's Basilica, St. Basil's Church, Holy Rosary Church, St. Peter's Church and Anglin House.

Norm Tanck replaced Ken Decker mid-year as rector. For health reasons Ken completed the year in residence at Anglin House while remaining a member of Frassati House and he came frequently for meals. Norm continued as Promotor of Vocations and in November was asked to be Director of Associates. He is an active member of the Toronto Area Vocations Directors Association (TAVDA). He also was a staff member on Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreats at Invermara, the Sisters of St. Joseph's facility in Orillia, Ontario. He sits on the Boards of St. Michael's College School in Toronto and Assumption University in Windsor.

Bob Holmes, the Basilian Coordinator for Peace and Justice and publisher of *Stirrings*, also worked with the Christian Peacemaker Team both in Palestine and with the Aboriginal Justice Team in Canada. He gave talks and retreats in the Toronto area and beyond. The 2014 General Chapter approved a proposal for a Basilian Volunteer Teaching Corps. Bob was appointed head of a planning and implementation group looking forward to a summer 2015 start for the program. Bob also serves on the Board of Directors of CAIC, a Canadian organization that works to empower the poor and the underserved.

Jack Hanna continues his work at the Curial Offices as Secretary / Treasurer General. He is also the Building Director for the Flahiff Centre. He serves on the Foundation Board at St. Michael's College School. In spring, summer and fall Jack takes care of the small lawn and flowerbeds at Frassati House. In wintertime, he reluctantly helps to clear the snow from the sidewalks. Jack has enjoyed visiting Colombia and Mexico with George Smith; he serves as translator and tour guide. In March of 2014 Jack represented the Basilians at a symposium for Canonical Treasurers of Religious Institutes in Rome.

Neil Hibberd continues to live and minister at Avondale Retirement Residence. He provides weekend liturgical ministry in several parishes, presents Retreat Days for staff of Catholic High Schools and offers spiritual direction and counselling for clergy in Toronto. His relatives kindly involve him in their lives and celebrations; friends and former students invite him to celebrate the sacraments, and occasionally to play golf. Fine meals and splendid company at Frassati House are highlights of any week. Thanksgiving is a basic theme of prayer, for the Basilian community and for so many rich blessings.

Henry Carr Farm Beeton ON

Members: Alphonse de Valk, Gerald Dillon, Raymond Jackson, Thomas McReavy
Associated: J. R. Stephen LaCroix



In the presence of Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother, we come together for prayers. Morning prayers are followed by our daily concelebrated Mass. Friends join us for these prayers and Masses. After Mass they frequently join us for coffee or tea with muffins. Evening prayers are preceded by 20 minutes of silent prayer. It is at this time that we read from our rule or customs. After prayers the Angelus is prayed. Once a week we have Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

For our pastoral activities we help with Masses and Confessions in two of our neighbouring parishes: St. James in Colgan which has 2 missions and St. Paul's in Alliston which has one mission. On the First Saturday of each month we have the Marian Movement of Priest's Cenacle with lay people in attendance. From time to time we gather friends for a Taizé Prayer service. This year the grade 10 students have been making day retreats from St. Thomas Aquinas School in Tottenham and from Holy Trinity School in Bradford. For these retreats we provide an examination of conscience, confessions and end the retreat with Mass. Their Chaplains conduct the retreats. The students respond well to these retreats in our country setting. At a few other times other groups will use our facilities for a retreat and for them we also offer confessions and Mass.

For our Community life, each renders services according to their talents and abilities. We enjoy Fr. Stephen LaCroix's occasional visits with us. We are well cared for in many ways by Janice Hutchison, our Business Manager, Christina Barnas, our cook and Greg Hickey, our grounds supervisor. Also, friends show us kindness in many ways.

From our large dining room windows we enjoy watching and identifying the many birds that come to our feeders. Our home at Henry Carr Farm is especially enjoyed for its beautiful and peaceful location in the country.

"Let the earth bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever."



Holy Rosary Parish Toronto ON

2014 was a time of farewells for the Basilian Fathers of Holy Rosary. Jack Gallagher had just left for Edmonton in December of 2013 and upon his departure we discovered just how much he had been doing while he was here. Of course we did not miss him just for his work. Jack's dry sense of humor, his commitment to pastoral care, his example of physical fitness, and the liveliness of his mental life ... St. Alphonsus-St. Clare is very lucky to have him!

We also said goodbye to our rector/pastor of two years, Don Lococo. During his sabbatical year he is making progress on a book about Christianity and the Life Sciences. From time to time Don returns to Holy Rosary for a visit. He remains associated with the Basilian Fathers of Holy Rosary, and the house serves as his home base during the sabbatical year. Don adds a lot of positive energy and enthusiasm to the rectory, and we are glad to have him around.

It was announced in October of 2014 that the Archdiocese of Toronto would be taking over Holy Rosary Parish in July of 2015. The parish had been founded by the Basilian Fathers over 122 years ago (in 1892)

and so this was quite a shock. However, we are grateful for the chance to make a graceful exit. A farewell celebration is planned by parishioners for June of 2015; the exact date is yet to be decided. With much trepidation Jim Stenberg accepted his appointment as Administrator for the 11 month period between the end of Don Lococo's term on July 31, 2014 and Msgr. Robert Nusca's appointment as Pastor on July 1, 2015. Jim thinks that it is a lot easier to be Associate Pastor than it is to be an Administrator. However he has found the congregation to be very welcoming and forgiving of his faults, and the job has rather grown on him. He will miss Holy Rosary, and hopes that his next appointment will include an opportunity for parish ministry.

Doug Hilmer continues to work for the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDCSB), mostly as a substitute teacher. On days when he is not working he is able to help with sacramental ministry, and is regularly scheduled for one or two weekend masses. 2014 was Doug's 25th anniversary of ordained ministry. He notes that for the first time in his Basilian career he is the oldest member of a house.

Cecil Zinger is associated with the Basilian Fathers of Holy Rosary. He lives nearby and volunteers faithfully at St. Michael's College School. Once or twice a month he comes to dinner at the parish. He is a shining example of humility, hard-work and apostolic zeal.



2014 was not all farewells. Father John Abad – a diocesan priest – is a new addition to the local community. He moved in near the end of December, 2014. John is a graduate student in Latin and Greek. He will defend a doctoral thesis on Tertullian in 2015, and is expected to remain in residence after the handover on July 1. With his arrival Jim is no longer the youngest member of the house – a new experience for him. *(From left to right are Fathers John Abad, Doug Hilmer, CSB, Jim Stenberg, CSB, and Cecil Zinger, CSB.)*

O'Connor House Community Windsor ON

The members of O'Connor House included Joseph A. Quinn, Superior, Paul McGill, Franklin Mizzi, Bernard Pinsonneault and Paul Rennick. Associated with O'Connor House are: George Beaune, Michael Brand, John Fiore, Arthur Hathaway, Quentin Johnson, and Kenneth McKernan. Ulysse Paré and Fred Zakoor were associated with the O'Connor House Community until their deaths.

2014 was a very significant year in the lives of the members of O'Connor House. Deaths and the need of several confreres for assisted living necessitated the need to sell the apartment building and the adjoining building which contained the common rooms. It was a hectic time for all concerned: preparing the facility for sale, packing, storing and moving. The planning and executing of the sale and its aftermath brought the community together and strengthened the bonds between us. We realized even more sharply that community consists more of relationships than of buildings. The five members of O'Connor House are now living separately, but meet weekly to celebrate Eucharist, share a meal and fellowship. They invite all Basilians in the area to join them.

Joe Quinn is the local superior. He continues to act as the co-director of Marie Rose Place, a retreat facility, as Spiritual Advisor to the Windsor Central Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Ontario Regional Spirituality Committee. He is also a member of the Service Team of Contemplative Outreach of Southwestern Ontario.

Paul McGill thrives on his various Ministries: Chaplaincy out of Assumption University to the University of Windsor, assisting at Assumption Parish, serving on the Boards of Governors of Assumption University and the University of Windsor, and serving as chaplain on cruises and pilgrimages.

Franklin Mizzi continues his ministry as Marriage and Family Counselor and Bernard Pinsonneault continues his ministry on both sides of the Detroit River.

In early 2014 the O'Connor House Community sold its facilities and Paul Rennick worked with the Realtor to accomplish the sale and organize the moving and storing of furniture. After the sale, confreres needed new accommodations and Paul co-ordinated the search for them. In the fall he experienced a flare up of his arthritis and stabilizing his health became a major focus of his energy.

Associate Members

George Beaune continues to reside at the Devonshire Seniors' Residence, where he is affectionately known as the Bishop of Devonshire. He is doing well in spite of his aches and pains. He joins the community on Friday evenings for Eucharist and fellowship.

Michael Brand enjoys his retirement spending part of the year in Harrow, ON and part in Florida. When in Harrow he joins the community for its Friday evening gatherings.

John Fiore continues to live in Albertine Home in Hammond, Indiana and Arthur Hathaway resides in the Devonshire Seniors' Residence in Windsor. He spends much time at ministry at Brentwood Recovery Home. Kenneth McKernan resides at Sunrise of Windsor.

Quentin Johnson acts as a respite worker at Hospice; he continues to cover hospitals on Monday evenings. He celebrates a weekly Mass at Amica of Windsor, his residence, as well as celebrating Mass twice a week at Devonshire Seniors' Residence. He is on the Board of Governors of Assumption University and meets monthly with the Assumption College School Alumni group. He plays golf when the weather permits, he is a dedicated walker, and he enjoys visiting his relatives.

Orsini House in the Cardinal Flahiff Centre Toronto ON

Members: John Reddy, superior, Wilfrid Janisse, 1st Councillor, Kevin Kirley, 2nd Councillor, Denis April, James Carruthers, Dan Chui, Martin Dimnik, Donald Finlay, Christopher Iredale, Marvin LaBute, Gerald Lalonde, James McConica, Leo Reilly, Gordon Walker, Joseph Walsh.

Associated: Joseph Hunt, Ted Johnson, Gordon Kennedy, Leo Walsh.

Orsini House at 95 St. Joseph Street in downtown Toronto is a convenient location not only for the residents in retirement but also for guests passing through, Basilians or guests of Basilians. Wilfrid Janisse is our gracious and efficient guest master. Juan Carlos Rojas stayed with us while he took courses in English; he left January 26 to join David Zapalac in Holy Trinity parish, Angleton. Marvin LaBute came from O'Connor House, Windsor on February 1, and Dan Chui on February 24; Dan moved to Anglin House some months later. Tom Mailloux arrived from Houston February 26, but joined the Anglin House community shortly after. Martin Dimnik moved from Anglin House to Orsini House May 10. Bob Barringer, on sick leave from Colombia, spent some months with us in 2014 while he underwent kidney surgery. The residents of Orsini House join those of Anglin House every day for the celebration of the Eucharist at 10 am, and for talks on special occasions such as the First Friday days of retreat. In general, 2014 was a very good year.

Jim Carruthers continued his retreat ministry with the Sisters of St. Joseph (Toronto), Sisters of the Good Shepherd (Toronto) and the Toronto and New York State BLAs. He is a member of the boards of Assumption University and St. Michael's College School. He is on the supply list for St. Basil's Church and is called on weekly for ministry. In October, courtesy of the Air Miles of Tom Rosica and the invitation of the Salt + Light team, he attended the final days of the Synod on the Family in Rome. On that occasion, he was able to meet Pope Francis. The voyage continued to Sotto il Monte, near Milan, where he met Loris Cardinal Capovilla, former secretary to Pope John XXIII and finally to Paris. With Ken Decker, Jim is Co-Chaplain of a new community of women founded out of St. Basil's Church, The Contemplative Women of St. Anne.



Martin Dimnik has written a book entitled *Vladimir Monomakh and his Dynasty 1054-1246: Power Politics in Kievan Rus*. It should be published by PIMS before the end of 2015. Kevin Kirley updated his excellent short history of the Congregation of St. Basil 1922 – *Before and After* to cover the years 1993-2014. It will go to press in early 2015. He also gave one of the First Friday talks in Anglin House (September), "The Basilian Way of Life in our history and tradition." Gerry Lalonde continues to give lessons in "Canada and Canadiana" to Jack Hanna; Gerry pronounces Jack to be "an apt pupil for a fellow from the States."

Jim McConica continued his activities at the Pontifical Institute, including his current project on Erasmus of Rotterdam's access to and use of printed books, including those helpful in understanding early Christian antiquity, and he enjoyed an autumn holiday in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity by the University of St. Michael's College, and he published two articles:

"The Englishing of P.S. Allen" in *Erasmus and the Renaissance Republic of Letters* ed. Stephen Ryle (Brepols, 2014) pp. 51-60.

"James M. Estes and the Collected Works of Erasmus" in *Collaboration, Conflict and Continuity in the Reformation: Essays in Honour of James M. Estes on His Eightieth Birthday*, ed. Konrad Eisenbichler (Toronto, 2014) pp. 45-48.

John Reddy continues as superior of Orsini House and chaplain at St. Michaels' College School. In June he had the opportunity to preach the retreat for the Basilian Fathers of Catholic Central. The retreat centre used for the retreat was a beautiful setting in the country with a chapel which was tranquil and inviting. In July he preached the retreat for the Associates. Those few retreat days were spent at Mount Saviour Monastery, Pine City, NY. Then it was time for the General Chapter in Rochester. A few weeks in the summer were spent in Ireland with a wonderful stay in Mayo. October brought the opportunity to lead the staff retreat for Catholic Central. The theme of the retreat was "The New Evangelisation and the Teacher." John continues to help out with Sunday Mass at Providence Centre and at some local parishes in the city.

Joe Walsh celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood with four other classmates, Leo Burns, Dan Callam, Bob Duggan and Bob Holmes. Through the encouragement of Leo Burns, the class Dean, this group has had reunions every five years beginning at our 15th anniversary right up until our 50th. On December 13, 1964 Cardinal George Flahiff, CSB ordained 15 of the 16 in that year's class at St. Basil's Church. This was the last year the Basilians had such a group ordination. After this, ordinations were celebrated in the hometown of the ordained. Because this group gets together so often, it was decided to have three celebrations: on the Feast of the Presentation, November 21, 2014, another on December 13, the date itself, at 95 St. Joseph Street when families and friends were invited for a Mass, reception and dinner. Another is planned on March 21, 2015, in Angleton which Jim Gaunt will be able to attend because he finds extensive traveling difficult at this point in his life.

Gordon Kennedy, attached to Anglin House, serves parish ministry in the Diocese of Hamilton. He assists Stephen LaCroix who is pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Formosa, Sacred Heart Mission, Teeswater, and St. Ann Mission, Riversdale. He is an active member of the Formosa Lions Club and is part of the Hospitality Team ministering to Sick and Shut-ins. In addition, he contributes to activities related to the Lions Club weekly bingo and fundraising in support of guide dog training.

Joseph Hunt, attached to Orsini House, continued, another year, the 10th, his pastoral ministry in the same parish of Notre Dame de l'Immaculée Conception, Paris 18, in the Archdiocese of Paris. There was one major adventure during the year: a bout with depression. After two weeks of medical rest, and a month of extended rest, he was able to resume his regular activities at the end of the year, 2014. A major factor in his recovery were the prayers, attention, and concern of his Basilian brothers at Orsini House, the General Curia, and the joy of three visits of confrères who just happened to be in Paris at the time – *un vrai miracle!* Fathers Thomas Rosica, James Carruthers, and John Huber visited with him for which Father Hunt was very touched and wishes to express his gratitude. *Merci.*

St. Alphonsus and St. Clare Parish Edmonton AB



(St. Alphonsus church is pictured above.)

Father Bob Kasun is the pastor of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare parish; his comments follow:

Our community consists of Jack Gallagher and myself, plus two other priests in residence. One is Father Zbigniew Tyburski, a priest from the Diocese of Patterson, New Jersey, who is here on sabbatical. The other is Father Felix Roberge of the Military Ordinariate, a padre at CFB Edmonton. The Basilians and other priests reside at the rectory of St. Alphonsus church.

Jack Gallagher has kept himself busy this past year. He assumed the leadership of the RCIA team, and acquired the services of a woman well-experienced in RCIC to introduce the children's initiation program here. He introduced a marriage preparation program not only for our two parishes, but also for the deanery and even beyond. Just this fall, he launched a new association for Catholic teachers from across the Edmonton Catholic School District. These are teachers who are already committed to the Catholic faith, but who wish to be called to a deeper evangelization within the context of a supportive Christian community, and with input from people outside the group (such as from St. Joseph's College and Newman Theological College) who can help them to become catalysts for the further evangelization of their colleagues and students. This is a hopeful development for Catholic schools and is a direct outgrowth of the BNENE (Basilian Network for Education and New Evangelization).

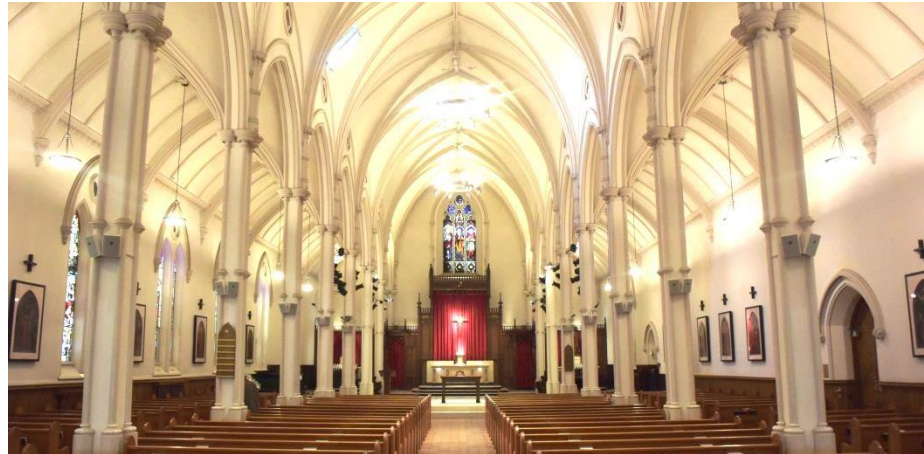
Bob Kasun has launched the "Ministry of Praise" program at St. Clare's Church. Primarily, it is aimed at seniors who may be housebound, or at least not as active as they once were. It invites them to join a ministry of prayer for the needs of the parish or of the Church or of the world. Each month, each member receives a letter with a list of prayer intentions for that particular month. The participants are acknowledged as valuable ministers of prayer in the community, and their own sense of ongoing contributing in ministry is enhanced. A new program is the youth group for kids in Grade 6 and higher in both parishes, with the help of a very popular and energetic junior-high teacher and some older youth assistants in training for future leadership. Finally, our English Language Program for temporary foreign workers is thriving (at least until the laws change again) especially since we added a program which helps students prepare for the English test they need to pass in order to remain in Canada.

Jack Gallagher continues to enjoy his daily walk and also enjoys snow shovelling, keeping the highway between Edmonton and Calgary always clear of snow. I continue to enjoy reading my British, American and Canadian novels, the Edmonton Symphony as well as trips to Stratford, Ontario, and the occasional motorcycle ride.

St. Basil's Collegiate Church at USMC Toronto ON

St. Basil's Church opened for worship in 1856 and it has remained a vital Catholic community through all these years. Father J. M. Soulerin, CSB was the first of the Basilian pastors. They included such names as Laurence Brennan, James Player, Dan Forestell, Rudy Diemer, John Ruth, Bill Coughlin, Bob Hale, Gerald Gregoire, Tom Mailloux, Wilfrid Janisse and many others. Father Chris Valka, CSB, the 30th Basilian to lead St. Basil's, is in his second year as pastor. His reflections follow:

They say the second year is always easier ... but I think that assumes that much remains the same from the previous year. As I reflect on the past 12 months, it is hard to believe all that has happened - to our ministries, to our personnel and to our building. Because of illness Father Ken Decker officially ended his term



as Associate Pastor. Gratefully, thanks to the generosity of several Basilians in the Toronto region, everyone has gotten used to a "one-priest parish." Basilians celebrate daily masses and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Basil's. At the same time, the area around the parish is growing tremendously with new parishioners moving into the neighbourhood every week.



I am also blessed with a tremendous staff and team of volunteers with more and more of them coming from the University of St. Michael's College than before. This is the fruit of a lot of outreach to the campus and refocusing of the parish identity. New ministries have been created to address new realities; most significantly this includes a revitalized marriage preparation course.

With all the activity that happens behind the scenes, it is the building that seems to get the most attention these days. One of our major projects was restoring and reframing the 1877 Stations of the Cross. (*One of the refurbished paintings is seen at the left.*) Also during 2014 we have replaced the sound and lighting systems, built a new confessional, removed all four of the old confessionals, moved the large statues of the Sacred Heart and Pieta, cleaned the outer walls in preparation for repointing, repainted and relit the parish hall, and renovated the sanctuary. God willing, there will be just as much activity this next year as we continue to adapt to the needs of our growing community.

St. Joseph's College Edmonton AB

The year 2014 brought some significant change to the community at St. Joseph's College. In early September, Don McLeod graciously accepted a temporary appoint to Assumption Church, Windsor. Before his departure, Don played a critical role in developing the College's new Identity and Mission statement. The extensive consultation process produced four pillars, which will direct the future of the College: the Catholic intellectual tradition, Catholic social teaching, welcoming sacramental community, and the integral development of the person. In addition to his work at the College and Assumption, Don remains Director of Healthy Aging and Eldercare for the Congregation and serves on the Collegium of the University of St. Michael's College.

Maurice Restivo quickly became a valued member of the local house and College community. He taught courses in Catholic education, social justice and the synoptic gospels. In his free time, Maurice perfected his pottery skills, provided a great deal of support to individuals in recovery, and made excellent meals for his confreres. At the 2014 St. Joe's Gala, Maurice's culinary skills and pottery wares became the object of desire and raised a handsome sum.

For sixteen years, Brian Inglis has served as Pastor of Our Lady of the Foothills parish in Hinton. Three hours West of Edmonton, Brian is a fixture in and around the community. He also continues to be very active in the Jasper Deanery of the Archdiocese and is a regular participant in many Archdiocesan functions, including the annual Assembly of Priests in May and the Priests' Retreat in the fall.

Terry Kersch completed his third full year as President of St. Joseph's College at the end of June. He has overseen the College's new Identity and Mission statement, opportunities for international service learning, and the development of the new women's residence, which is scheduled to open September 2015. In addition to his College responsibilities, Terry is also very active in *Retrouvaille*, serving on the international board of directors and as a program leader.

Glenn McDonald continues to serve as Chaplain of the College community, collaborating with Ms. Brittney White, the Director of Campus Ministry, on a variety of programs. In his role as Chaplain, he spends a considerable amount of time offering pastoral services. In his spare time, he is Chair of the Basilian Finance Committee, and assists the Archdiocese of Edmonton's Year of Consecrated Life committee.



St. Michael's College School – Oriole Parkway House Toronto ON

The year of grace 2014 dawned dark and cold as Toronto dug out of an ice storm. The Basilians at 5 Oriole Parkway, Andrew Leung, John Malo, and Bill May in no wise suffered, they were merely inconvenienced. The inconvenience was mitigated by family, confreres and friends who afforded them hospitality, hot water and electric light. We are all aware of our blessings!

The year rolled along very nicely indeed. A high point was the Senior Rugby Team at St. Michael's College School winning the Ontario CISAA championship with John Malo as part of their coaching staff. Another shining moment caused Andrew Leung to be very happy indeed with two of his science students medaling in the Toronto Science Fair: a seventh grade bronze and a tenth grade gold.

The rugby and science victories were particularly sweet as the Rugby Team is only about five years old and this win is the equivalent of a state championship in the USA and apparently there have been no science medal victories in recent memory. It's always 'nice' to know you're doing something right!

Bill May graced the stage in Dreamtheatre Productions' presentation of *The Fantasticks*. Dreamtheatre Productions is a St. Michael's Alumni theatre troupe which is based out of The Centre for the Arts at St. Michael's College School. The production was successful and Bill is grateful to have been part of it all.

In June we welcomed Jeff Thompson in his role as the newly appointed President of St. Michael's College School. He settled into his room and his office and is endeavoring to meet all of the students either when they enter the building or when they leave and in the halls during the school day as his busy schedule dictates.

All four of us made appearances at the Grade 7 or Grade 9 week-long Outdoor Education camps in September. Bill had the great opportunity of spending two days in January with the Grade 8 camp and vowed to make sure he had snow tires in 2015! All of us continue to be blessed through our Basilian ministries and each other, and look forward in anticipation to the next year, but not the next ice storm! Blessings to you all.



University of St. Michael's College and the Pontifical Institute Toronto ON

We are seven here in the University of St. Michael's College Basilian house: Dan Callam, Mario D'Souza, James Farge, Bill Irwin, Mike Lehman, Allan Smith and Chris Valka. For the first six months of 2014 Kevin Mannara was with us as a novice. Allan Smith is local superior, Bill Irwin and Mike Lehman, local



councillors, and Mario D'Souza house bursar. Chris Valka is pastor of St. Basil's Church and will report fully his year in the St. Basil's Church entry. We live in House 5 (Windle) and House 3 (Phelan) and continue to use the old Priests dining room in Brennan Hall, shared with faculty at noon, and the old scholastics common room where we gather for morning and evening prayer. As a house this year we hosted a Mardi Gras dinner for the Basilian community and later in the year a get-to-know-you dinner for the dons at the College. Chris Valka is the guest master. Daniel Callam, who celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of ordination this year, continued as assistant to the superior of Anglin House. On weekdays he regularly helped out at Saint Basil's and on weekends at Holy Rosary, as needed. He is still on the editorial

board of *Catholic Insight*, and also of *The Chesterton Review*. As well, he has donated time to a re-cataloguing project in the library of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies.

Mario D'Souza concluded three terms of office in 2014: as dean of the Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College; as superior of the Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College; and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Theological Schools. He continues to serve on the board of St. Michael's College School. He was on administrative leave from the 1 July 2014 to the 31 December 2014. In October 2014, he was appointed a Fellow of St. Michael's College. In 2014 he published the book, *Being in the World: A Quotable Maritain Reader*. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2014, the article, "Jacques Maritain's Philosophy of Education and the Development of an Interreligious Disposition," *Études Maritainiennes—Maritain Studies* Volume XXX (2014): 26-39, and presented three conference or seminar papers, "Education, Religious Identity, and the Common Good," Professional Development Seminars (Toronto 27 October 2014); "Equality, Difference and Our Historical Condition: The Error of Conceptualism and the Liberation of Education," Plenary Lecture, *International Seminar on Religious Education and Values* (York St. John University, York, England 1 August 2014); "Education and an Interreligious Disposition," Chair holders lecture, The Basilian Fathers Chair in Religion and Education Annual Seminar, 2014 Theme: *Education in an Inter-Religious Context* (Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, 15 April 2014). Mario holds a Research Fellowship at York St. John University, United Kingdom. He is also a Visiting Research Associate of the Institute of Education, University of London, also in the United Kingdom.

James Farge works on a volunteer basis as Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. He is secretary of the Institute's Board of Directors, is on its Finance Committee, and serves on the Manuscript Review Committee for the Institute's press. He staffed the exhibition and sale of PIMS publications at the International Conference of Medieval Studies at the University of Western Michigan held annually in May. He continues to serve on the Editorial Board of the University of Toronto's *Collected Works of Erasmus* project, and was this year elected to the Comité de lecture de la *Revue d'histoire de l'Église de France*. Most of Jim's time in the last half of the year was devoted to the final editing, setting in camera-ready format, and constructing three indexes for a two-volume book: *Religion, Reformation, and Repression in the Reign of King Francis I: Documents from the*

Parlement of Paris, 1515–1547. His publication in 2014 was a chapter entitled “Scholasticism, Humanism, and the Origins of the Collège de France” that appeared in a *Festschrift* entitled *Neo-Latin and the Humanities: Essays in Honour of Charles E. Fantazzi*, ed. Luc Deitz, Timothy Kircher, and Jonathan Reid, pp. 159–77 (Toronto: Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, 2014).

Jim’s duties as Director of the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers are supervisory. He celebrates Sunday Mass for the Anglin House community on an occasional basis and every Tuesday at St Basil's Parish, where he also sometimes serves as cantor at the Sunday 10:30 Mass. In the USMC local community he is sacristan for the chapels in Brennan Hall and Phelan House.

Bill Irwin, the old man of the house, celebrated his 82nd birthday in October. He and Allan Smith attended the Basilian General Chapter of 2014 as house delegates and, while there, he completed his term as novice master with the first profession of Kevin Mannara. He taught two courses for the Faculty of Theology, “Ancient Hebrew Poetry” in the winter term and “Old Testament Spiritualities” in the fall and is nearing completion of a brief “History of the St. Michael's Faculty of Theology,” a memoir of many events of which he was a part. He introduced Advent 2014 with a talk on “The Mysteries of Advent” to a gathering of St. Basil’s parishioners and spoke on “The Bible as God's Word” to the parish’s new RCIA class. He sometimes presides at the Anglin House Sunday Mass and at the “Canadian Daily Mass” on TV and regularly at the 5:10 PM Monday Mass at St. Basil’s.

2014-2015 finds Michael Lehman once again with the Toronto Catholic District School Board as Chaplain and involvement in Adult Faith Development with all employees of the Catholic Board. Many of his days are spent in one or more of schools where he celebrates Eucharist, Reconciliation Services, classroom discussions and staff support. Michael’s ministry takes him across the greater Toronto Area. Mike is completing 14 seasons as Chaplain to the St. Michael’s Buzzers Junior A hockey team based out of St. Michael’s College School Arena. His pep talks and prayers before each game have become a favourite with players, coaches, and support staff. With what time remains, Mike enjoys quiet evenings at home with conversation with confreres, a crossword puzzle and a Montreal Canadians hockey game.

Kevin Mannara spent the first six months of 2014 with us as a novice. He was professed in July at the General Chapter and left us to take up his appointment to the Basilian Fathers Scholasticate in Houston to complete his studies in preparation for ordination. His DMin thesis, which he had successfully defended the winter before, was accepted for publication this year and he put his considerable knowledge and experience in the liturgical side of parish work at the disposal of Chris Valka at St. Basil's and gave a presentation on the sacraments to the RCIA. Near the end of his time with us Kevin initiated and completed a project to clean all the stone crosses marking the Basilian graves at Mount Hope Cemetery in Toronto; he then organized a memorial prayer service at the grave site to honor the Basilians buried there.

Thomas Allan Smith began his eighth year as Registrar of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in July 2014. He also began his third term as local superior when he succeeded Mario D’Souza in that office. He was chosen as one of the two house delegates to the General Chapter held in Rochester in July. For the Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, he taught History of Christianity I (to 843) and Monastic Foundations. One student under his supervision successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in August. He continues to serve as director of four and co-director of two doctoral dissertations. He translated Sergius Bulgakov's treatise, “Judas: Apostle-Betrayer,” and began a study of the same; an article on Iosif of Volokolamsk has been submitted for publication.

The Basilian Fathers of Novi (Catholic Central High School) Novi MI

The confreres of the Basilian Fathers of Novi continue to serve God's people of the Archdiocese of Detroit at Detroit Cristo Rey High School, St. Catherine of Siena Academy, and Detroit Catholic Central High School. In addition to these educational ministries, a number of confreres assist in pastoral roles in various local parishes.

Dick Elmer is President Emeritus of Catholic Central and continues to assist as needed in the school's Advancement Office. Additionally, he serves as Chaplain for St. Catherine of Siena Academy (Girls' High School), is a team member to open a new Elementary/Secondary School for Special Needs Students. Dick is also on-call for weekend Masses at nearby Churches. Dick serves the local community as first councilor.

John Huber simultaneously began two positions in July: President of Catholic Central and Third Councilor on the General Council. It has been a challenge for him to balance the two responsibilities. Catholic Central is in the midst of a 10-million dollar capital campaign geared towards student safety, financial assistance to families of modest incomes, and teacher attraction and salary enhancement. John also serves as vice-chairman of the board of Detroit Cristo Rey High School, and is a weekend assistant at St. Fabian's Parish in Farmington Hills. As Councilor he carries the portfolios for Mexico, Colombia and France, and oversees those confrères on graduate studies. In November he visited the Scholasticate in Mexico City and did the official visitation for San Lorenzo Parish in Tehuacán. In December he attended the diaconate ordination of Carlos Gutiérrez in Medellín. In January he did the official visitation of the Maison Saint-Joseph in Annonay and visited with Joe Hunt in Paris. He will also do the visitation of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción in Cali in April and St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Rochester. He has also presided over the funerals of Fred Zakoor and George Kosicki.



*(Pictured at the left:
Dennis Kauffman, Rob
Moslosky, Dennis Noelke,
George Smith, John
Huber, Jim O'Neill, Bill
Riegel, Jeff Thompson)*

Dennis Noelke spent the first half of 2014 as parochial vicar at St. Kateri Parish, Rochester, and rector of the local Basilian community there. In addition to parish responsibilities, has spent about 10 hours per week as the priest chaplain at Aquinas Institute. In July, Dennis moved to Novi, MI to assume the role of Principal of Catholic Central High School. He is the 20th Principal; his uncle Bill Gibbons, CSB, was the 9th Principal of Catholic Central. Dennis feels great about being "home" and being able to serve as Principal of his alma mater. With the election of John Huber to the General Council in July, the local community needed a new Superior. Dennis was named to the position in September.



(At the left:
Catholic Central High School
and
St. Michael's College School
at the "Basil Bowl" competition,
an emerging Basilian tradition for
Catholic Central, St. Michael's and St.
Thomas.)

In addition to these responsibilities, Dennis served as a member of the Steering Committee for Chapter 2014, and continues to serve as Chair of the Board of St. Michael's College School, Toronto, and as board member of CRSIRP Insurance Ltd., Toronto, and the Cristo Rey Corporate Work Study Board, Detroit. In his spare time, Dennis enjoys going to school events and visiting with his family

Jim O'Neill continues in his roles as teacher of Biology at Catholic Central High School specializing in raising salmon in the classroom for spring release, and tapping school maple trees for sap in the spring. His students all enjoy the taste of fresh maple syrup. He also serves as the school Chaplain and Moderator of Athletics. At the house Jim is busy at maintaining the grounds, plowing snow, cutting lawns and keeping up with maintenance on the house, changing light bulbs and making minor repairs. As a summer sideline, Jim likes to vacation at the parish on Pelee Island for a couple of weeks.

Ray Paramo is still the editor-in-chief of the ***Aluminator***, the Catholic Central alumni magazine. He has joined the advancement team at school this year and is librarian at the house. With advancing age he travels more slowly but still extensively.

Bill Riegel arrived after Labor Day having completed his term as pastor of Assumption Church, Windsor, ON. While officially retired, Bill keeps an active schedule at Catholic Central and is part of the Campus Ministry Team and Guidance Department. Bill is in his second term as a member of the Catholic Central High School Board. Bill was elected by the local community to serve as second councilor.

John Wheeler, in his 6th year of retirement from teaching, continues to remain active. Part of his good health can be explained by the fact that he does a 2-hour work-out three or four times a week. At the residence, he continues to provide the confreres with beer, soda and sundry snacks. While serving as weekend assistant at St. Priscilla Church in Livonia, he also helps as needed in eight other surrounding parishes, assisting with reconciliation services, funerals, daily and weekend masses, as well as a number of hospital and nursing home visits. Last September he "got his feet wet" on two back-to-back Alaska cruises, serving as chaplain. During his annual "pilgrimage" to France he baptized the grand-daughter of Alain Charreau, longtime Physical Education teacher and bursar at the *Collège du Sacré-Coeur* in Annonay. At CC, he continues his longstanding involvement with the Alumni Glee Club, and the soccer teams. His support of the soccer program, which he helped initiate, goes back to 1979. John continues to volunteer as usher for both the Detroit Symphony and the Michigan Opera.

Dillon House Houston TX

Currently there are eight Basilians appointed to live at the Dillon House. Father Paul O'Connor is the superior. This year two Basilians from the University of St. Thomas are living in Dillon House while their new residence is being built. The reflections that follow are from Paul O'Connor.



Seated:

*Bill Frankenger,
Phil Acquaro,
Wilf Canning*

Standing:

*Pat Braden,
Jaime Blocher,
Roy Oggero,
Carl Belisch,
Paul O'Connor,
Bob Klem,
Janusz Ihnatowitz,
Bill Sheehan,
George Hosko*

I have wanted to thank Mitch Dowalgo publically for the generous and kind acceptance he offered me when he was the superior when I arrived from New York a year and a half ago. I think he offered a spirit of acceptance and generosity to the members of this house as he shared his creative and down to earth personality with Dillon House. He laughed and encouraged us to laugh. He worked to renew our community spirit in liturgy and in the dining room. And always, there is the quiet and compassionate support that is given in private moments that is not known except to those helped. We are thankful to him for his ministry.

In a recent e-mail, Jack Hanna told me that the pastoral work that that is done by the confreres here contributes greatly to keep our financial situation healthy and reduce the burden on the General Treasury. This work is the ministry that Carl Belisch, Jim Blocher, Bill Frankenger and Phil Acquaro undertake each week. George Hosko and Pat Braden from the UST community are with us as well. I cite their work in parishes and convents, with the diocesan tribunal, at the University Chapel and library and lab, in confessionals and pulpits, at weddings and funerals and wakes. They bring to the local church the chrisms of the Basilian Fathers and of our local community. I cannot fail to add a word about Janusz Ihnatowitz, a diocesan priest who has lived with the UST Basilians for many years and. We are happy to have him residing at Dillon House.

Bob Klem, our master of the revels and hospitality, the procurer of foodstuffs and goodies, shares abundantly his humor and energy. He conveys to us the joy and generosity and creativity of God and brings cheer and the wider Houston Basilian community into our house and brings us closer to each other. (He loves a good party!) We are also thankful for the gregariousness of Jim Blocher who invites his young friends to be with us allowing us to enjoy the exuberance and idealism of youth in our house.

We benefit from the quiet but the seemingly endless industry of Bill Frankenburger: in the kitchen, the mail room, the front yard waiting for the newspaper so he can set it out for the rest of us. We are warmed by his smile and guileless affection.

The truly amazing example of courage, good cheer and patience Phil Acquaro has shown us all in his long, sometimes frightening ordeal with knee and hip surgery. His humor and intelligence will not be forgotten. Nor will his work with our jack of all trades Andrés Romero on the flowers and shrubs that present us a refreshing vista outside our windows; they enrich this house which he had so much to do with building and furnishing. His sincere attention to the BLA's allows that organization to feel our appreciation and encouragement in all they do. I also recall the wonderful spirit of love, trust and humanity that Don Kuder showed us during his last days on earth. We all appreciate the great gift of his humility and generosity in allowing us to enter into his suffering that invited us to minister to him.

We have benefited from the example of Wilf Canning and his realistic attention to matters of health and his hospitality to our guests. His long experience in the social work of the church widens our understanding of the world. Now he exemplifies for us humor and determined energy in coping with aging. The humor, the erudition, the benefit of his deep knowledge of our Church in Rome and around the world that Bill Sheehan brings to us enriches us and always lifts of our spirits. He renews our pride in being Basilians. So too does the encyclopedic knowledge of Pat Braden along with his long years of experience with the Basilian educational apostolate. We benefit from his youthfulness. Pat is an active and energetic 91 years of age.

We are constantly challenged by the pronouncements of George Hosko that stimulate us to consider the complex issues of the commonweal. The same should be said of the long-time resident of the Basilian Fathers' UST home, Father Janusz Ihnatowitz who is staying temporarily. Janusz's scholarship and wit are a gift to all of us.



Bob Ritz, Art Roberts, Roy Oggero, Jim Gaunt, and Joe Roussel reside at St. Dominic's Villa so as to receive the medical supervision they need at this stage in their lives. Each of them continues to minister to the other residents at St. Dominic's, celebrating mass and administering the sacraments, giving spiritual counsel and support, and offering vivid example of patience and acceptance to those around them. Mr. Rick Walden, our new Circle of Care Coordinator, assists them in getting the attention they need from the staff and from their Basilian confreres.

These are the gifts we have in each other; these qualities facilitate our trust in God and make present the happiness and peace and strength that we look for in our communal life. Dillon House is home to a local community that is truly blest.

The Basilian Fathers of East Rochester Rochester NY

The Basilian Fathers of East Rochester Residence, serving St. John Fisher College and the Diocese of Rochester, is a retirement community that is open to all Basilians. The local community has six men who serve and minister in different capacities as health and age dictate. The community is happy to welcome members from other Basilian communities who enjoy spending some time in Rochester. The Community House is on 4½ scenic acres in Pittsford, NY. The house has a swimming pool, and an elevator and chairlift to accommodate confreres who struggle with stairs. Even in the dead of winter, plants manage to survive in the solarium. *(See the photo of the solarium above.)*



The members of the Community are as follows:

Father T. Paul Broadhurst is retired from St. John Fisher College where he served for many decades as a Professor of Theology and Religious Studies. Father is engaged in serious study of Church issues.

Father Albert Cylwicki is a member of the Campus Ministry Team and tutors in the Math Center at the College. Al serves the House as First Counselor. In addition, he keeps busy by celebrating Mass at the College, the Carmelite Monastery, the inner city House of Mercy, and different Parishes in the Diocese. Al is a member of the St. John Fisher Board of Trustees and a member of the College's Presidential Search Committee. He alternates summers between a Parish in New Jersey and one in San Diego, CA.

Father Leo Hetzler is retired from St. John Fisher College where for decades he taught in the English Department. He serves the House as Guest master and continues to host the Combat Infantry Association at the House and also hosts the Chesterton Society meetings. Leo is also involved in Prison Ministry. In the past year a documentary film was made about Father Hetzler called, "Soldier/Priest."

Father Joe Lanzalaco serves the House as Local Superior. Joe is the Director of Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher College and is Chaplain for the Carmelite Sisters. Joe is also the area coordinator for the Basilian Lay Associates.

Father Jack Lee works at various sites around the area. Jack works with the Native Americans in Canandaigua, NY and the Light House at Charlotte on Lake Ontario. Jack is an active member in different archeological societies.

Father Joseph Mitrano serves the House as the Second Counselor. Joe also volunteers his time at the Development Office at St. John Fisher College and assists in Campus Ministry when needed. Governor (Guv) is Fr. Mitrano's dog. Guv serves the House by chasing away squirrels and cats.

Father Michael Cerretto moved into the House in May of 2014 and died in August. He had many medical issues and was happy to have spent his last months close to family and friends.

St. John Fisher College was proud to host the 2014 General Chapter of the Basilian Fathers in July. Many chapter delegates remarked on the beauty of the college buildings and grounds and the extraordinary hospitality of the administration and staff. The residence, food services and meeting facilities were all very good. *(To the right is a photo of the newly elected General Council listening to input from the chapter delegates at St. John Fisher.)*



President Donald Bain spoke to the members of the Chapter and assured them that he continues to be open to hiring any Basilian qualified to work at the College. This is Dr. Bain's last year in Office and a new President will take over in July 2015.

The Basilian Fathers of East Rochester continue to Host the Basilian Lay Associates for dinner once a month. Basilians often give talks and presentations at the monthly Lay Associates meeting.



Delegates and Staff of the 2014 Basilian General Chapter

Top row (from right to left): Steven Huber, Glen MacDonald, Richard Wahl, Joe Walsh, Kevin Storey, Bob Holmes, David Sharp, Bill Irwin, Carl Belisch, T. Allen Smith, Wilfred Janisse, Matthew Durham, Alphonse de Valk, José Juárez Sandoval, Alejandro Romero

Upper middle row: Alejandro Estrada, Paul Rennick, Paul English, Mitch Dowalgo, Paul O'Connor, John Malo, Norm Tanck, David Katulski, Jack Hanna, Cynthia Watson, Jim Carruthers, Omar Garza, Joe Pilsner, Gordon Judd

Lower middle row: Morgan Rice, Kevin Mannara, Andrew Leung, Mike Buentello, Jim Stenberg, Eduardo Rivera, Ian Gutgold, Tom Rosica, John Reddy, Bob Barringer, Carlos Gutiérrez, George Smith, Tim Scott, José del Toro, Dennis Noelke

Bottom row: Jim Murphy, Joe Lanzalaco, John Huber, Robert Seguin, Óscar Gómez Soto, Francisco Amico, Vince Dulock, Paul Walsh, David Bittner, Jim O'Neil, Don McLeod

The Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces

Las Cruces NM

The Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces had a difficult year in 2014 with the passing of Michael Cerretto. In the fall of 2013, under Michael's guidance, a second house on Alta Vista Place was purchased with a view to more Basilians retiring here or visiting from the north in the winter. Michael also enlisted one of the deacon candidates who is a carpenter to turn the casita at 1682 Alta Vista Place into a small chapel. It is a very prayerful place for worship.



David Otto Klein

David Katulski

Ed Heidt

Don Hyatt

Dave Klein lives in one house at 1682 Alta Vista Place and Ed Heidt in the other at 1652 Alta Vista Place. Dave works three mornings a week at one of the local hospitals and has Sunday Mass at San Isidro parish and a monthly Mass at a nursing home. Ed helps with the anointing of the sick on First Fridays at the Cathedral and on Mondays at Saint Albert the Great Newman Center. Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramírez continues to work and help out in his retirement with various projects and retreats. Sean Garrity is pastor of Saint Francis Xavier parish in Albuquerque and attends to his aging mother. Don Hyatt does parish work in Truth or Consequences and other parishes as needed. David Sharp continues his life and ministry in Wickenburg, Arizona, taking communion to the elderly and occasionally facilitating retreats. He is recently recovering from shoulder surgery. The Basilians gathered in Las Cruces for a regional meeting in the spring of 2014 to discuss Chapter preparations.



Most Rev. Ricardo Ramírez, CSB, Bishop Emeritus of Las Cruces

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church / Cameron House Angleton / Rosharon TX

Members: David J. Zapalac, CSB (Pastor) and Juan Carlos Rojas Ramos CSB (Parochial Vicar)

Associated Member: Robert J. Matzinger, CSB

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church/Cameron House experienced both joy and sorrow in 2014. The joyful news came at the end of January, when **Father Juan Carlos Rojas Ramos** arrived from Toronto, Ontario after finishing his studies there in English and obtaining a visa to work in the United States.

The sorrowful news came in March when **Father Charles Lynch** ended his service at Most Holy Trinity due to health reasons. At that time he was admitted to St. Dominic Village where he was visited by many Basilians and parishioners. Sadly, his health continued to deteriorate and he passed away on July 14' 2014. His funeral service was held at **St. Anne's Catholic Church** in Houston with Bishop George A. Sheltz presiding and **Father Jamie Abercrombie** delivering the homily. **Father Lynch** was laid to rest in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church continues to serve the Catholic Community of Angleton (it is the only Catholic parish in Angleton) and has 1,434 registered families. It is the fourth church to serve the Roman Catholics of Angleton. In November of 1931 Sacred Heart Church was dedicated. Prior to that, Catholics met in private homes and halls. Sacred Heart church proved to be short-lived as the structure was destroyed in a 1932 storm. In 1944 the Basilians came to Angleton and ministry began in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. In 1959, the cornerstone for the new St. Basil's Church was laid. Both the Hispanic and the Anglo communities were served by Basilians at two churches. In 2000, the church of the Most Holy Trinity was dedicated and a new era was begun when the two communities merged.



Father Juan Carlos Rojas Ramos serves the Spanish speaking community as well as celebrating the Mass in English. He serves the Spanish Legion of Mary organization at our parish and makes calls and visits to our parishioners. He also helps out our neighboring parishes from time to time by celebrating Masses and hearing confessions in Spanish. He enrolled in English classes at a local community college. Everyone at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church was excited by his arrival and they are glad to have a young priest who is fluent in Spanish.

Fr. David J. Zapalac serves as pastor at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Angleton and as dean of the Southern Deanery of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He is also a member of the Basilian Human Development Grants Committee.

Father Robert J. Matzinger is a member associated with Cameron House who lives and serves as a priest in residence at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Houston, Texas.

St. Anne Parish Houston TX

Al Sinasac: As Rector and Pastor, Al continues to steer the ship of St. Anne's Parish with calm assurance and pastoral care. This year he has been expressing his gratitude for the services of many parish groups by inviting them to the rectory for socials that have been well received. Under Al's leadership the number of parishioners, both English and Hispanic, continues to increase. He's invited other confreres from St. Thomas High School and St. Thomas University to help with the many parish Masses and other liturgical celebrations. Al commissioned Sylvia Salinas, a BLA and a St. Anne's Pastoral Associate, to paint the inspiring Icon of St. Anne, Mary and Jesus for the residence chapel (*a picture of the Icon appears to the right*). Most of the parish Masses are full to capacity, necessitating the expansion of parking spaces. Al continues to work out in the gym and ride his bike on sunny days.

Jay Walsh: Jay is fully recovered from his hip replacement earlier in the year. He's resumed a full schedule as Parochial Vicar and is looking forward to celebrating his fiftieth anniversary as a Basilian Priest next December. His ministries include serving with the RCIA Program, the Vocation Committee, the Altar Society and visiting the classes in St. Anne's School. Golfing & Fishing continue to be his favorite hobbies. One of the popular items at the annual Parish Gala Auction to raise funds for school scholarships is to go fishing with Father Jay and to receive casting lessons from him. Last year, two of these salt water trips raised a total of \$7,000. This year, Jay will move the outing to a fresh water private Bass Lake where, he's claiming, "There are so many bass, you have to hide behind a tree to bait your hook!"

René Espejel: René continues to serve the Hispanic congregation, which includes over forty percent of the community, with strong and well organized service. The people love the fact the he's one of their own. His parishioners come to St. Anne's from many parts of Houston and include natives of many Hispanic Countries, including Mexico, Venezuela, Guatemala, Colombia, Argentina and Cuba. Rene leads the people in celebrating their various liturgical customs and traditions. He keeps in shape with vigorous walks every morning throughout River Oaks as long as the weather permits.



St. Basil's Novitiate Sugar Land TX

The Novitiate year started out two weeks earlier than in previous years because of the conflict of academic schedules. When the Novices are professed on August 15, as in former years, the University of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Seminary will have already started and the newly professed will already have missed orientation and some days of class, not to mention that they have no time after Novitiate to visit their families or to have a break. Thus we began our pre-Novitiate retreat on July 27, 2014 and officially received the Novices into the Novitiate on July 31. Therefore they will make their vows on Aug. 1, 2015, thus giving them time to relax, visit their families and be on time for the start of Pre-Theology or Theology as the case may be. Father Tom Rosica, CSB gave the Novices their pre-Novitiate retreat.



Father Vincent Dulock, CSB is the Novice Director and is aided by Father Bob Duggan, CSB as associate Novice Director. Bob also does some work in a local parish, St. Angela Merici, during the week and on weekends. Vince does Sunday work all over the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on the weekends.

The Novices are Omar Daniel Garza from Corpus Christi, Texas and Eduardo Rivera from Houston. Omar was born in 1985 and thus is presently 29 years old. He did his undergraduate university studies at Texas A&M and was in the Corps. Later on he joined the Diocese of Corpus Christi and did his philosophy at the university of Dallas and one year of theology at St. Mary's Seminary. He worked with special needs children and worked and lived in a homeless shelter. Then he joined the Basilian Fathers and did some ministry helping Father Mike Buentello, CSB with campus ministry at the University of St. Thomas in Houston after which he came to

the Novitiate. Eduardo was born in 1992 and is presently 22 years old. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas in Houston and did tutoring and ministry at St. Thomas High School before coming to the Novitiate.

The novices are doing well. We have had some very good Inter-community Novitiate presentations with other novices from Texas, one a weeklong session with Sister Lynn Levo of the St. Luke Institute in Washington, DC on Psychosexual development. We have this workshop each year and it is always excellent. Another workshop was on Communication and Conflict Resolution, another one on the "Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis, and in January a workshop on prayer forms. We will have two more

presentations, one on environmental concerns and the Gospel, and the other a workshop on The Vows and American Culture by Father Donald Nesti, CSsP. All of these presentations are in San Antonio, Texas at Our Lady of the Lake University convent.

The novices are also taking a course at UST by Father Nesti on Spirituality and American Culture. He is the director of the Master's degree program at UST called Faith and Culture. We also have Dr. Kathleen Weber, PhD come in twice a week to teach the New Testament to the Novices. She is wonderful. Father Bob Duggan teaches two courses on Mondays on The Catechism and Catholicism. Father Vince teaches on-going courses on spirituality and prayer as well as the Enneagram and faith sharing. He also teaches *The Basilian Way of Life* the *Basilian Customs* and later on he will give talks on the vows.

We have pizza and watch inspirational movies on Friday nights. We have a short discussion after the films. We meditate twice a day, 30 minutes in the morning and 20 at night before night prayer. We do all the Liturgy of the Hours in common except for Readings.

The Novices have Tuesday and Thursdays afternoons off and go to LifeTime Fitness, a gym not far from the Novitiate. On Sundays they go to one of the parishes in the archdiocese for Sunday Eucharist. They are making the rounds of all the parishes to see how liturgy is done in different places. The Novices also participate in a program at the Dominican Sisters Mother House called "Roots of Christian Mysticism" with meditators both lay and religious from all over the archdiocese. It takes place once a month from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon on Saturdays.

In the summer, before taking vows, the novices and Father Vince will go to Sarita, Texas, where there is a contemplative retreat house at the old Kennedy ranch for some days of quiet meditation before taking first vows. Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, CSB has been asked to preach the pre-profession retreat at the end of July and has accepted.

St. Joseph Mission Center Sugar Land TX

Father John Bosco, CSB serves as Director of the St. Joseph Center; he is assisted by Ms. Verónica Vela and Mr. Al Ewer. The principle work of St. Joseph Center continues to be the support of the Basilian Fathers working in Colombia and Mexico and their varied apostolic activities. As always, we are deeply appreciative of those Basilians who have contributed time and effort to help us in preaching the appeals at the sixty-five (65) parishes to which we were assigned: Tim Scott, Vince Dulock, Bob Duggan, Dave Bittner, Dan Porter, Jess Owens, Jim Stenberg, John Reddy, Paul Walsh and Warren Schmidt. Frank Amico and Bob Seguin used part of their vacation time to do the same.



The Mission Center is located in one of the oldest sections of Sugar Land; it is not too far from the old Imperial Sugar factory. This property served for many years as a central headquarters and residence for Basilians working among the Hispanics in south Texas. The old Basilian Residence is currently serving as the North American Novitiate for the Basilian Fathers.

Associated with the Mission Center

Father Jamie Abercrombie, CSB assists at Holy Rosary Parish in Rosenberg, TX. On weekends, Jamie celebrate two Masses in Beasley, TX at St. Wenceslaus, the mission church of Holy Rosary, Rosenberg where he is in residence at the rectory. He also usually has a Sunday Mass at Holy Rosary. He presides at a few weekday Masses at Holy Rosary, leads an occasional funeral liturgy and visits the sick at hospitals and the elderly at nursing homes. Having served the Hispanic community at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Rosenberg for 17 years going back to 1974, Jamie still communicates with and visits some of the Guadalupe parishioners. A long needed new church is being constructed for the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe and will be dedicated on April 11, 2015. Jamie says that it will be magnificent.

Father Tom Sepulveda, CSB is Pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in the Rio Grande Valley in south Texas. He writes: After three years of ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish, the bishop moved the Associate Pastor, Father Marcos Reynoso. In his place, Father Juan Manuel Salazar was appointed the new Associate in early August. Father Juan Manuel is a native of the Brownsville Diocese, is 38 years old and was ordained to the priesthood approximately a year ago. He served ten years in the United States Marine Corp, stationed in Bosnia, Croatia and at various U.S. diplomatic installations in several Latin American countries. While still on active duty, Father discerned his vocation to the priesthood with a Marine Corps chaplain who was a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit (what a small world – that is where Tom is originally from). The most positive aspect of Immaculate Conception parish life is that attendance at the six weekend Liturgies is becoming noticeably larger. This is most likely due to the ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) Retreats which are ubiquitous in the parishes of the Diocese of Brownsville. This retreat program, as well as the installation of over 150 new pews in the church, have occupied much of our time.

Basilian Fathers of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Rochester NY

The local Basilian community hosted a couple of vocation evenings at our home. We said goodbye to Dennis Noelke after two years at Saint Kateri. We welcomed the Basilian Lay Associates for regular meetings and hosted the local confrères and Lay Associates for the annual Rochester Area Labor Day picnic. We continue to share the cooking duties each evening, with occasional meals in restaurants, and to participate each Monday afternoon in faith sharing using the following week's First Reading and Gospel. The members of the house gather with priests from diocesan parishes in our region for supper each Saturday evening. We enjoy good relations with the religious of the diocese as well as with our new bishop, +Salvatore R. Matano, who was installed as the Ninth Bishop of Rochester in January.



Paul English, Dennis Noelke, Joe Trovato, Warren Schmidt, Morgan Rice

Dennis P. Noelke, Rector, 2012 – June 2014

Dennis spent the first six months of 2014 as parochial vicar at St. Kateri as well as the Rector of the local community. Much of his focus was on liturgical matters and working with the parish's Liturgy Committee. He also spent 8 to 10 hours a week as the Priest-Chaplain at Aquinas Institute. In late June Dennis moved to Novi, MI to assume the position of Principal of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Paul F. English, Pastor of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Rector, July 2014,

Paul completed his term on the Basilian General Council in July, rounding out his last months with Council and committee meetings, finishing up visitations and participating in the 2014 General Chapter. Paul shares a busy and full life at the apostolate of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, comprised of nearly 5,000 households. The Basilians share the huge task of unifying and pastoring this new parish (formerly five) and a Catholic grammar school (Pre-k 3 through 6). In January, Paul represented the ordained religious at the Installation of Bishop Salvatore Matano at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. He preached a

Rochester Hispanic parish Lenten mission in the summer and often presides at Spanish Masses in the diocese. He was elected a representative of religious priests to the Rochester Diocesan Presbyteral Council.

Each Friday he visits his mother in a nursing home in Syracuse. Recreation in the warmer months includes golf, and in the winter months, bowling. He was able to squeeze in a Retreat and vacation time!

Morgan V. Rice

Morgan became a first-time uncle (March 19) his nephew is Finley Morgan Rice, he celebrated 40th birthday (June) and went on first Cursillo Weekend (July)

He was part of the Chapter Preparatory Committee and served as the Chapter Steering Committee Chair. (July) He was elected 4th Councilor at Chapter. He was also a member of Basilian Human Development Grant committee. Morgan celebrated 5-year anniversary of priesthood (November), attended National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) Convocation in Chicago (November) and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men's New Leaders Workshop in Washington, D.C. (November) At Saint Kateri Parish, Morgan regular visits to Saint Kateri School, conducted altar server trainings, prepared faith formation talks, continued work with Evangelization pillar and Social Ministry Committee and participated in the Irondequoit Ministerial Association.

In the Diocese of Rochester, Morgan continued membership with the Muslim-Catholic Alliance and celebrated Masses for the local Pax Christi group.

Warren R. Schmidt

Warren was ordained to the priesthood on May 10, 2014 in at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park, AB and served as a member of the Basilian Finance Committee

At Saint Kateri Parish, Warren paid frequent visits to St. Kateri School to greet and pray with our children, teachers, staff, and parents, did altar-server training and regular parish presentations (faith formation, Coffee and Catholicism, Ladies' Guild), led an after-school French Club once per week at St. Kateri School and participated in the Irondequoit Ministerial Association

In the Diocese of Rochester, he presides at Mass regularly at the House of Mercy, a shelter for homeless people and occasionally presides at Mass, celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and serves as a retreat speaker in Spanish at neighboring St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, which includes a large Spanish-speaking community.

Joseph A. Trovato

Joe is the hardest-working Senior Priest in the Diocese of Rochester. He enjoys pastoral ministry and participates in the celebration of the Eucharist and preaching, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, with frequent Baptisms and hospital and home visits. His wisdom and good advice are a wonderful asset in our local community and parish. One "perk" of being a senior priest is not having to go to meetings. Joe continues to set a fine example as a prayerful religious. Joe is faithful to his health regimen, taking frequent walks, maintaining his diet and balancing work with rest. He is a Knight of Columbus and plays regularly in the summer golf league.

Basilian Fathers at St. Thomas High School Houston TX

Members: Robert Glass (Superior), Patrick Fulton, Albert Gaelens, James Murphy, Ronald Schwenzer, Kevin Storey and Mitch Dowalgo, who joined us in September and moved on after Christmas. Les Schaefer is in residence at St. Dominic's Center for health care.

The St. Thomas High School community had 6 Basilians in residence during the past year and 4 Basilian Associates assigned to our residence until June 2014. They were Omar Garza, Alex Petric, Eduardo Rivera & Will Trumble. Eduardo and Omar are currently in the Novitiate in Sugarland, TX. The school enrollment at St. Thomas in August totaled 776 students with tuition at \$14,500 and about 30 percent receiving some tuition assistance that is raised through a number of fund raising activities during the year. This year new records for funds raised were our Annual Round-Up Car Raffle & Bazaar in March and our annual Auction in October.



One of the biggest events in the 114 year history of St. Thomas High School is the purchase of the City's Public School property on the north side of our Campus for \$55 Million dollars. Kevin Storey and many alumni worked hard for a full year to raise the money needed and the official signing of the purchase papers was on December 15, 2014. It will be at least 2 years before STHS gets the full use of the property.

Robert Glass was appointed Superior in September 2010 and reappointed in 2013. Bob taught Modern World History to sophomores during the 2013 -2014 school year, but due to some medical problems, he was not available for any teaching activities during the 2014 Fall Semester. However, he has become the Assistant Dean of Students. He still serves as Chaplain to the Mothers Club and Tom's Moms. He is on the Board of Directors for the school and offers the Friday morning Mass at school. He also attends the Annual Fall meeting of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher and this year was made a Knight Commander.

Patrick Fulton is the Principal of St. Thomas High School and serves as the 2nd Councilor of our local community and offers the morning school Mass on Wednesdays. Patrick is a member of the Board of Directors at the Regis School and also on the Board of Duchesne Academy. Patrick is the chairperson of the Basilian High School Committee; he served as well on the 2014 Chapter Preparatory Committee.

Albert Gaelens is retired from school activities but still distributes the daily mail and keeps track of deceased St. Thomas Alumni and their relatives. He coordinates the Basilian assignments for parish Mass requests on Sundays at Incarnate Word Convent and All Saints as well as Incarnate Word Convent and the Cenacle Sisters on weekdays. He is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesdays for the students during their lunch periods.

James Murphy, 1st councilor for our house community, is very much involved in various activities during the year. He teaches 10th grade Theology and works in Campus Ministry for various school retreats and offers the morning school Mass on Thursdays. As an assistant Drama Director, Jim helped stage two plays during the year, ***Much Ado About Nothing*** and ***You Can't Take It With You***. Jim also helps the Athletic Department as Chaplain and is the announcer at various sporting events. Jim represented St. Thomas at the 2014 General Chapter. Another highlight of his year was singing "O Canada" at the Blue Jays – Astros baseball game at Minute Maid Park. *(See the photo at the right)*



Ronald Schwenzer is retired from ordinary school activities. In January 2014 George Smith asked Ron to head the project of building a new Basilian residence on the current site of the Basilian residence on the University of St. Thomas campus. One wing will be the new home of the Basilian House of Studies (Scholasticate) and the other wing will be the home of the Basilian Fathers connected with UST. Ron celebrates Mass on Mondays in the school chapel and helps regularly with parish ministry at St. Anne's. He continues to trim the bushes on the school campus and looks after the backyard of our residence. He oversees the kitchen and does the grocery shopping for the house.



Kevin Storey is the President of St. Thomas High School and spent almost all of the year fundraising for the campaign to buy the adjacent school property. The campaign was called ***4500 Forever*** to allow the school to remain at its central location of 4500 Memorial Drive. STHS raised over \$52 million, highlighted by a gifts of \$10 million and \$6 million. The school officially purchased the property on December 15, 2014 and is temporarily leasing the property back to the Houston Independent School District.

(The new property is outlined in the photo at the left.)

Other highlights for Kevin in 2014 were leading a pilgrimage with Bob Glass to Israel and being chaplain on the first Mother-Son Retreat at St. Thomas. Kevin also serves on the Board of Directors of Incarnate Word Academy, a sister school of St. Thomas. Kevin was re-elected to serve on the General Council at the General Chapter in July and holds the portfolios of High Schools, Vocations and Formation.

The Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Thomas Houston TX

The Basilians of the University of St. Thomas community are living in various locations while a new residence is constructed. Michael Buentello is the superior; Ted Baenziger, Pat Braden, George Hosko and Joseph Pilsner made up the local community in 2014. Living with them is Janusz Ihnatowicz, a diocesan priest from Poland who was on the faculty of UST for many years.

Donohue Hall, home to the Basilian community almost since the beginning of the University of St. Thomas was demolished in late 2014 to make way for a new building that will house the Basilians whose ministry is at UST as well as a wing to house Basilian scholastics who will be studying at UST or at St. Mary's Seminary. The priests and the men in formation will share the central dining room and the chapel.



In an interview with the Texas Catholic Herald, Mike Buentello, local superior and Director of Campus Ministry, commented: "The new residence will fit in with our campus. "The priests and scholastics will be under one roof. The Basilian presence on campus will increase in a way that will spiritually benefit the campus and be a blessing to all. With this new building, the Basilian Fathers are making a firm commitment to UST's future. We founded and established the University of St. Thomas, and we're here for the long term."

Basilian Fathers Scholasticate Houston, TX

Members: David Bittner (*Director of Scholastics*), Steven Huber, Kevin Mannara, Richard Wahl

Community Life

The community life in the Scholasticate revolves around common prayer (Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer), daily Mass (including an official Community Mass once each week), common meals, house duties, and formal house meetings. Since the academic schedule of the scholastics varies throughout the year, we have to adjust our house schedule at least once each semester. The adjustments we made to the house schedule in January, 2014 also had to take into account the different house dynamic that resulted from Oak Chooklin's departure from the community in late December, 2013. In any case, the scholastics continued to meet once a week with the associates living at St. Thomas High School for prayer, dinner, and faith sharing.

Our local community was saddened in April, 2014 by Hoc Nguyen's decision to leave the community. We are grateful for the prayers and support of the confreres and lay associates which helped us manage this transition.



The House Retreat took place at the Cenacle Retreat House in Houston June 9-13. Mitch Dowalgo, CSB was our retreat preacher. His presentations centered on the Easter Triduum, and how they help us to process the realities of tension, fear, suffering, death, new life, hope, and celebration in our lives of Christians and as religious. At our discussions each evening, we were able to look at our experiences of the past year through the lens of the Pascal Mystery.

In early July, the Scholasticate moved to Rochester, NY for the General Chapter, since all members of the house were involved in the Chapter -- Richard Wahl and Steven Huber as Chapter delegates, and Dave Bittner as one of the Moderators of

Chapter. Thus, the whole house was able to witness Kevin Mannara's first Profession of Vows, and welcome him to our local community. *(Steven and Kevin are seen above.)*

Once we all returned from Rochester and from summer holidays, we once again adjusted our house schedule, this time to accommodate two different work schedules (Richard's work schedule at the Tribunal and Dave's class schedule at UST) and two different class schedules at the School of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary: Steven's schedule as a First Year Theology student and Kevin's schedule as a Visiting Scholar. Though our dining room is quite small, we decided to be more intentional about inviting friends and confrères to dinner. Over the semester, we were happy to welcome Bob Glass, Tim Scott, Joe Pilsner, Eduardo Rivera, Omar Garza, and Oak Chooklin among others to our table.

A number of occasions during the Fall Semester saw us participate as a local community in activities hosted by other groups. On October 30, we all went to St. Mary's Seminary to hear John Allen speak. On November 19 we went to St. Thomas High School for Mass, social, and dinner celebrating the Feast of the Presentation. We joined the confrères at Dillon House for Thanksgiving dinner (November 27).

Two important community activities took place at the Scholasticate in December. Saturday, December 20 was our Advent Day of Recollection. We spent the morning in a prayerful reflection on George Smith's Advent letter (*An Advent Silence Pregnant With Hope*). The following day we celebrated our pre-Christmas party. We began with Evening Prayer in our Chapel in 1132 Colquitt, and then proceeded to our Community Room and Dining Room in 1124 Colquitt for social and dinner. We were happy to welcome Bob Duggan, Omar Garza, and Eduardo Rivera from the Sugar Land Novitiate and Sister Veronica and Sister Damian Marie from the FSE convent here on campus as our special guests for the occasion.

Dave Bittner, the Director of Scholastics, served as Chair of the Chapter Preparatory Committee during the first half of 2014 and then served as one of the Moderators of the Chapter. He began to work in the Theology Department at the University of St. Thomas in mid-August, teaching one section of the undergraduate introductory course on Sacred Scripture. In addition to his teaching duties, he continues his ministry at the UST Chapel of St. Basil and St. Anne's Church as needed. He also gave a vocations talk at Christ the Redeemer parish in November, and preached mission appeals in southwestern Missouri, Rochester, and Houston during the summer and fall.



David was able to make scuba diving trips in 2014: to Hawaii, Grand Cayman, and a one-week Live-Aboard dive trip aboard the *Belize Aggressor III* in October. He was one of four divers on the Belize trip to complete all twenty-five of the possible dives, thus earning the "Iron Diver" award on the last evening of the trip

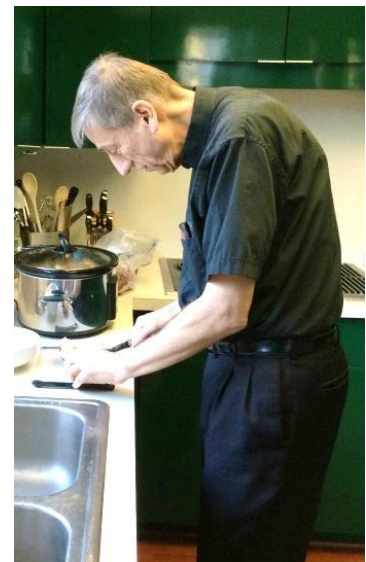
(The Director of Scholastics appears to the left.)

Steven Huber completed his Philosophy studies at the University of St. Thomas in May, and began the Masters of Divinity program at St. Mary's Seminary in August. He continues to be involved with the Life Teen Music Ensemble at St. Anne's, the choir at the Chapel of St. Basil, and the Galveston-Houston Archdiocesan Choir. In November, the Archdiocesan Choir presented their annual concert, featuring selections from Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Vespers*, and Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*.

Kevin Mannara, after completing his novitiate year under the direction of his novice master, Father Bill Irwin, CSB, professed first vows on July 9, 2014 at Saint John Fisher College, Rochester. Kevin found this especially meaningful because it was at the opening of our General Chapter. He was surrounded by many confreres as well as several family members and close friends. In August, after some family time, Kevin arrived at the Scholasticate in Houston and began classes at Saint Mary's Seminary. He also worked on adapting the final thesis project of his Doctor of Ministry degree from Catholic Theological Union into a book that is being published by Liturgy Training Publications. It will be a resource for merging parishes that are faced with closing church buildings.

Richard Wahl, the Assistant Director of Scholastics and House Bursar, continues as Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocesan Tribunal. His pastoral ministry includes weekly sacramental ministry at St. Basil Chapel at the University of St Thomas, Holy Cross Chapel and the Incarnate Word Sisters; and other requests. He teaches Introduction to Canon Law at the School of Theology at St. Mary Seminary. Richard underwent open heart surgery on November 13. He spent about a week in the hospital, and then continued his recuperation at home. His positive attitude and his patience with the slow but steady pace of his recovery were very excellent models for all of us in how to deal with the cross of ill health that often enters our lives as Christians and religious. He has recovered well and walks as exercise.

(Rich takes his turn as chef in the photo at the right.)



Los Padres Basilianos en México

Durante este año 2014 los Basilianos en México hemos recibido numerosas bendiciones. Desde los momentos comunitarios hasta el mismo trabajo en la parroquia de San Lorenzo han sido un llamado constante a perseverar en los caminos de Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Tanto en Tehuacán como en Tlalpan (México DF) la comunidad ha continuado y perseverado en una vida de oración, estudio y trabajo. A continuación hay un breve panorama de lo que ha sido este año.

During this past year of 2014, the Basilians in Mexico have received many blessings. From the moments spent in community to the ministry in our parish we follow the call to follow in the footsteps of our Lord. In Tehuacán as well as in Tlalpan (Mexico City) the Congregation has continued in the life of prayer, study and work. The following is a brief overview of what has happened this year.



El 2 de Enero celebramos con singular alegría el día de San Basilio con Nuestra Madre la Virgen de Guadalupe en la Basílica. Contamos con la presencia de todos los sacerdotes Basilianos y en especial de los jóvenes en formación, quienes nos acompañaron en este grato día. El año transcurrió con una gran rapidez. Este año se decidió que la Semana Santa se viviera por parte de los jóvenes en formación en la parroquia de San Lorenzo. Se hicieron tres equipos para coordinar los días santos. Gracias a esta decisión se tuvo una celebración activa de toda la comunidad de San Lorenzo gracias a la distribución de los feligreses en sus respectivas capillas.

On January 2 we celebrated with great happiness the feast of St. Basil with our mother, the Virgen de Guadalupe, in her Basilica. We gathered all the Basilian priests as well as the young men in formation to celebrate this great day. After that, the life went by at a hectic pace. This year it was decided that Holy Week would be celebrated by all the men in formation in the parish of San Lorenzo. Three teams-groups were formed to coordinate the Holy Days and the activities in the various chapels. Thanks to this plan there was a celebration by all of the members of the communities in San Lorenzo, thanks to the fact that the faithful could go to one of the chapels in the parish for the celebrations.

De igual manera se vivió la Pascua con un retiro de ministros donde participaron los miembros de la comunidad. A lo largo del año se han tenido retiros a nivel diócesis de Tehuacán tanto en instituciones educativas como para padres de familia, catequistas y la juventud. La apertura de un espacio juvenil para las estudiantinas en San Lorenzo representó un medio más profundo de unir la labor catequética de los jóvenes y a la vez la promoción y acompañamiento de dichos grupos.



In the same way the Easter Season came alive with a retreat for the ministers and the members of the community. All during the year there have been retreats on the diocesan level in institutions as well as for parents, catechist and the young people. The opening of an area for the youth groups of San

Lorenzo is a way of strengthening the catechetical ministry with the young men and women as well as promoting and supporting the youth groups.

A su vez se han tenido actividades con matrimonios y asociaciones laicas que se dedican para encontrar de manera más profunda a Dios. Los retiros de Emaús para hombres y mujeres, los retiros de Retrouvaille, las conferencias de diversos ponentes entre psicólogos, educadores, misioneros y asociaciones civiles han supuesto un gran avance y aportación Basiliana dentro de la misma Diócesis de Tehuacán, con lo cual se busca continuamente el guiar a todos los cristianos al encuentro del Resucitado. No podemos olvidar que se han iniciado varios proyectos que llenan de fe y esperanza a la comunidad Basiliana en un esfuerzo por realizar un bien comunitario tanto educativa como materialmente.

At the same time there have been activities with married couples and lay groups that are seeking a deeper union with the Lord. The Emmaus Retreats for women and for men, the Retrouvaille Retreats, the workshops and conferences given by psychologists, educators, missionaries and civic groups have counted on real support of the Basilians in the Diocese of Tehuacán; it is another way to try to guide every single Christian towards union with the Resurrected Lord. Also this year various projects have been begun that have filled the Basilian community with faith and hope; the Christian community has been helped educationally and materially.



Dentro de los esfuerzos para realizar dicha labor se encuentra la fundación de la revista “El Tesoro de la Iglesia”, en la cual el editor y presidente P. Roberto Rojas Peña CSB junto con los hermanos de la comunidad local. Dentro de la revista son manejadas secciones como reflexiones de la palabra, temas de actualidad, tendencias de la sociedad y temas de desarrollo humano. La comunidad sigue brindando un servicio social importante dentro del Centro Comunitario San Basilio, el cual beca a jóvenes para que continúen con sus estudios, ayuda con un dispensario médico, da asesorías legales, consultas psicológicas, confesiones, direcciones espirituales, y talleres a los diversos ministros.

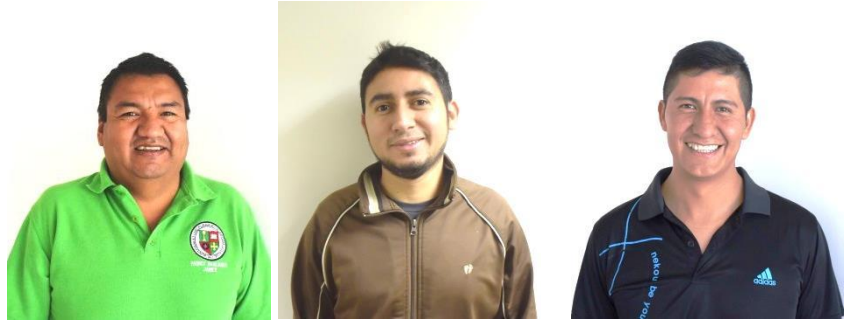
One of the projects to bring about these improvements has been the founding of a magazine “The Church’s Treasure.” Father Roberto Rojas is the editor and president of the magazine. He has the support of the local Basilian community. In the magazine are sections of reflections on the Word, current events, trends in society and articles on human development. Also the Basilians continue to offer very important social services in the St. Basil Community Center: students are given scholarships so that they will continue their studies, there are medical services, legal assistance, psychological counseling, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spiritual direction, and workshops for ministers.

En San Lorenzo nos enfrentamos con el reto de la construcción del templo de San Lorenzo. Esto ha supuesto un gran esfuerzo del hermano párroco P. Beto y de los miembros de la comunidad así como asociaciones civiles y donadores de buena voluntad. Los hermanos P. Bernard “Jess” Owens CSB y P. Daniel Porter CSB auxilian directamente como vicarios en la casa curato. No obstante sentimos que el llamado es a construir el templo “en forma”. Dios nos brinde la fuerza y el ánimo de terminarlo.

With the parish ministry, Father Jess Owens, CSB and Father Dan Porter, CSB help directly as assistant pastors. We need a space for worship and we are faced with the challenge of constructing the new San Lorenzo church building. This has been a major responsibility of the pastor, Padre Beto CSB and the members of the parish community as well as local civic associations and good-willed donors. We all feel that it is God’s will that we complete the construction of this church building. May God give us the strength to complete this work.

En cuanto al trabajo vocacional hemos tenido la gracia de continuar el seguimiento del llamado dentro de la comunidad Basiliana a Javier de la Rosa y a Arturo Jerónimo Cisneros. Ambos han recorrido un largo camino con nosotros desde el año pasado y han colaborado en las distintas actividades de la comunidad. Se decidió que entraran al noviciado el 24 de julio, 2014, junto con Óscar Carbajal, asociado proveniente de la comunidad de Estados Unidos. El Maestro de Novicios, P. Paul Walsh CSB, y el Asistente Director, P. Alberto Ferrara CSB, junto con P. Thomas Duggan CSB y los novicios forman actualmente el noviciado en Tehuacán.

In the area of vocations, Javier de la Rosa and Arturo Jerónimo Cisneros have continued following the call of the Lord to the Basilian way of life. These two have come a long way with the Basilians and have collaborated in the various community activities. It was



decided that they would enter the novitiate on July 24, 2014 along with Óscar Carbajal, an associate coming from the community in the United States. The Master of Novices, Paul Walsh, CSB and the Assistant Director, Alberto Ferrara, CSB, along with Tom Dugan, CSB and the three novices form the novitiate community in Tehuacán. (Above: Javier de la Rosa, Óscar Carbajal García, Arturo Jerónimo Cisneros. The place of Óscar Carbajal's novitiate was transferred to Toronto, ON in January of 2015)

En la comunidad del Escolasticado se encuentran viviendo los hermanos P. Alejandro Romero CSB (superior regional), los escolásticos Alejandro Estrada y José Alberto Juárez, así como el hermano Antonio Ibáñez que se integró al programa de asociados y, al igual que Alberto y Alejandro se encuentra realizando sus estudios en Filosofía por parte de la Universidad Intercontinental en la Ciudad de México. En la vida dentro de la casa escolasticado se ha formado el compromiso de auxiliar al trabajo en la parroquia de San Lorenzo.

In the scholastic community in Mexico City (Tlalpan) are living Alejandro Romero, CSB (the regional superior), the scholastics Alejandro Estrada, CSB and José Alberto Juárez, CSB. An associate, Antonio Ibáñez lives in the community as well; he along with Alejandro and Alberto are studying philosophy at the Universidad Intercontinental in the DF. The scholastics are committed to help with the ministry in the parish of San Lorenzo.

Asimismo tenemos la fortuna de contar con espacios de encuentros juveniles Basilianos. Este año tuvimos dos encuentros; uno en la casa Noviciado (Tehuacán) y otro en la casa Escolasticado (Tlalpan). Ambos encuentros tuvieron la afluencia de hombres jóvenes y fervorosos que desean conocer más de cerca a la comunidad Basiliana. Hay planes de continuar dicho seguimiento de manera formal, sin embargo dejemos que la Voluntad de Dios se haga presente y que su Espíritu nos ilumine.



This year, we have also had the pleasure of celebrating two Basilian youth gatherings. One was at the novitiate house (Tehuacán) and the other was at the Scholasticate (Tlalpan). Enthusiastic and fervent young men who want to know the Basilian community came to both of the events. There are plans to continue these workshops in a more structured way but we will always allow God's will to be done and his Spirit to enlighten us.



*La construcción de un nuevo templo es algo importante para la Parroquia de San Lorenzo Teotipilco. No es simplemente un edificio de cemento y metal; es un hogar para el Pueblo de Dios donde pueda dar digna alabanza a Dios. El antiguo templo (abajo) es una joya de la arquitectura colonial pero la crecida congregación de los fieles no cabe adentro. Los Basilianos siguen con las misas diarias en el antiguo templo pero las misas dominicales y de días festivos tienen lugar en el inacabado templo nuevo (arriba) con una carpa para techo. El editor de los **Anales** les invita a individuos o comunidades locales que quisieran colaborar en terminar la construcción del techo a enviar su donativo a: **Basilian Missions-Templo San Lorenzo, PO Box 708, Sugar Land TX, 77487.***



The construction of a new parish church is something that is essential for the parish of San Lorenzo Teotipilco. It is not just a structure of metal and cement; it is a home for the People of God where they can give worthy praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The old church (*at the left*) is a jewel of colonial architecture but is cannot hold the growing congregation of the faithful. The Basilians continue with daily masses in the old church but the Sunday masses are held in the unfinished new church (*above*) with a tarpaulin used as a roof. The editor of the ***Annals*** invites individuals or local communities who might wish to assist with the construction of the church to send your donations to: **Basilian Missions-San Lorenzo Church, PO Box 708, Sugar Land TX, 77487.**

Los Padres Basilianos en Colombia

LA PARROQUIA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCION EL INSTITUTO NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCION Cali, Valle



The parish and the school of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción in Cali, Colombia together form one community. The Basilians minister in the parish and administer the school. The community is also home to the “candidates” – those young men who for the first time will experience community living and prepare for further studies while discerning mutually whether to continue on as postulants in Bogota. During 2014 seven candidates lived, studied and worked with the professed Basilians in Cali.

La parroquia y la escuela de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en Cali forman una sola comunidad. Los Basilianos tienen un ministerio en la parroquia y también en la escuela. La comunidad también es un centro para los “candidatos” – estos jóvenes que viven en comunidad y preparan para más estudios mientras están discerniendo su vocación como Basilianos. Durante 2014 siete candidatos vivieron, estudiaron y trabajaron con los Basilianos profesores en Cali.

The parish is composed of five barrios or neighborhoods with a main church and two chapels. A soup kitchen administered by the Sisters of Mercy, offers a hot meal at noontime to many elderly persons, children and the poor in general. The Sisters of Mercy also help with sacramental education in the parish. The *Casa de Cristo de la Paz*, administered by Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity, houses 80 elderly and infirm who have no family care. The Basilian Sisters offer courses to women to help them find employment, offer biblical workshops and help with the sacramental preparation of children. Besides the regular celebration of the Eucharist, there is constant activity in the parish. In the month of November, we hosted the National Ecumenical Peace Conference with the presence of over 200 participants from all over Colombia.

La parroquia consiste de cinco barrios con la iglesia central y dos capillas. Una cocina, administrada por las Hermanas de la Misericordia ofrece una comida al mediodía a los ancianos y los pobres. Estas hermanas también ayudan con la catequesis en la parroquia. La Casa de Cristo de la Paz, servido por las Misioneras de la Caridad de la Madre Teresa, da albergue a unos 80 ancianos que no tienen nadie que los cuide. Las Hermanas Basilianas ofrecen cursos para las mujeres para que puedan buscar empleo. También ofrecen talleres sobre la biblia y



ayudan con la catequesis. Además de las celebraciones eucarísticas hay constante actividad en la parroquia. En el mes de Noviembre, patrocinamos La conferencia ecuménica de la paz con más de 200 participantes de todas partes de Colombia.

During the weekend of 21 November, Fathers **George Smith** and **Jack Hanna** joined the Basilians in Colombia for the final profession of Carlos Andrés Gutierrez in Cali. We also shared in the high school graduation ceremony. It was a joyful experience of community that will be remembered.

*Durante el fin de semana del 21 de noviembre, los padres **George Smith** y **Jack Hanna** estuvieron con los Basilianos en Colombia para la profesión final de Carlos Andrés Gutiérrez en Cali. Compartimos también la graduación en el colegio. Fue una bella experiencia para todos.*

The *Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción* is well known in Cali and in Colombia. The school accepts only very low income families and insists on the participation of the entire family in a Catholic culture environment. In a tri-state area, the Institute placed second in the SABER exams (comparable to the SAT tests in the USA). Volunteers from both Canada and the States have helped to enrich the life of INSA. **Frank Lotrario**, a music teacher from New Jersey, has organized a first class instrumental musical program. **Don** and **Nora Conover** from Michigan help to produce our INSA bulletin and **Mary Ann Holguin** from Texas is always available for any task. We are grateful to the former Basilians for providing financial assistance to students and to the Congregation in general.

*El Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción tiene buena fama en Cali y en Colombia. La escuela acepta solamente estudiantes de pocos recursos financieros e insiste en que la familia entera participe en programas de la parroquia y la escuela. En la región de Cali, el Instituto salió en segundo lugar en el examen SABER; un resultado extraordinario. Hay voluntarios de Canadá y de los EE.UU. que apoyan los proyectos del Instituto. **Frank Lotrario**, un maestro de música de New Jersey ha organizado un excelente programa de música. **Don y Nora Conover** de Michigan ayudan a producir el boletín de INSA y **Mary Ann Holguin** de Texas ayuda en varios proyectos. Les agradecemos a la Asociación de ex-Basilianos que ayudan al Instituto y al Consejo General que también apoyan el Instituto.*

Father **Rafael Lopera** is the *Director* of the school and Father **Francisco Amico** is the *Rector*. **Wilson Tovar**, now a novice, worked in the school this year as Supervisor in the Language Lab and **Camilo Diaz**, a scholastic, was a teacher of Christian life. These four Basilians together with five candidates formed the local community. We were pleased that **José Diego Duque**, a former teacher, is now a novice in Santa Marta. We were blessed with the visit of Father **Tim Scott**. We are most happy to welcome Basilians to our house and we are grateful for visits.

*El padre **Rafael Lopera** es Director del Colegio y el padre **Francisco Amico** es el Rector. **Wilson Tovar**, actualmente un novicio Basiliano, trabajó en el Colegio como supervisor del laboratorio de lenguas. Estos cuatro Basilians juntos con cinco candidatos formaron la comunidad local. El padre **Tim Scott** nos hizo una grata visita; siempre tenemos las puertas abiertas para recibir a los hermanos Basilianos que nos visiten.*

LA PARROQUIA DE SAN BASILIO

Medellín, Antioquia

La comunidad local Basiliana de la parroquia San Basilio está conformada por dos sacerdotes, seis escolásticos y tres hermanas religiosas de la comunidad Hermanas Misioneras de Jesús. La parroquia atiende una población conformada aproximadamente por 13 mil habitantes. Es una parroquia popular. En el año se preparan alrededor de 120 niños para la primera comunión, 100 jóvenes para la confirmación; celebramos alrededor de 240 bautizos y 6 matrimonios.

The Basilian community in St. Basil's Parish is made up of two priests, six scholastics and three religious sisters from the Missionary Sisters of Jesus. There are about 13 thousand inhabitants in the parish boundaries. It is a working class parish. In a year 120 children are prepared for first communion and 100 young people for Confirmation. There are about 240 Baptisms and 6 weddings.

*(See a photo of St. Basil's Parish at the right.)
(Vea una foto de la parroquia de San Basilio a la derecha.)*

Siguiendo los principios pastorales de la Arquidiócesis de Medellín, toda la comunidad basiliana está comprometida en el trabajo pastoral. Siguen la espiritualidad de San Basilio de responder a las necesidades de los pobres; gracias a la contribución de la Congragación Basiliana tenemos un comedor parroquial que da sin costo almuerzo a 200 niños escolares y 45 ancianos, taller de artesanías compuesto por 15 jóvenes, centro médico que atiende más de 2000 consultas anuales, y una sala de sistemas para los escolares.



Following the pastoral principles of the Archdiocese of Medellín, Basilians are dedicated to pastoral work. The spirituality of St. Basil is put into practice with attention to the poor; thanks to the contribution of the Congregation of St. Basil we have a parish dining room that gives free lunches to 200 students and 45 elderly persons.

Sabiendo que no es sólo la responsabilidad de la iglesia de atender el sufrimiento humano, en alianza con los programas del estado tenemos un taller de confecciones que capacita alrededor de 120 mujeres anualmente para el empleo; con la Universidad Luis Amigo se presta el servicio Jurídico, con la alcaldía programas para los niños y jóvenes, con la solidaridad del banco de alimentos se entregan 30 mercados mensuales a las familia más pobres.

Realizing that taking care of the poor is the responsibility of everyone, we have a workshop that prepares 120 women a year for employment; with a local university we offer legal services, with the city

government we offer programs for children and young people and with the cooperation of a food bank we give food to those who are the poorest of the poor.



El 14 de Junio celebramos la fiesta patronal de nuestra parroquia San Basilio con dos semanas de misión como preparación apoyados por los postulantes basilianos quienes vinieron de Bogotá. Durante 2014, tuvimos la dicha hasta el mes de octubre de contar nuevamente con la presencia del padre Roberto Seguin como Maestro de Escolásticos y Vicario Parroquial. El día 27 de diciembre fuimos bendecidos con la ordenación diaconal de nuestro hermano Carlos Andrés Gutiérrez Zapata. La Navidad transcurrió con mucha alegría con la presencia de más de 800 niños en las novenas los cuales recibieron su regalo el día 24 de Diciembre. Tenemos como meta que la comunidad local y la parroquia sean el centro de nuestra vida comunitaria ya que nuestra vida diaria está basada en la forma de Vida Basiliana.

The 14 of June we celebrate the patronal feast of our parish with two weeks of mission as a preparation for the feast. The Basilian postulants come from Bogotá to help out. In 2014 Robert Seguin was here as the Director of Scholastics and Parochial Vicar. On December 27 we celebrated the diaconal ordination of Carlos Andrés Gutiérrez Zapata (see the photo at the left) Christmas was a happy time with over 800 children taking part in the Novenas. We want our parish to be the center of the life of the people who live in the parish; our daily life is based on the Basilian Way of Life.

POSTULANTADO BASILIANO **Casa Annonay – Bogotá**

El año 2014 fue el segundo año del postulantedo Basiliano. En este año Wilson Tovar vivió una experiencia en Cali, y en Bogotá continuaban, Luis Alberto Giraldo, Andrés Valencia, Anderson Usuga, and Edilson Belisario Gómez. En el mes de Junio se unieron



al grupo, German Delgado Gutiérrez y Sergio Isaza Gil, quienes venían de la etapa de la Candidatura en Cali. También llegaron Diego Duque y Arley Camelo Ciro, quienes habían pedido tiempo para tomar una decisión en su proceso. Además de ello, se encontraba el Padre Óscar Fernando Gómez Soto, CSB

como Maestro de Postulantes y Superior de la casa junto con el Hno. Carlos Gutiérrez, CSB como asistente del postulantedo, quien al tiempo terminaba sus estudios teológicos.

2014 was the second year of the Basilian Postulancy. Wilson Tovar spent 2014 in Cali while Luis Alberto Giraldo, Andrés Valencia, Anderson Usuga, Edilson Belisario Gómez remained in Bogotá. In June Germán Delgado Gutiérrez and Sergio Isaza Gil arrived from the time of being Candidates in Cali. Father Óscar Fernando Gómez Soto was there as superior of the House with Carlos Gutiérrez, CSB as his assistant; at the same time he was finishing his theological studies.

Durante 2014 año nuestra presencia basiliiana giró en torno a acercar más a las personas que acompañábamos, a Jesús vivo, resucitado y liberador. Para lograr esto desarrollamos algunas dimensiones que son: comunitaria, pastoral, académica y espiritual. En lo comunitario, compartimos las oraciones todos los días unidas a la Eucaristía. También es de vital importancia las comidas juntas como el segundo “altar de la casa” donde compartimos la vida. Así mismo, dos días a la semana teníamos noche de recreo común, para jugar juntos o ver un video, o salir a teatro o simplemente a caminar juntos.

During 2014 we try to grow closer to the persons whom we accompany and closer to Jesus. We developed four areas of focus: community, pastoral, academic and spiritual. Regarding the community activities, we pray together every day and celebrate the Eucharist. Also the meals we eat together are important around the table which is the “altar of our home” where we share our lives. Two days a week we have recreation together to play or see a video or go to the theater or just go for a walk together.

En lo pastoral, apoyamos las Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Egipto y San Marcos en la catequesis pre-sacramental todos los sábados en la tarde. Durante los tiempos fuertes de Adviento y Cuaresma, tenemos oración al estilo Taizé los viernes. Unido a ello acompañamos las Pequeñas Comunidades; ellas continúan caminando y dando fruto debido al acompañamiento de los Padres Basilianos.

In terms of pastoral ministry, we help out in parishes with catechesis every Saturday afternoon. During the seasons of Advent and Lent we have Taizé style prayer on Fridays. We also visit with the small communities; they keep on making progress, accompanied by the Basilian Fathers.

Lo académico, foco central de la Casa del Postulantedo Basiliano en Bogotá, se vivió intensamente. Los postulantes continuaron con los estudios filosóficos, cada uno en su respectivo nivel. Todos lograron buenos resultados. Andrés Valencia terminó el ciclo Filosófico y el Hno. Carlos Gutiérrez, CSB terminó los estudios en Teología en la Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana.

Academics are the focus of the Casa Annonay in Bogotá. The postulants continued with their philosophy studies, each at his level. Everyone achieved good results. Andrés Valencia finished his Philosophy courses and Carlos Gutiérrez, CSB finished his Theology studies in the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana.

En lo espiritual vivimos las oraciones diarias de Laudes, Visita al Santísimo antes del almuerzo, Vísperas y Completas. Tres veces a la semana acompañábamos el ancianato de las Hijas de la Providencia con la eucaristía, los otros días celebrábamos la eucaristía en casa. Vivimos juntos retiros espirituales en preparación a la Semana Santa y la Navidad; también celebramos nuestra Fiesta Patronal con una vigilia de adoración al Santísimo toda la noche. Cada miembro de la Comunidad tiene un director Espiritual con el cual se reúne periódicamente buscando discernir juntos la voluntad de Dios y profundizar su amor a Jesús y su deseo de vivir la Vida Comunitaria Basiliiana.

The focus of our spiritual life was gathering to pray Lauds, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament before lunch, Vespers and Compline. Three times a week we celebrated Eucharist with the Daughters of Providence; the other days we celebrated the Eucharist at home. We shared retreats in preparation for Holy Week and Christmas; we also celebrated our patronal feast with a vigil of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night long. All the members of the local community have a Spiritual Director with whom each scholastic meets, trying to discern the will of God and deepen his love of Jesus and his desire to live Basilian community life.

El P. Óscar Gómez, CSB continúa en la Comisión de la Conferencia Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Religiosos de Nuevas Generaciones; también apoyó la comisión de Formadores en la CRC (Conferencia de Religiosos de Colombia) y continúa como promotor vocacional nacional. Al finalizar el año 2014, siete jóvenes postulantes ingresaron al Noviciado Basiliano en Santa Marta, Magdalena. (El año del noviciado comenzó el 2 de enero, 2015.)

Father Óscar Gómez, CSB continues his work with the Latin American and Caribbean Conference of Religious; he also works with the Formator of the CRC (Conference of Religious of Colombia) and works as National Promoter of Vocations. At the end of 2014, seven postulants entered the Basilian Novitiate in Santa Marta, Magdalena. (The Novitiate officially began on January 2, 2015.)



Novicios Basilianos:

Luis Suárez,
Diego Duque,
Edilson Gómez,
Sergio Gil,
Anderson Usuga,
Wilson Tovar,
Andrés Valencia

Padres Basilianos:

Frank Amico,
Bob Seguin,
Óscar Gómez

Basilian Lay Associates Houston Area

We began 2014 with St. Basil Day Mass and reception at St. Anne's and welcomed three new Lay Associates who made their first commitments, and five Come and See candidates. We were saddened to lose our beloved Father Don Kuder, CSB Ordained Coordinator who suffered with mesothelioma and was granted peace and eternal rest on March 1, 2014. Miles Woodward, an 18-year BLA, died on February 19. On November 2, Roy Mendoza, Lay Coordinator, was granted eternal rest. We miss these three friends and all that they did with and for the entire Basilian community. Father Phil Acquaro, CSB was appointed Ordained Coordinator in the spring and underwent a hip and knee replacement. He experienced a setback and has been in rehab and hopes to return to Dillon House in January.

When the Basilians at the University of St. Thomas needed help moving out of their home last summer, they called on Mary Murphy. BLAs Donna and Robert Stokes, Linda Howard, and Mary Dusing, helped pack, "weed out", and clean up the residence and residential Chapel along with a dedicated Basilian friend, Jo Ann Edmundson.

We enjoyed attending the St. Thomas High School Memorial Day picnic and UST Labor Day dinner, spending time visiting Basilians whom we do not see often enough. The Basilians at Dillon House extended an open invitation to BLAs to join them on Tuesdays for Mass at 4:15 followed by dinner. David Fowler was appointed Acting Lay Coordinator on November 9, and with assistance from Father Al Sinasac, facilitated nominations for Lay Coordinator for the Houston Area. Mary Dusing and Mary Wingfield were nominated and Mary Dusing was appointed on December 22.



The highlight of our monthly meetings is to "Meet a Basilian". We visit Basilians at St. Dominic Village (a senior care community), and Robert Stokes (BLA) spends time helping with rehab; others often prepare a Sunday meal for Dillon House. The BLAs in Angleton meet monthly to share food, fellowship, and prayer with Fathers David Zapalac, CSB and Juan Carlos Rojas, CSB.

At the request of Father Paul Walsh, CSB, in early December, Janet Giannoni and David Fowler hosted Angela Crippa, an Italian volunteer at the San Lorenzo Basilian parish in Tehuacán, Mexico. While in Houston (fulfilling a visa requirement) she enjoyed the BLA hospitality of Louis Frey, Judy and Don McCullough, Frank Rynd, and Jessie Sloan.

We had a beautiful Christmas celebration, thanks to Peggy Dwyer who graciously stepped up and planned the party with the help of Kim Salls. She organized volunteers to help prepare the meal, bring appetizers, desserts, set tables, decorate, and clean up. Matt McCue, Assistant Director of Music at St.

Anne, provided entertainment. To perpetuate their annual tradition, Linda and John Howard purchased and decorated a live Christmas tree for the Dillon House fathers. When the Boy Scouts came caroling, BLAs were on hand to serve hot chocolate and cookies. God gave us a good year in 2014.

Basilian Lay Associates Rochester Area

Diane and Jim Anderson, Marcia Bovenzi and Pam Knauf completed the Come and See Program, made requests to become Lay Associates, were accepted and made their initial commitments as Lay Associates on November 20. There were 15 Lay Associates and 3 new persons in the Come and See Program at the end of 2014. The Lay Associates and Come and See Inquirers greatly appreciated the Basilian Fathers of East Rochester inviting them to Evening Prayer or Mass, social hour and dinner on the fourth Thursday of January and February, and October this year.



Front Row – Marcia Bovenzi, Grace Ansini, Pam Knauf

Seated – RoseAnn Rosica, Father Leo Hetzler, CSB, Tom Grout, Kathy Finsterwalder

Standing – Cathy Poirier, Diane Anderson, Jim Anderson, Terry Dusseault, Christine Grout, Eric Decker, Helen Lopuchowycz, Monica Penner, Vilma Goetting, Larry Ansini

Absent – Suzanne Grout, Marie Stahlecker

The Basilian Fathers of East Rochester hosted a celebration of the founding of the Congregation on Thursday, November 20, the Feast of the Presentation of Mary for the Rochester Basilian community. The new Lay Associates made their initial commitments during the Mass of this celebration. Cathy Poirier renewed her one year commitment. Father Tom Rosica, CSB, gave a Day of Reflection to the lay associates and Come and See inquirers on Saturday, March 8. His topic was “The Joy of the Gospel” and Pope Francis. The Lay Associates and Come and See Inquirers were invited to the Rochester Basilian Annual Spring Meeting. The topic was the 2014 Congregational Chapter. All were included in a social hour and dinner after the meeting.

The high point of the summer this year was the Basilian General Chapter meetings in July. The Rochester Lay Associates provided rides from the airport to St. John Fisher College campus for delegates as requested. Denise Callaghan and Connie Paré were the only Lay Associates from outside of the Rochester Area who attended part of the Chapter. Some of the Lay Associates in the Rochester Area observed many of the sessions and participated in the liturgies. Also, we ate lunch and dinner with the delegates as our schedules permitted. We had the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances with many of the delegates. Tom Grout spoke near the end of the Chapter closing

session thanking the Superior General, his Council and the delegates for their hospitality and inclusion of the Lay Associates.

The Fall season began with an organizational meeting for the school year on September 11. The Lay Associate meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from September through May. In November, the video "When I Think of Annonay" was shown. Seven Lay Associates from the Rochester Area attended the annual Lay Associate Retreat held at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on November 14 through 16. In December, the Lay Associates invited all the ordained Basilians in Rochester to join them for our annual Christmas party at a local restaurant. A good meal and good conversation were shared.

Basilian Lay Associates Toronto Area

The Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates had another successful year. We embrace our beloved Basilian Fathers and we look forward to another year of prayer and gratitude in 2015. We will continue to have our monthly gatherings on the first Tuesday of each month. Gatherings will begin with a Mass followed by community prayer, our guest speaker and finally a small discussion. We are very grateful to Father Joseph Walsh, our Ordained Coordinator, and all Basilian Fathers who came to our monthly gatherings and served as guest speakers and Mass celebrants. We enjoyed their many interesting lectures that helped us grow and deepen our faith. A special thanks to Basilian Fathers Chis Valka, David Katulski, Daniel Chui, Leo Reilly and Vincent Thompson.

In 2014 we had the joy of welcoming seven new members join, including one who relocated from Windsor as well as a rejoining past member. We also had three members in our Come and See program. This makes us a total of 24 BLAs. 2014 was also a sorrowful year with the BLA attending several funerals of the Basilians who died in Toronto. We pray that they rest in the peace of Christ.

On June 14, The BLA hosted An Afternoon Tea for all Basilian Fathers to celebrate St. Basil's Day. We want to thank all the Fathers who celebrated with us on that special day. We look forward to celebrating St Basil's Day again on June 13, 2015. Basilian Fathers from all houses are invited. It's a great time for fellowship and Basilian Community.

Last May, Father Tim Scott, CSB was our speaker, celebrant and homilist for our Annual Recollection Day at 95 St. Joseph Street. Everyone involved enjoyed his informative and profound lecture on Scriptures. The Toronto BLAs visited Henry Carr Farm in July. We experienced a wonderful reception by the Fathers there. We enjoyed their stories, their tour and lunch.

Our commitment and recommitment to The BLA programme was at St. Basils Church at the 5:00 PM Mass on October 25. Fr. Chris Valka, CSB and Fr. Joe Walsh, CSB concelebrated the Mass. Afterwards, the BLA and Fathers had dinner together. New BLAs were most appreciative.

Father James Carruthers, CSB was our Retreat Leader from November 14 to 16 at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Niagara Falls.

It was wonderful to have so many Windsor and Rochester BLAs joining us. We had a profound experience of community. Thanks go to Father Carruthers for the insightful, spiritual and thought provoking presentations. It was a wonderful time together.



(See the photo of the Mount Carmel Centre Retreat group above.)

On November 21st, the whole Basilian community celebrated the Feast of Presentation at 95 St Joseph Street. This was a very special event for the four Basilian Fathers from Toronto who concelebrated a Mass in honour of their 50th Anniversary of service and dedication; the social hour and dinner followed. On December 20th, some BLA joined the community of St Basil's Parish for the annual Christmas Carolling for the Basilian Fathers at Anglin House.

Basilian Lay Associates Windsor Area

The Basilian Lay Associates in the Windsor Region are alive and well. This past year has been bittersweet with many changes in our area. We were sad to see the closing of O'Connor House. We were especially sad to have to say "so long" to some of the Basilians who left Windsor. We miss Father Marvin LaBute who left Windsor to take up residency in Toronto. In January and February we were fortunate to have Father Daniel Chui with us during our monthly meetings. His quiet manner and peaceful smile added spirituality and light to our meetings. Sadly, Father Dan's cancer returned and he had to go back to Toronto for medical treatment. His death has left a void that will remain for a long time.

In February the BLA started Evening Prayer in Rosary Chapel before the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday Evenings. We extended the invitation to the Parish. We always prayed for the Basilian Fathers and Assumption Parish. We continued this practice until the end of June, 2014. We were very fortunate to have Father Bill Riegel as our Basilian Coordinator. His insight and knowledge of Scripture and religion in general provided a deep learning experience for our group. In January we started the New Year discussing Pope Francis' book, *The Joy of the Gospel*. Father Bill purchased books for all the BLA so we could reflect on this beautiful work.

We were deeply saddened by the death of Father Bud Paré on March 25, 2014. His funeral was attended by all the BLA from Windsor. We formed an honour guard on either side of his coffin as he left Assumption Parish for the last time. The Mass celebrating Father Bud's life was a beautiful testament to the person he was.

On August 15th we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption beginning with a Rosary Procession around the University of Windsor. The procession was led by Father Bill Riegel. When we returned to the church for the Celebration of the Mass the church was packed. Later, we found out that Assumption church was closing. We also discovered that Father Bill would be leaving the Parish. In September, we welcomed Father Don McLeod as the Administrator at Assumption Parish.

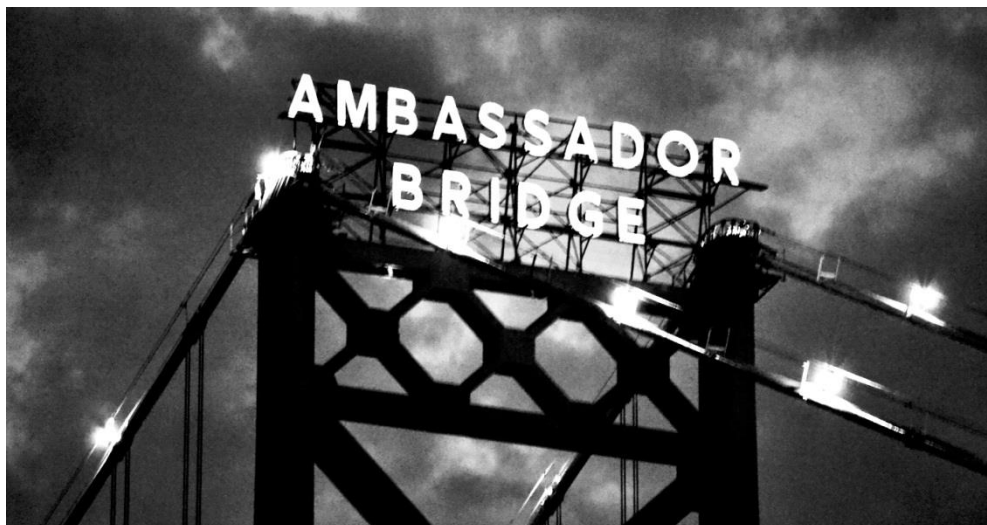


(Left to right: Anne Marie Handsor, Father Paul McGill CSB Andy Matos, Father Don McLeod CSB, Ricardo Portillo, Patricia Marino and Rosario Portillo.)

In September we had the extraordinary opportunity to visit Hospice. Father Matthew Durham arranged for a tour of the facility for the BLA. It is an amazing place and some of the lay associates will be volunteering at Hospice. Father Matt has a challenging ministry; patients in Hospice have been comforted by Father Matt and his staff.

In October Father Q. Johnson was the Facilitator for a Twilight Retreat for those of us who were making our recommitments. It was a time of reflection and discernment for our group. On November 22nd, five of us made our recommitments with Father Don McLeod and Father Paul McGill at the 5 p.m. Mass. In December we were blessed with a new Basilian Coordinator, Father Paul McGill. On December 18th we celebrated with our new Coordinator with a potluck dinner at Assumption-McEwan Campus.

Although we have had many trials in 2014, we have also had many blessings. The Windsor BLA is committed to prayer, support and service to the Basilian Community and to Assumption Parish – wherever Assumption Parish happens to be located in the future. The BLA in Windsor are here to stay.



Richard Anthony Ranalletti, CSB

September 3, 1944 – February 14, 2014

Father Richard Ranalletti was born on September 3, 1944, in Rochester, New York, the son of Philip Anthony Ranalletti and Florence Madelyn Marthage. He attended Corpus Christi Elementary School and then Aquinas Institute, both in Rochester, NY. In 1966 he received the degree of B.A. in Mathematics and Education from St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY. He entered St. Basil's Novitiate at Erindale, Mississauga, Ontario, in September 1966 and made his first profession on September 8, 1967. He began theological studies in Toronto, receiving the Master of Divinity degree in 1972. Rich was ordained to the priesthood in the Church of the Annunciation, Rochester, on May 26, 1973



Following some years of ministry at Aquinas Institute and Detroit Catholic Central, Rich was appointed to Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, California in 1985. He was named Principal in 1991. When he concluded his term at O'Dowd in 2000, Rich was named Principal and later President of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

In 2012, he was asked by the General Council to take on the job of Secretary / Treasurer General. Ill health gradually slowed him down and finally he was diagnosed with a cancer on his heart. He returned to Detroit for medical attention and very soon went to Angela Hospice where he received loving care until his death. His confrères from Catholic Central reported that he was full of the Holy Spirit and at peace right up until the end.

Rich had many interests and talents. He had a fine singing voice and he loved good music. Also Rich was an avid stamp collector and took pride in his carefully assembled collection. In addition, Rich truly enjoyed travelling by rail across the U.S.A. Likewise, Rich loved animals and while he was at Bishop O'Dowd High School he enjoyed spending time with Bodie, the community dog.

As a Basilian, Rich had the following appointments in the Congregation:

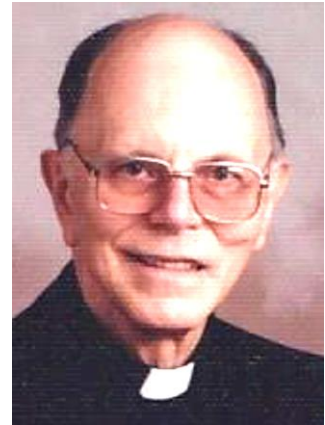
St. Basil's Erindale Novitiate (Mississauga ON)	1966 - 1967
Aquinas Institute (Rochester NY)	1967 - 1969
St. Basil's College (Toronto ON)	1969 - 1970
Basilian Huron St. Residence (Toronto ON)	1970 - 1970
St. Basil's College (Toronto ON)	1970 - 1972
Aquinas Institute (Rochester NY)	1972 - 1982
Catholic Central High School (Detroit MI)	1982 - 1985
Bishop O'Dowd High School (Oakland CA)	1985 - 2000
Catholic Central High School (Detroit MI)	2000 - 2012
Curial House (Toronto ON)	2012 - 2013
Catholic Central High School (Detroit MI)	2013 - 2014

On Tuesday, February 25, the Wake Service for Father Richard Ranalletti, CSB was celebrated in the chapel of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi, MI. Father Jeff Thompson CSB presided and Father Rob Moslosky, CSB delivered the eulogy. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. James Church in Novi on Wednesday, February 26. Father George T. Smith, CSB presided and Father John B. Huber, CSB, Principal of Detroit Catholic Central High School, gave the homily. Father Jeff Thompson, CSB conducted the graveside ceremonies.

Joseph Thomas Rolland Janisse, CSB

March 7, 1921 – February 15, 2014

Joseph Thomas Rolland Janisse was born in Detroit, Michigan, the son of the late George Janisse and the late Louise Marie Genest. The family moved to Windsor in 1925, where Rolland attended St. Alphonsus and St. Edmund elementary schools (1926-1932), Assumption High School, (1932 – 1936) and then Assumption College, completing two years. Rolland studied at the University of Toronto for two years, living at Newman Club and St. Michael's College. Feeling called to the Basilian community, he entered St. Basil's Novitiate and was professed in 1942. After returning to Assumption College, and obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1944, "Rolly", as he became known in the community, taught at Catholic Central. He completed three years of theology, while also working at the Basilian Press. He was ordained in 1949.



Rolly's first appointment as a priest was to the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (PIMS), while he completed his final year of theology, and worked the PIMS publications as well as for the Basilian Press. Later he was appointed Bursar and Instructor of Homiletics at St. Basil's Seminary where he spent two years, while he continued to work for PIMS and Basilian Press publications.

Rolly was next appointed Chaplain to the Canadian Armed Forces. Following this, he studied Pastoral Counseling and then returned to St. Basil's Seminary; he also worked in pastoral counseling in the Toronto area. He was then appointed pastor of Assumption Church in Windsor and he founded the Pastoral Institute of Essex County, a study program for clergy. Rolly moved from Windsor to Orsini House in Toronto to be with his brother, John Janisse, who was living in Anglin House. Later Rolly himself moved to Anglin House for nursing care.

As a Basilian, Rolly had the following appointments:

St. Basil's Novitiate (Toronto)	1941 - 1942
Assumption University (Windsor)	1942 - 1944
Catholic Central High School (Detroit)	1944 - 1946
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto)	1946 - 1949
Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (Toronto)	1949 - 1954
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto)	1954 - 1956
Canadian Armed Forces (Ontario)	1956 - 1960
Loyola University of Chicago (Chicago)	1960 - 1961
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto)	1961 - 1962
Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Parish (Windsor)	1962 - 1965
La Pointe House of Studies (Windsor)	1965 - 1968
Diocese of London (London ON)	1968 - 1984
O'Connor House (Windsor)	1984 - 1986
Basilian Fathers of London ON	1986 - 1988
O'Connor House (Windsor)	1988 - 2002
Orsini House (Toronto)	2002 - 2007
Anglin House (Toronto)	2007 - 2014

A private Wake Service was celebrated in the Anglin House Chapel on Tuesday afternoon, February 18. On Wednesday morning, February 19, the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre in Toronto. Father David Katulski, CSB, Vicar General of the Basilian Fathers presided. Father Joseph Walsh, CSB presided at the graveside ceremonies.

Donald Edmund Kuder, CSB

April 9, 1934 – March 1, 2014

Donald Edmund Kuder was born on April 9, 1934, in Rochester, NY. His parents were Edmund Charles Kuder and Mary Schwalback. Don attended Holy Apostles parochial school (1940 – 1948) and Aquinas Institute (1948 - 1952). In 1952 Don entered the Basilian Novitiate in Rochester where he made his first vows on August 15, 1953. He obtained his B.S. degree in Biology from Assumption College (later Assumption University) in Windsor in 1957. In the fall of that year, Don began teaching as a scholastic at his *alma mater*, the Aquinas Institute (Biology, Chemistry, General Science and Religion). During this time at Aquinas he obtained a M.A. in Education from the University of Rochester. On December 15, 1963, Don was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by Archbishop Philip Pocock. Don's first Mass was in Holy Apostles Church in Rochester NY; Father Vincent Eckert, CSB, preached the homily.



Don was a very effective high school teacher, he was Director of Novices in Detroit and in Sugar Land, he was a devoted Campus Minister at the University of St. Thomas in Houston and, finally, he served as chaplain at the Texas Medical Center. Father Gordon Judd, CSB, pointed out: "These various phases of his life may seem very different, but, like so much of our personal history, they are all connected."

As a Basilian, Don had the following appointments:

Basilian Novitiate (Rochester, NY)	1952 - 1953
St Basil's Seminary (Toronto)	1953 - 1954
Assumption College (Windsor)	1954 - 1957
The Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1957 - 1960
St Basil's Seminary (Toronto)	1960 - 1964
The Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1964 - 1981
St. Basil's Novitiate (Detroit, MI)	1981 - 1985
St. Basil's Novitiate (Sugar Land, TX)	1985 - 1988
University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX)	1988 - 1995
Casa San Basilio (Houston, TX)	1995 - 2003
Dillon House (Houston, TX)	2003 - 2014

In the 1990's, Don began a ministry at the Texas Medical Center. Don once said that in hospital ministry he began to understand that there was a suffering element in humanity that needed priestly attention. Don reflected, "Jesus is always on the side of the crucified one; Jesus is loyal to suffering itself." He began a ministry to men and women with AIDS that continued all the rest of his life.

Don lived for several years at Dillon House in Houston and served as superior there. The beautiful garden outside the dining room of the new Dillon House is the careful work of Don Kuder. In 2013, while at Dillon House, Don began to feel unwell and he accepted the diagnosis of cancer (mesothelioma) with courage and with serenity. He faced death as he lived life: with faith in the saving grace of Jesus.

On Monday afternoon, March 3, Father Al Sinasac, CSB, pastor, presided at the wake service at St. Anne's Church in Houston TX. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated later that evening at St. Anne's with Father George T. Smith, CSB, Superior General, presiding and Father Phil Acquaro, CSB preaching the homily. Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza concelebrated. Father Mitch Dowalgo, CSB, superior of Dillon House, presided at the Basilian plot at Forest Park Lawndale, Houston.

Ulysse Ernest Paré, CSB

October 2, 1935 – March 25, 2014



Ulysse Ernest Paré was born in Windsor, Ontario, the son of Lawrence Paré and Leona Ouellette. After attending St. Francis Elementary School in Windsor, Ulysse (called Bud by his many friends) graduated from Assumption High School in 1952. He then entered the Basilian Novitiate in Rochester, NY, where he was professed in 1953. The following year, he took Grade 13 courses at St. Michael's College School, Toronto. He then attended the University of St. Michael's College. Upon graduation from USMC, Bud taught high school at Assumption College School in Windsor and St. Charles College in Sudbury. Next Bud pursued Theological studies, first at the Grand Séminaire de Québec and later at L'Institut Catholique de Paris; he obtained the S.T.B. and the S.T.L. degrees. In 1964, Bud was ordained by Bishop (later Cardinal) G. E. Carter in St. Patrick's Church in Windsor. After ordination, Bud studied for two years at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and received a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture. After research in Switzerland, Bud returned to Canada.

Bud then taught at St. Thomas More College in the University of Saskatchewan, except for 1972 – 1973 when he served as Vice-Rector of St. Basil's College in Toronto. Back in Saskatoon, Bud taught Biblical Literature. For many years, Bud also taught in the Summer Session of the Masters of Religious Education Program at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas. Bud was elected to the Basilian General Council in 1977; from 1981 until 1989 he served as Superior General. It was this time that the Basilians expanded their Hispanic ministry to Colombia. Bud also organized the Association of Former Basilians. In 1991, Bud was installed as the 17th President of Assumption University.

As a Basilian, Bud had the following appointments:

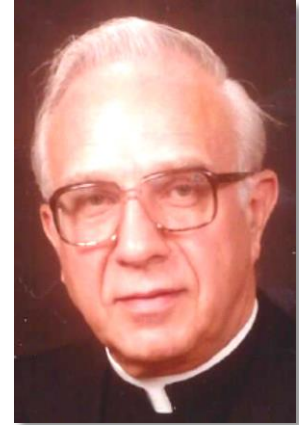
Basilian Novitiate (Rochester, New York)	1952 - 1953
St. Michael's College School (Toronto, Ontario)	1953 - 1954
St Basil's Seminary (Toronto, Ontario)	1954 - 1956
University of St. Michael's College (Toronto, Ontario)	1956 - 1958
Assumption College School (Windsor, Ontario)	1958 - 1959
St. Charles College (Sudbury, Ontario)	1959 - 1960
Grand Séminaire de Québec (Québec City, Québec)	1960 - 1961
L'Institut Catholique (Paris, France)	1961 - 1964
Pontifical Biblical Institute (Rome, Italy)	1964 - 1966
University Of Fribourg (Fribourg, Switzerland)	1966 - 1968
St. Thomas More College (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)	1968 - 1972
St. Basil's College, (Toronto, Ontario)	1972 - 1973
St. Thomas More College (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)	1973 - 1977
Curial House, (Toronto, Ontario)	1977 - 1989
O'Connor House (Toronto, Ontario)	1989 - 1990
Gregory House (Toronto, Ontario)	1990 - 1991
O'Connor House (Windsor, Ontario)	1991 - 2013
Amica Residence (Windsor, Ontario)	2013 - 2014

The wake for Father Ulysse Paré, CSB was held in Windsor on Sunday, March 30th. Father Jim Carruthers, CSB gave the eulogy. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Assumption Church in Windsor on Monday, March 31st. Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB, Bishop of London ON, presided and Father Thomas Rosica, CSB, gave the homily. Father George Smith, CSB, led the Final Commendation at the end of Mass. Interment was at Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

John Thomas Bernard Mailloux, CSB

May 27, 1925 – May 27, 2014

John Thomas Bernard Mailloux (called Tom) was born in Amherstburg, Ontario, the son of Leo J. Mailloux and Rita Mahon. After attending St. Francis Elementary School in Windsor, Tom graduated from St. Rose High School in Amherstburg, ON in 1942. He then studied at Assumption College and obtained a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario in 1945. His interests as a young man included journalism and philosophy. Tom then entered the Basilian Novitiate in Richmond Hill, Ontario, where he professed on September 12, 1946. He entered St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto for Theological studies. Tom was ordained on June 29, 1950 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto by James Cardinal McGuigan. Tom's first Mass was celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, Amhurstberg; Father Louis Bondy preached.



Tom Mailloux was a gifted musician and an extraordinary pianist and organist. In 1951, he obtained his Associate of The Royal Conservatory of Toronto (ARCT) diploma for Performers and Teachers. This is a major academic diploma awarded by The Royal Conservatory and is respected internationally. Later, Tom was a student at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, from 1956 until 1957.

Tom was one of the great Basilian pastors. Tom was the first Basilian pastor of Christ the King Parish in Irondequoit (Rochester), NY; he served there from 1976-1982. Young Basilians who served with him found him an inspiring guide and mentor and his parishioners found a friendly, steady and compassionate priest. Bishop Ron Fabbro remembers fondly his time as a Deacon at Christ the King: "I learned a lot from Tom about being a good priest; that helped me in my years in different Basilian ministries and now as a bishop of a diocese." One of the Mexican scholastics, Alejandro Estrada Pérez, recalls: "In spite of the fact that I only spent time with him during our times of spiritual direction, his way of listening inspired me during the novitiate." In 1999, Tom returned to St. Anne's parish in Houston and continued a very fruitful ministry. Houston Basilian Lay Associate Mary Beth Murphy, a close friend of Tom's, says: "He was the quiet energizer at St. Anne's. He never stopped ministering to people."

As a Basilian, Tom had the following appointments:

Basilian Novitiate (Richmond Hill, ON)	1945 - 1946	St. Theresa Catholic Church (Sugar Land, TX)	1985 - 1988
Catholic Central High School (Detroit, MI)	1946 - 1947	Sabbatical: Louvain, Belgium and Rome, Italy	1988 - 1989
U. of St. Michael's College (Toronto, ON)	1947 - 1948	Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Glendale, AZ)	1989 - 1991
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1948 - 1951	St. Basil's Church (Toronto, ON)	1991 - 1996
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1951 - 1952	St. Anne's Church (Houston, TX)	1996 - 1998
Assumption College School (Windsor, ON)	1952 - 1956	St. John Baptist Church (Amherstburg, ON)	1998 - 1999
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1956 - 1957	St. Anne's Church (Houston, TX)	1999 - 2008
Assumption College School (Windsor, ON)	1957 - 1965	Dillon House, (Houston, TX)	2008 - 2011
Holy Rosary Church (Toronto, ON)	1965 - 1976	St. Anne's Church (Houston, TX)	2011 - 2013
Christ the King Church (Rochester, NY)	1976 - 1982	Orsini House, (Toronto, ON)	2013 - 2014
St. Anne's Church (Houston, TX)	1982 - 1985	Anglin House (Toronto, ON)	2014

The wake for Father Tom Mailloux was held on Thursday evening, May 29, 2014, in the chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre in Toronto. Father Joe Walsh, CSB presided and Father Jim Carruthers preached. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, May 30, in the same Chapel. Father George T. Smith, CSB Superior General, presided and Father Bill Irwin CSB gave the homily. Father Leo Reilly, CSB presided at the graveside ceremonies at Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill, ON.

Charles Edward Lynch, CSB

March 12, 1932 – July 14, 2014

Charles Edward Lynch III was born on March 12, 1931, in New York, NY. He was the son of Charles E. and Margaret (Degnon) Lynch, Jr., and was the second of three children. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Elizabeth (Lawrence) Gildea.

Charlie was professed on August 15, 1952, and then returned to USMC where he obtained a B.A. in English, Philosophy, Theology from the University of Toronto in 1953. Charlie taught at St. Thomas High School in Houston, TX and then at the Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY. Charlie was ordained on June 29, 1958 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by James Cardinal McGuigan. Charlie's First Mass was offered on July 4th, 1958 at St. Augustine's Parish Larchmont, NY. Father Edmund Burns, CSB preached and Msgr. Thomas Deegan, Pastor, was Assistant Priest.



Charlie taught Religion and English for the next ten years in Toronto, ON; Rochester, NY and Gary, IN. In 1968, Charlie began his long work in parish ministry. He served in Windsor, ON and in Lethbridge, AB. He then served in Missouri City, TX. He spent a year studying Spanish in Mexico which prepared him for his appointment at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Rosenberg, TX. Charlie served at St. Anne's Parish in Houston and then to Detroit at Ste. Anne's Church, returning to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Rosenberg in 1993. Charlie later served at St. Anne's, in Rosenberg, in Wharton and then in Manvel and Angleton.

As a Basilian, Charlie had the following appointments:

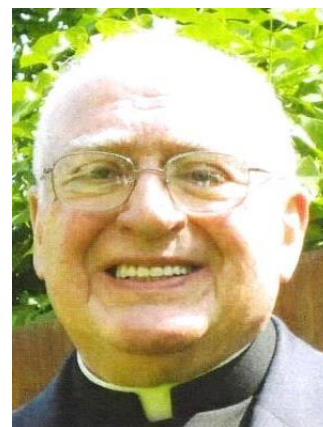
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1951 - 1952
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1952 - 1953
St. Thomas High School (Houston, TX)	1953 - 1954
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1954 - 1955
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1955 - 1959
Andrean High School (Merrillville, IN)	1961 - 1968
Assumption Church (Windsor, ON)	1968 - 1973
Our Lady of Assumption Church (Lethbridge, AB)	1973 - 1975
Holy Family Church (Missouri City, TX)	1975 - 1978
Spanish Studies, (Cuernavaca, MX)	1978 - 1979
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Rosenberg, TX)	1980 - 1986
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Glendale, AZ)	1986 - 1991
St. Anne's Church (Houston, TX)	1991 - 1992
Ste. Anne's Church (Detroit, MI)	1992 - 1992
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Rosenberg, TX)	1993 - 1999
St. Anne's Church (Houston, TX)	1999 - 2001
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Rosenberg, TX)	2001 - 2005
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (Wharton, TX)	2005 - 2007
Sacred Heart Church (Manvel, TX)	2007 - 2013
Most Holy Trinity Church (Angleton, TX)	2013 - 2014

David Zapalac, CSB, presided at the Wake Service on July 17th at St. Anne Catholic Church in Houston. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, the 18th of July in the same church. Bishop George Sheltz presided at the Liturgy and Jamie Abercrombie, CSB, preached. The Rite of Committal followed at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston; David Zapalac, CSB presided.

Frederick John Zakoor, CSB

October 21, 1929 – July 26, 2014

Frederick John Zakoor was born October 21, 1929 in Chatham, ON to James and Najla (née Daoud) Zakoor. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Edward and grand-niece, Aubrey. Frederick is survived by his two sisters, Gladys Howe and Louise Shaway, seven nieces and nephews, along with their children and his many friends.



Fred entered the Richmond Hill Novitiate in 1952, and then studied Theology at St. Basil's Seminary. He then taught at the Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY for two years. Fred then returned to St. Basil's Seminary to complete Theology. Fred also attended the University of Rochester, graduating with a M. Ed. Degree. Fred was ordained on June 29, 1958—the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul—in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by James Cardinal McGuigan

As Basilian priest, Fred's ministry was in Education, both as an excellent teacher and a dedicated administrator. He taught Religion, Physics, Canadian History and Mathematics at various Basilian High Schools: Catholic Central in Detroit, MI; St. Mary's College in Sault St. Marie, ON; Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY; and Assumption College School in Windsor, ON. In 1967 he became Vice-Principal at Assumption College School. In 1971, Fred moved to Michael Power High School in Toronto and taught mathematics for nine years. In 1980, he returned to Windsor to become Principal of F. J. Brennan High School. He brought the school to financial solvency and brought curriculum and discipline to high levels. In 1989, Fred was appointed founding Principal of St. Joseph's High School in Windsor, where he decorated the chapel with furnishings from the former Windsor Basilian Scholasticate, *La Pointe*.

As a Basilian, Fred had the following appointments:

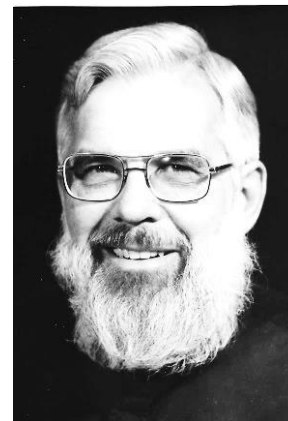
St. Basil's Novitiate (Richmond Hill, ON)	1952 - 1953
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1953 - 1954
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1954 - 1956
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1956 - 1959
Catholic Central High School (Detroit, MI)	1959 - 1960
Assumption College School (Windsor, ON)	1960 - 1961
St. Mary's College (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)	1961 - 1965
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1965 - 1966
Assumption College School (Windsor, ON)	1966 - 1971
Michael Power High School (Toronto, ON)	1971 - 1980
F. J. Brennan High School (Windsor, ON)	1980 - 1989
St. Joseph's High School (Windsor, ON)	1989 - 1995
O'Connor House (Windsor, ON)	1989 - 2012
Amica at Windsor	2012 - 2014

On July 29, 2014, Joe Quinn, CSB led the Wake Service for Fred. John Huber, CSB, recently elected to the General Council, presided at the Mass of Christian Burial on July 30th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Windsor, Ontario; Paul Rennick, CSB, preached the homily. Approximately 30 priests, both diocesan and Basilian, were present. The interment was held at Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

George Watha Kosicki, CSB

July 29, 1928 – August 11, 2014

George Watha Kosicki, CSB was the son of Witold Watha Kosicki and Catherine Szendzikowska. George was born in Detroit, MI and attended St. Theresa's School and Catholic Central High School before entering the Rochester Novitiate where he was professed on August 15, 1947. After a year at Holy Rosary Seminary, Toronto, ON he went to Assumption College in Windsor, ON where he graduated with a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario in 1951. George Kosicki was ordained on June 29, 1954, in St. Basil's Church by James Cardinal McGuigan. His First Mass was celebrated in the Chapel at Catholic Central High School in Detroit, MI; his brother, Father Bohdan Kosicki of the Archdiocese of Detroit was deacon.



George was blessed with a brilliant intellect; he was a renowned teacher and scholar. In the sixteen years that followed his ordination he attained a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Michigan and served as a professor of science at Assumption University, the University of Windsor and the University of Michigan. In the late 1960's George left a very successful university career to work for radical conversion among Catholic clergy. George was the author of scientific articles, he wrote about the Holy Spirit in the Church, he promoted the ministry of intercession for priests, he preached on devotion to Mary, and he was a very influential author and catechist for Divine Mercy. In 1987, George was largely responsible for editing the English version of the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*.

George had the following appointments during his years as a Basilian:

Basilian Novitiate (Rochester, NY)	1946	-	1947
Holy Rosary Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1947	-	1948
Assumption College (Windsor, ON)	1948	-	1951
St. Thomas High School (Houston, TX)	1951	-	1952
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1952	-	1955
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)	1955	-	1961
Assumption University (Windsor, ON)	1961	-	1970
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)	1970	-	1975
Bethany House (Hastings-on-Hudson, NY)	1975	-	1983
Visitation House (Steubenville, OH)	1983	-	1988
St. John Fisher College (Rochester, NY)	1988	-	1989
Visitation House (Steubenville, OH)	1989	-	1998
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1998	-	1999
Companions of Christ the Lamb (Paradise, MI)	1999	-	2012
Sacred Heart Home, (Oregon, OH)	2012	-	2014

George spent the last two years of his life at the Sacred Heart Home near Toledo, OH. Mother Cecilia Mary Sartorius, the Superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor who serve there, said: "We want to thank the Basilian Fathers for sharing Father George Kosicki with the family of Sacred Heart Home. "

The Wake service was held on August 13, 2014 in the Chapel at the Sacred Heart Home. The Mass of Christian Burial was held in the same chapel the next day. John Huber, CSB, President of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a member of the Basilian General Council, presided and Gordon Judd, CSB, preached. Interment was in the cemetery of the Companions of Christ the Lamb on August 15 in Paradise MI; George had lived with this community for many years before moving to Oregon, OH.

Michael Patrick Cerretto, CSB

August 3, 1940 – August 28, 2014

Michael Cerretto was born in Long Beach, CA, but he grew up in Rochester, NY. Michael attended St. Lucy's Elementary School and Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY. He entered the Basilian Novitiate in Pontiac, MI and was professed in 1960. After his Theological Studies at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto, Michael was ordained on December 13, 1969 by Bishop Joseph Hogan in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Rochester, NY. The following day he celebrated his first Mass in St. Helen's Church in Rochester, NY; Father E. Leonard Rush, CSB preached the homily.



Michael spent most of his years of Basilian ministry as a dedicated teacher and administrator at different Basilian High Schools: Catholic Central in Detroit, MI; Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY; Andrean High School in Gary, IN and St. Thomas High School in Houston, TX. Over the years, he served as Treasurer and oversaw the finances of both the schools and the local communities. Later he moved to Las Cruces, NM. In Las Cruces Michael was involved in parish ministry at the Cathedral; he helped set up a Catholic School Board and was involved in the education of men in the Permanent Diaconate Program. In 2001, Michael accepted the post of Secretary General for the Congregation; he moved to Toronto, ON.

Michael had the following appointments during his Basilian ministry:

St. Basil's Novitiate (Pontiac, MI)	1959 - 1960
St. John Fisher College, living at Aquinas (Rochester, NY)	1960 - 1963
Catholic Central High School (Detroit, MI)	1963 - 1964
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1964 - 1966
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1966 - 1969
Aquinas Institute (Rochester, NY)	1969 - 1982
Andrean High School (Merrillville, IN)	1982 - 1994
St. Thomas High School (Houston, TX)	1994 - 1998
Dillon House (Houston, TX)	1998 - 1998
Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces (Las Cruces, NM)	1998 - 2001
Curial House (Toronto, ON)	2001 - 2002
Anglin House (Toronto, ON)	2002 - 2007
Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces (Las Cruces, NM)	2007 - 2014
Fathers of East Rochester (Rochester, NY)	2014 - 2014

Funeral Services for Michael Cerretto, CSB were held in Rochester, NY. The wake service was held on Tuesday evening, September 2, 2014, at the Harris Funeral Home; Joe Lanzalaco, CSB presided and John Huber, CSB delivered the eulogy. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following day at St. Jude the Apostle Church. Diocesan Bishop Salvatore R. Matano presided; Tom Rosica, CSB was the preacher. In the name of the General Council, David Katulski, CSB thanked the Bishop and all the faithful for their presence. Interment was in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. "Let us give thanks for the life of Father Michael Cerretto. May the Lord forgive him his sins, calm the restlessness of his heart, renew his body and soul and grant him peace and an eternal home." (T. Rosica, CSB)

Daniel Wai-Sang Chui, CSB

September 19, 1959 – December 21, 2014

Dan Chui was born in Hong Kong, the son of Pui Chui and Ying Tang. Dan attended St. Johannes Catholic College H.S. and Hong Kong Buddhist Secondary School. He immigrated to Canada and he graduated from Vancouver YMCA College in 1986. He enrolled in the University of Saskatchewan and met the Basilians at St. Thomas More College. He began the RCIA program and was baptized into the Catholic Church in 1988.



Dan applied to the Basilian Associate Program in 1993. Dan was accepted into the Associate program and later into the Basilian Novitiate; he was professed in Mexico in January of 1996. After profession, Dan returned to Toronto and lived at the Basilian Scholasticate. He completed his theological studies at the University of St. Michael's College – The Toronto School of Theology. On June 29, 2000, Dan was ordained to the priesthood in St. Basil's Church, Toronto by Most Rev. Ricardo Ramírez, CSB.

Dan was a caring and pastoral priest. He served at Assumption Parish in Windsor and was pastor at Holy Rosary Parish in Toronto; he was much loved in both places. Dan also taught Math at St. Michael's College School and was Assistant Director of Scholastics at Frassati House in Toronto.

When Dan was first diagnosed with esophageal cancer he moved to Orsini House to live while he underwent treatment. He improved and he returned to ministry at Assumption Church. Later, he moved back to Toronto so that he could have easier access to his physicians. While living at Orsini House and Anglin House Dan was peaceful, joyous and courageous to the last. Jack Hanna, CSB said in his Christmas Eve homily at Anglin House: "Seeing the face of Jesus in others can be difficult but it was always very easy to see the face of Jesus in Dan Chui."

As a Basilian, Dan Chui had the following appointments:

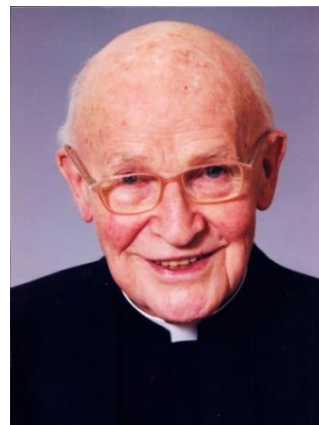
Basilian Associate, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, SK	1993
Basilian Associate, St. Joseph's College, Edmonton, AB	1993-1994
Basilian Pre-Novitiate, Sugar Land, TX	1994
Noviciado Basiliano, Tehuacán, PUE, México	1995-1996
Casa San Felipe, México DF	1996
Theology, Basilian Scholasticate – Parkdale, Toronto, ON	1996-2000
Assumption Church, Windsor, ON	2000-2003
Formator, Basilian Scholasticate, Frassati House, Teaching at St. Michael's College School, Toronto ON	2003-2007
Pastor, Holy Rosary Church, Toronto, ON	2007-2012
Orsini House	2012
Assumption Church, Windsor, ON	2012-2014
Orsini House / Anglin House	2014

The wake service for Father Dan Chui, CSB was celebrated on Friday evening, December 26, in the chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, Toronto; Joe Walsh, CSB presided and Tom Rosica, CSB, preached. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, December 27 at St. Basil's Church, Toronto. George Smith, CSB, Superior General presided and Alberto Ferrara, CSB gave the homily. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.

Donald Charles Furlong, CSB

September 3, 1924 – December 25, 2014

Don Furlong was born Ottawa, ON, the son of Charles Furlong and Mary McDonald Furlong. Don attended St. Joseph's School and St. Patrick's College School in Ottawa and graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1947. When he joined the Basilians he went to the Richmond Hill Novitiate where he professed first vows in 1953. He studied Theology at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto and completed an MA in History from the University of Toronto. Don was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, ON on June 29th, 1956 by James Cardinal McGuigan. As a scholastic and as a young priest, Don taught History at St. Charles College in Sudbury, ON.



From 1970 until his retirement, Don's ministry was to the People of God in Basilian parishes. He served at Assumption, Holy Rosary and St. Basil's over the years. One of Don's strengths in parochial ministry was his one-on-one contact with people; he spent time as a spiritual director and he visited parish families in their homes. Even in retirement, Don continued his ministry of spiritual direction.

Don Furlong had the following appointments during his years as a Basilian:

Richmond Hill Novitiate, ON	1951 – 1952
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto ON	1952 – 1953
St. Charles College, Sudbury ON	1953 – 1954
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1954 – 1957
St. Charles College, Sudbury ON	1957 – 1960
University of St. Michael College, Toronto ON	1960 – 1961
St. Charles College, Sudbury, ON	1961 – 1970
Holy Rosary Parish, Toronto, ON	1970 – 1975
Assumption Parish, Windsor ON	1975 – 1979
Holy Rosary Parish, Toronto ON	1979 – 1987
St. Basil's Parish, Toronto ON	1987 – 1995
Orsini House, Toronto ON	1995 – 2006
Anglin House, Toronto ON	2006 – 2014

Don loved to play the piano; he would often play the instrument in the dining room of Anglin House. Bob Klem, one of Don's ordination classmates, said that when Don would play the piano an almost seraphic look would come over his face and he would seem transported by the music he was playing.

Father Fred Chung, a priest of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a friend and admirer of Don, shared these memories: "I will remember him always as an image of the good shepherd and as a model of a loving, faithful spiritual father. I will cherish memories of his kind and gentle heart.

The wake service for Father Donald Furlong, CSB was celebrated on Tuesday evening, December 30, in the chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, Toronto. Father Joe Walsh, CSB, superior of Anglin House, presided and Father Fred Chung of the Archdiocese of Toronto preached. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, December 31 at the Flahiff Centre. Father George Smith, CSB, Superior General, presided and Father Kevin Kirley, CSB gave the homily; he reminded his listeners: "Don knew God was on his side, and that nothing could come between him and the love of Christ." Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill, ON.

Family Deaths January 2014 – December 2014

Paul Belisch, the brother of Carl Belisch CSB
Gérard Deglène, the brother of Michel Deglène CSB
Matthew de Valk, the brother of Alphonse de Valk CSB
Sister Mary Alberta Gallagher SP, the sister of Jack Gallagher CSB
Eugene F. Janisse, the brother of Wilfrid Janisse CSB
Janet Quinlan, the sister of Ed Kline CSB
Vincent Lalonde, the brother of Gerry Lalonde CSB and the late Pat Lalonde, CSB
Ann Opryszko, the sister of Paul McGill CSB
Don Platt, the brother of Wally Platt CSB
Dorothy Redican, the mother of Joe Redican, CSB and the sister of the late Frank Sheehan CSB
Paul J. Wheeler, the brother of John Wheeler, CSB
Mary McCormack, sister of Leo Walsh CSB



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Cristo, nuestro Maestro
Le Christ, notre Maître

Community Count of the Congregation of St. Basil as of December 31, 2014

3 Bishops, 178 priests, 1 Deacon, and 9 Scholastics
191 Professed Members and 5 Novices (Mexico and USA)
(7 Novices began the Novitiate in Santa Marta, Colombia, on January 2, 2015)

France – 5 Canada – 87 USA – 77 Mexico – 9 Colombia – 13

Ages of Basilians Number of Basilians

20 – 29	7
30 – 39	10
40 – 49	7
50 – 59	25
60 – 69	27
70 – 79	61
80 – 89	46
90 – 99	8