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Greetings from the Superior General and from the Editor of the Annals

Dear Confrères and Basilian Lay Associates,

“Basilians live together a life of faith, that is, a life of dependence on Christ our Lord present to us in the Gospel, in the Church, in each other and in those whom we serve.” (*Basilian Way of Life*, 33)

Our life of faith as Basilians is found in this edition of the *Basilian Annals 2016*. We see many changes from the *Basilian Annals of 2006* and this edition of 2016. As I wrote in my Annual Report to the Congregation in September 2016, “I do not for a moment underestimate the challenges that changes present. But wonderful opportunities lie in store for us if we open our hearts and minds to new ways of envisioning our future.” Basilians are giving service to the Church and witness to Christ in the pages that follow. I thank all who contributed to this *Basilian Annals*; I thank Father Jack Hanna CSB who prepared this edition. I thank God for each of you and for the many blessings that are ours as a small religious congregation dedicated to the Churches ministry of education and evangelization.

Fraternally, in Christ,

George Smith, CSB
Superior General

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

Jacques Duret, André Fayolle, Joseph Lapierre, Henri Martinesche, Jean François Pagès, Augustine Payan, Jean Baptist Polly, Pierre Tourvielle, Julien Tracol and Jean Antoine Vallon were drawn together in 1822 because they saw a task that needed to be done to serve God’s people. In 2016 the faithful members of the Congregation of St. Basil have continued to live the consecrated life and have offered another year of ministry to the People of God. I hope that you enjoy looking through this 2016 edition of the *Basilian Annals*. J’espère que vous apprécierez la lecture des *Annales des Prêtres de Saint Basile* de 2016. Espero que Uds. disfruten la lectura de los *Anales Basilianos* de 2016.

In the Lord’s peace,

Jack Hanna, CSB
Secretary / Treasurer General

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Holy Father Basil, remember your Congregation, which has belonged to you from the beginning.

Stir up, O Lord, in your Church the Spirit which Blessed Basil served, so that filled with the same Spirit, we may be eager to love what he loved and to put into practice what he taught. Amen.

+ Bishop Robert Michael Kasun CSB

Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto



Above: On September 12, 2016, Thomas Cardinal Collins ordained +Bob Kasun CSB, assisted by +Ron Fabbro CSB and +Michael Miller CSB in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph in Edmonton AB.

(The photos above are courtesy of Lito Soco of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton)



On October 6, 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto welcomed +Bob Kasun CSB with a Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

(Photos courtesy of Jillian Kaster Miller, Communications Coordinator of the Basilian Fathers)



Bishop Bob Kasun CSB with his brothers: Norm Tanck, Dave Katulski, John Reddy, Bill Irwin

Mario O. D'Souza CSB

25 years ordained

I shall, of course, make no attempt to either summarize twenty-five years of priesthood, or refer to the inevitable speed of time with which those years have passed. I was ordained on the 16th of August 1991, at St. Pius X Church in Calgary, by the late Bishop Paul O'Byrne.



Priesthood is about service and being God's minister, particularly celebrating the sacraments. But inevitably one's own sinfulness and willfulness interferes with those tasks, leading to the realization as to how much one is dependent upon God's mercy and forgiveness through which one grows in the knowledge, in the words of Cardinal Newman, that "our duty and our pleasure are the same, when what is right and true is natural to us, and in which God's service is perfect freedom."

Twenty-five years ago, my mother and brother were at my ordination, and the loss of my brother, more recently, has dimmed the sun's brightness, and taken away some of its warmth. They have both gone to join my father and youngest brother, who died a day before he was due to be born. Their life in the heavenly community comforts me, and I pray to them regularly. But such an experience of death only adds greater weight and gravity to one's earthly pilgrimage and to the mystery of time, and to the continued realization as to how much one depends upon the grace and mercy of God.

I have always maintained that as Basilians, at least half of our intellectual, social, and religious formation occurs in community, and particularly at table. I have had the privilege, from the time that I was an associate, to have lived in the company of Basilians, many of whom have gone to their eternal reward, who were intellectual, social, and religious giants, but utterly humble men. I learned a great deal from them, but most importantly about serving Christ and His Church as a Basilian. And if I can make any claim to either share or to have contributed to the mission of the Basilian Fathers, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of such giants.

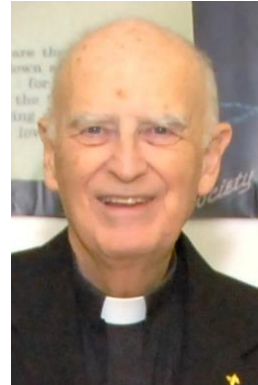
The Church, the world, and the Congregation are all at very different stages since the time I entered the Congregation; but how could it be otherwise? And while many of the stabilities that I had known, including members of my family, have long gone, God's grace has introduced me to more lasting and enduring stabilities, confirming that ancient Christian truth that we live, rely, and depend more upon grace than nature. The Congregation of St. Basil has been my home and has been bountiful in its gifts to me, including many Basilian friends. I pray that I may be found worthy of such munificence.

Quentin Johnson CSB

50 years ordained

Having just written my autobiographical article, I stare at this blank page and think of the words of Long John Silver: "Them's that are dead are the lucky ones."

To begin with, my Theological training was questionable. Part of it occurred at St. Thomas More College with classes like ethics, logic, metaphysics and various philosophers. While I enjoyed the best profs, most of what they said landed on an addled mind, and my very low marks in these courses are ample evidence of this. There was one positive clue here though. I got B's in Biology and Physics.



Looking over the shambles of my university work, Father Paul Mallon thought I had been studying in the wrong field. Failing out of first year University, I took a year at Normal School. Here was another clue for me. I loved every minute of it. And this was further confirmed when after Novitiate, I spent 3 years teaching at Assumption, 2 of them in Grade Nine Biology, and enjoyed the classroom, the students and the atmosphere of the school. For this reason I put off going to the Seminary when called to do so, begging to teach another year.

Arriving at the seminary, I once again was confounded by the courses. Asked to write essays, I had not a clue what anything being taught there was really about. I fully expected to be turned out into the street, but instead was told that I would be ordained, but would not get an STB. This was good news to me. I was ordained alone in St. Paul's Cathedral in Saskatoon by Bishop Kline with the temperature 40 degrees below 0. Even better good news followed when I was reappointed to Assumption High School, where I once again continued teaching Biology along with some math and basic science.

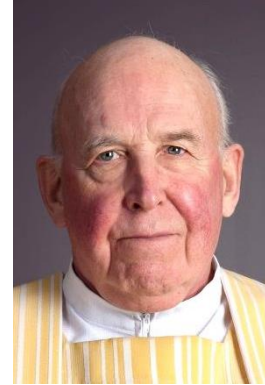
Thanks to Father Pat Lalonde, my extra-curricular activity was an outdoors club which involved hiking the Bruce Trail and Canoeing Algonquin Park, every chance I could get. I continued this for most of my 37 years at Assumption. When I meet up with students I have taught, some of them in their 50's, one of the things they talk about are those canoe trips which always ended with Mass at the edge of a lake at sunset or out on a quiet lake in the canoes. It was so easy to homilize to kids bonded together by sharing the burdens of a rugged trip. The readings were done by flashlight and the Eucharist carefully passed around the canoes.

For most of my life I took my priesthood in stride along with my teaching responsibilities. When I was put out to pasture, I realized that the only thing I had left in my life was my priesthood. I have treasured it ever since. Saying Mass at homes for the aged, being on call at the hospitals keeps me going. If a flu epidemic shuts these places down, I feel at loose ends. God keeps me busy.

Gordon Kennedy CSB

50 years ordained

I grew up in a devout Roman Catholic family in which the practice of faith was a way of life. We had devoted parish priests in the Diocese of London and the notion of becoming a priest was on my mind from my earliest memory. I attended the local parish school in the village of St. Columban, and then I attended Seaforth District High School. Being sent to the public high school was a decision which I never regretted.



Even though I had long held the idea of entering the seminary after high school, I proceeded to teach elementary school in Stratford for the next two years. I continued to foster my intention to become a priest but I was aware only of Diocesan (parish) priests. The elementary school where I was teaching was administered by the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loretto Sisters who had attended St. Michael's College). Since I enjoyed my teaching experience, the sisters encouraged me to consider being a Basilian and they arranged for me to make a retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Guelph. I met there a Jesuit novice who had been a lay teacher at St. Michael's College School. That was one (amongst several) of the reasons why the Retreat experience left me clearly drawn in the direction of the Congregation of St. Basil.

I entered St. Basil's Novitiate that Fall (1957) and was ordained to the Priesthood by Cardinal Emmett Carter on December 10, 1966. I taught at St. Michael's College School until 1976 when a slow-to-be-diagnosed eye condition caused me to give up the classroom. From then until 2015 I served in hospital chaplaincy and parish ministry the rest of my life. With fellow Basilians we celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination this past June: Quentin Johnson, Marvin LaBute, Kenneth McKernan, Raymond Páramo, +Ricardo Ramírez and William Sheehan.

Over a lifetime, the Prayer of Thomas Merton has expressed a conviction which the Word of God has also consistently supported in me:

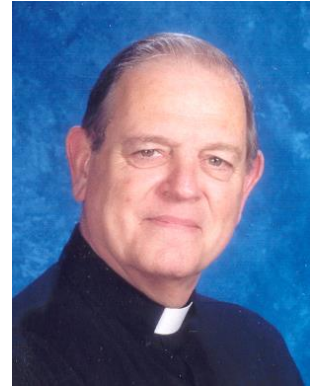
"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

I am ever grateful for the Congregation of St. Basil, the Vatican II Church, and the response to ministry which God's People have shown me – all are signs which reveal the mystery in Priesthood about which Thomas Merton prays.

Marvin LaBute CSB

50 years ordained

I thank and praise the Lord Almighty for fifty years as a priest and for sixty years in the Congregation of the Priests of St. Basil. The road has not always been smooth but with the help of my confreres, relatives and friends, that which was more difficult, was made smooth and capable of being mastered and conquered.



I have had some good holy people who have helped me with my call. My parents were there for me and continued to encourage me. My teachers in elementary school were also encouraging me. Thanks to Father John Fournier, CSB for inviting me to come and see. Thanks also to the Ursuline Sisters who taught me. Thanks to the many fine Parish Priests at St. Anne's Church in Tecumseh, ON for the great example they provided.

My education years were very enjoyable. My teaching as a Basilian took me to three countries. I studied in Paris where I was ordained a sub-deacon at St. Sulpice Seminary and ordained a deacon in the Cathedral of Versailles, France. I was ordained to the priesthood in Windsor, ON. I taught in Windsor ON, Sault Ste Marie ON, Oakland CA and at Detroit Catholic Central in Michigan. It was always a challenge to work with teenagers while teaching. I enjoyed Youth Encounter weekends in the Sault, Toronto and California. Sharing my gifts was always a joy. Teaching students how to take and develop pictures was always fun and rewarding. Helping students put the yearbook together was exciting. Teaching students how to dance for school musicals was a challenge but rewarding. Of course there was always a great support staff in all our schools and residences who gave our lives a real lift.

Now that I am retired, I have a lot of time to thank the Lord for the many gifts He has given me. I enjoyed the ability to help in parishes on the weekends by offering Eucharist and preaching the word of God. Preaching has not been an easy task but I did it every time I celebrated Eucharist. Presently, I have plenty of time to relax and pray and I love to pray for those who are still in active ministry, for those who do not have anyone to pray for them and for the community at large.

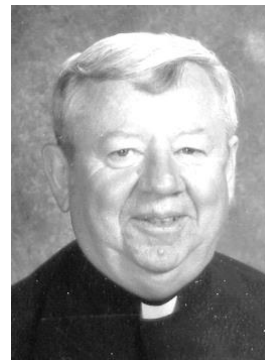
May God continue to give me good health and may I continue to serve Him as best I can.

I thank you Lord for making me a channel of your peace. Amen.

Ken McKernan CSB

50 years ordained

Ken McKernan was born in Detroit and attended Assumption College School in Windsor before entering the Rochester Novitiate. He was ordained in Assumption Church in Windsor by Bishop Charles Leo Nelligan. Ken studied theology at Saint Sulpice Seminary in Issy-les-Moulineaux, on the outskirts of Paris. The changes of the Second Vatican Council were of keen interest to him, along with the influence of French history on the Basilian Fathers.



Ken continued to study in Paris after ordination, focusing on Church History with special attention paid to the history of the priesthood. He tried to come to terms with the changes in the areas of liturgy, morality and the rule of law in the history of the Basilian community and the Church. Many of these interests were displayed in Ken's teaching at Catholic Central in Detroit, where he taught French for many years. Ken accompanied groups of students to France. These times of study and teaching had a lasting influence on Ken, and it is in these areas that the gift of priesthood in the Basilian Fathers resonates most strongly with him. He wishes that his health allowed him to visit Annonay again.

Ken was assisted by Jim Stenberg CSB in the preparation of this article.

Joe Roussel CSB

25 years ordained

Joe Roussel was born in Lutcher, LA. As a seminarian for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, he studied at the University of St. Thomas in Houston where he met the Basilian Fathers. He became a Basilian Associate and entered the Basilian Novitiate in 1984. He was ordained in his home parish of St. Joseph in Paulina LA by Bishop Stanley Joseph Ott of Baton Rouge. Joe celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination with his brother Basilians from the Houston area at St. Thomas High School on Memorial Day 2016.



Joe was assisted by Carl Belisch CSB in the preparation of this article.

William Sheehan CSB

50 years ordained

Bill Sheehan currently lives at Dillon House in Houston Texas. He was ordained by Bishop David Cunningham on December 10, 1966 in Blessed Sacrament Church in Utica, NY. Bill was Librarian at the University of St. Thomas and, for many years, served in the Vatican Library.

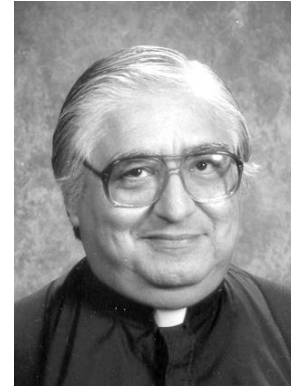


Ray Páramo CSB

50 years ordained

I was ordained just after the beginning of Vatican II. We felt we were at the center of Church thinking. Our professors were exciting: such names as Baum, Eschmann, Boyle, Forrestal, Principe and Sutter.

Later, when the Church seemed to move away from Vatican II we felt protected by the Community. I have spoken to contemporary diocesan priests who explained that they felt that they had been left hanging in the wind. Unlike them, the support of our Basilian Community allowed us to function well.



This is the 50th anniversary of my priesthood, but it is also the 60th anniversary of my being a religious. I always told my confreres that I was a religious first and a priest second, not that the two were separable. My point was that if I had died before ordination, I would not have lived a truncated life. I had already been a religious for ten years. As religious we have chosen to live as though we have not have hear a final resting place. That is a significant sign to the world. If tomorrow Francis declared that priests in the West could marry, it would not change our status as Basilians – or his as a Jesuit. We would still be religious until we decided to forego that.

The memorable events all happened at unexpected moments. Many sermons have brought tears both to me and the congregation, but the sermon I gave the Sunday after the election of Barack Obama actually got a spontaneous ovation. Twenty years after teaching a group, I had them discussing my class on Facebook and asking me to add to their discussion. Often I have had a parishioner coming to me after Mass, not only remembering what I have just said, but also connecting it to something I taught thirty years before. Recently I have had a 70-year-old ask me to continue a discussion I began for him in 1964. The privilege conferred on me by my ordination brought many occasions of great consolation: saying Mass at the Basilica of Guadalupe with my father present; saying Mass for the whole family at home. Commending by parents to God when I presided at their funerals was a great source of consolation. My father, a man of great faith who loved the old High Mass, was very happy to see so many of my Basilian brothers at my mother's funeral Mass. They were there at his as well.

I see my priesthood as a sign to all people, but especially those who are intelligent and educated, telling them of God. As our numbers decrease, it is important that we become a beacon to others of what the Church stands for.

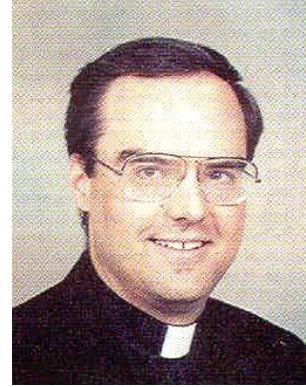
Joseph Pilsner CSB

25 years ordained

For my anniversary submission, I have been invited to respond to three points:

(1) Tell us about your theological training and your ordination.

My formal theological studies prior to ordination took place at the Toronto School of Theology. I recall studying under several Basilians: Michael Sheehan, Leo Walsh, Brian Hogan, Jack Gallagher, and Jim Carruthers. In my third year of seminary studies, I was sent to Holy Family Parish in Missouri City to gain some pastoral experience; during this year, I took four courses at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. I was ordained on May 11, 1991 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York by John Cardinal O'Connor.



(2) Please relate some of the most meaningful and memorable moments of your priesthood.

I believe that my primary mission as a priest is to serve as a mediator for Christ. The most important form this service takes is celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. I have seen for myself, as we all have, how powerful the sacraments can be in transforming people's lives. Another important service has been teaching. Paul said that in Christ is hidden "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3). As a theology professor, I have had the privilege of leading students in considering God's revelation in Christ, aided by the insights of some of the Church's great theologians.

(3) Please tell us your vision of your priesthood and priesthood in general.

I read an insight into the teaching vocation of a priest this year that struck me. It comes from a Wednesday Audience of Pope Benedict related to the Year of the Priest (April 14, 2010). "The priest," he said, "does not teach his own ideas, a philosophy that he himself has invented, that he has discovered or likes; the priest does not speak of himself, he does not speak for himself, to attract admirers, perhaps, or create a party of his own; he does not say his own thing, his own inventions but, in the medley of all the philosophies, the priest teaches in the name of Christ present, he proposes the truth that is Christ himself, his word and his way of living."

After making this point, Pope Benedict continued by noting that accurately transmitting the truth of Christ is insufficient: a priest must also avoid being "neutral, as if he were a spokesman reading a text that he does not, perhaps, make his own". Benedict explained that for the priest, the words of Christ must become personal. As surely as he must put his own thoughts aside, a priest must heed and embrace Christ's words; he must not simply parrot them, but make them his own.

+ Ricardo Ramírez CSB

Bishop Emeritus of Las Cruces NM
50 years ordained



The ordination class of 1966 began the study of theology during the Second Vatican Council. That was in 1963 at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto. We followed, together with our professors, the proceedings of the council with great interest. Living and studying in Canada was difficult for me at first, especially having to face the heavy criticism of the U.S. in its involvement in the Viet Nam War. I now have fond memories of Canada and have grown to appreciate that beautiful country.

In the middle of second year theology, Robert Power and I transferred to continue theology at the *Seminario Conciliar de México* in Mexico City. There, too, the excitement of Vatican II was prevalent and some of our professors were admirable and inspiring. Bob Power and I did a great amount of reading of contemporary theologians. We also became more fluent in Spanish, both in speaking and writing. We learned a lot about Mexico, its history, literature and its culture. We also made life-long friends among our fellow seminarians and priests.

Bob Power, Ray Páramo and I were ordained at St. Anne's in Houston on December 10, 1966. After serving at St. Mary's parish in Owen Sound, Ontario, for a few months, I began graduate studies in Religious Education at the University of Detroit. Thereafter I joined the Basilian missionary team in Mexico City. I worked with Father Henry Bravo at the Centro Cultural Aragón from 1968-1970. We ran a residence for underprivileged university students, and taught them theology and English.

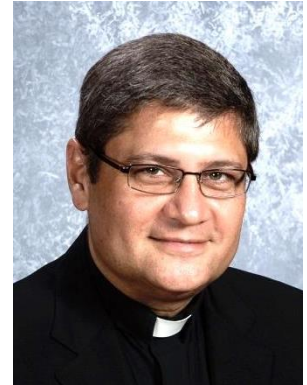
In 1970 I joined Father William Max Murphy in Tehuacán, Puebla, and with the *Misioneras Catequistas de Jesús y de María*, we developed the *Catequesis Familiar*, a catechetical program involving parents imparting their faith to their children. The program was quite successful and spread throughout the Diocese of Tehuacán and to many other dioceses in Mexico.

In 1973-1974 I had a great sabbatical year at the Jesuit-run East Asian Pastoral Institute in Manila, Philippines. There were priests, sisters, brothers and lay people there from over 30 different countries. In 1976 I returned to the United States work at the Mexican American Cultural Center, dedicated to prepare pastoralists to work with Latinos in the United States. While there I was asked to be an auxiliary bishop and the following year, I became the first bishop of the Diocese of Las Cruces. Founding the new diocese was a daunting task, but with God's help and the collaboration of the people of God in this part of the world, we slowly grew into a vibrant and effective local church.

Through my priestly years, I have always been placed in pioneering situations, where new and creative initiatives were taking place. I thank God and my brother Basilians for their support, encouragement and inspiration throughout the years. To our young Basilians, I ask that at all times that you trust in the Holy Spirit. He will guide you, protect you and inspire you to great things. Our Lady of Guadalupe will be your constant companion as she had been for me.

Jefferson Mark Thompson CSB

25 Years Ordained



My high school and university education, at St. Michael's College School in Toronto (1974-79) and the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto (1979-83) respectively, under the direction of and in company with the Basilian Fathers, were always laying firm foundations that I have come to appreciate and treasure. After Novitiate in Sugar Land, Texas (1986-87), I professed my religious vows on 15 August 1987. A brief interlude of graduate studies at the University of Toronto (1987-88) was just the tonic that I needed to ground myself in everyday Basilian life before being swept off into St. Basil's College (1988-91). Those formative years were a valuable time when we learned how to pray together and how to apply the theology that we were studying to the concrete reality of human experience.

Ordination to the Priesthood in St. Basil's Church in Toronto (3 August 1991) inaugurated a peripatetic itinerary through landscapes and climates that opened my eyes, flavored my tastes, stretched my mind, and softened my heart. A year of campus ministry at Assumption University in Windsor (1991-92) was followed by seven very happy years at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton (1992-99), where I still like to say that I cut my priestly teeth. I confidently affirm that my Basilian ministry in those latitudes of the Aurora Borealis was deeply satisfying and fulfilling. Never being one to forsake the cozy north, but rather, in the sheer interest of fairness, I turned my gaze next toward the sultry breezes of the sizzling south, where I embraced three years of campus ministry (along with some university teaching and student residence presence) at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas (1999-2002).

This southern exposure was followed by a most exciting return to the cradle of my Basilian pedigree, into the arms of my Alma Mater, back to St. Michael's College School in Toronto (2002-05), where I taught Theology, English, and French. There I was, teaching the sons of my own SMCS classmates, quoting my SMCS teachers of yesteryear, and educating this new generation of the Double Blue.

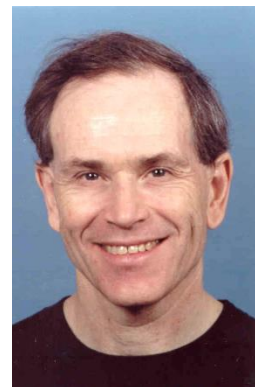
Catholic Central High School in Novi, Michigan (2005-14) beckoned and showed me that green pastures and shamrocks grow in other lands too, albeit in Blue and White. The splendid view from this mountaintop was just as breathtaking and grace-filled as any other. Later, I rejoiced to return home to my Basilian womb at St. Michael's College School, this time to serve as President (2014–present).

In God's providence, I have been very fortunate to trace such a map of adventure, discovery, learning, growth, close and dear friendships, and rich blessings throughout my Basilian life and Basilian priesthood. I have been both honoured and humbled to play an active role in helping to enfold our community's charism of education within the Church's mission of evangelization through my work in educational institutions and weekend parish ministries. I pray ardently that I may continue to find myself soaking beneath this shower of God's abundant blessings, wherever that gentle rain may drop down from heaven. So indeed has the finger of God been writing the history of the Congregation of St. Basil, and so also am I deeply content to count myself among the pages of this blessed community's story. May the Holy Spirit inspire more young men to come to know us well enough to want to be part of our Basilian Way of Life.

Edward Heidt CSB

50 years professed

I knew that I wanted to be a Basilian when I was in the 9th grade at The Aquinas Institute in Rochester, New York, where I was born and raised. The Basilian combination of priest-teacher was right for me. Over 30 years of teaching high school and university in Rochester, Merrillville, Vancouver and Saskatoon fulfilled my dream. I am still in contact with many of my students. I am most grateful to the Basilian Fathers for these opportunities to be of service as a priest and a teacher.



I became a dual citizen in 1994 in Saskatoon and have a special affection for Canada. The Basilian Fathers also afforded me many educational opportunities: four university degrees, the B.A. in English (1969), the M.Sc. in Education (1973), the M. Div. in Theology (1975) and the Ph.D. in English (1989) for which I am deeply grateful. William Marceau, Joe Abend, Bob Madden, and Bob McKinnon are four Basilians who greatly blessed me as wise and caring guides. Bob McKinnon encouraged my interest in lifelong theater work both with students and local theater communities, offering me many opportunities to both direct and act.

My much-loved childhood friend John Cieslinski began my interest in theater when we started doing plays for the neighborhood in our three-car garage on Borchard Street. John and I re-connected and wrote and performed many plays for various Canadian Fringe Festivals in Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, and Hamilton.

I have had so many wonderful friends and memories in the community over the years. I am also grateful for the many friends I have made outside the community who worked at the schools notably John Thompson who invited me to Saskatoon in 1992 and I stayed 18 years! Saint Thomas More College, as a place to be both a teacher and a priest, became a second home.

I thank God for the many, many blessings of these 50 years. I thank my parents for nurturing my vocation and my brother, Jim, and his wife, Carmella, and my sister Ruthanne, and her husband George, for their unfailing support. I have an extended family in Rochester of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews that I love very much. In 2010, I retired to Las Cruces, New Mexico where Sean Garrity and Michael Cerretto were very kind and helpful to me after my bike accident. I have been enjoying not only the weather change but the culture change from Canada and the opportunity to get to know the Basilian Bishop Ricardo Ramírez.

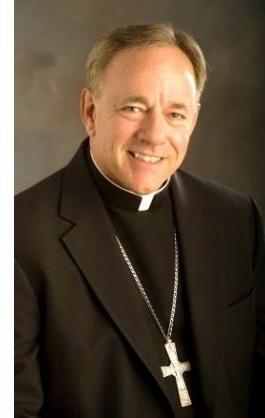
François Morfin

50 years professed

François Morfin currently lives in Ville Ste. Marthe, a retirement home administered by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Aubenas, not far from Annonay. “Hélas je ne peux ‘car physique’ dieu écrit droit avec des lignes courbes.” He made his novitiate in Annonay and he professed his first vows on September 12, 1966. He has served the Congregation in France and in Mexico.

+ J. Michael Miller CSB

50 Years Professed



My vocation to the Basilians can be traced to a poster in the stairwell of St. Joseph's High School in Ottawa. It featured a young Basilian opening a door and read in bold print: "Long hours, hard work, no pay."

I finally acted on that invitation after a year at St. Michael's College, and professed first vows on September 12, 1966. The Basilian Fathers, with our eclectic spirituality founded in the diocesan priesthood and the mission of evangelization especially in education, have given me every possible opportunity to grow in faith, to pursue studies that interested me and to engage in various apostolates during these last 50 years. And for this I am extraordinarily grateful.

After completing my B.A. (Honours) at U of T and an M.A. at the University of Wisconsin, both in Latin American Studies, I taught at my old high school. Thinking that I would work in Latin America, I spent my summers as a seminarian "on the missions" in Texas or studying Spanish in Mexico. However, after diaconal ordination, I was sent to the Gregorian University to study theology. While in Rome, Pope Paul VI ordained me to the priesthood on June 29, 1975.

Although my original appointment after completing my doctorate in 1979 was to teach six months in Mexico and six months at the University of St. Thomas, that lasted only one year. After 1980, I remained at UST for many happy years – teaching theology to undergraduates and at St. Mary's Seminary, becoming department chair and then vice president for academic affairs. During that time Houston – and Texas – became my home. From 1992 to 1997, I worked in the English-language section of the Holy See's Secretariat of State, where my interest in the papacy and papal teaching was more than satisfied.

In 1997, I was delighted to return to UST as its president and to the old residence on Yoakum. The fidelity of the confreres to the Basilian way of life, their kindness and their support made my six years back in Houston both fulfilling and fruitful.

The biggest surprise of my life came in November, 2003 when St. John Paul II named me an archbishop and secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education, a ministry which I held until my appointment as co-adjutor of the Archdiocese of Vancouver in the summer of 2007. On the feast of St. Basil – a date which I requested – I succeeded as archbishop.

Basilian adaptability, respect for the individual confrere and our practical, ecclesial spirituality are gifts from the community for which I daily thank the good Lord and pray that He will inspire many young men to share in these blessings.

The Cardinal Flahiff Centre - Toronto - 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 8 years. She works closely with the Treasurer General to manage the general finances of the Congregation. Together they also supervise the finances of the Sugar Land Mission Center. 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 5 years. She assists with the Administration of 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 and assists the residents of Anglin and Orsini house when needed.

Rosalin Gabriel comes from St. Vincent, a small island near Barbados. She is beginning her 10th 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.



Cynthia Watson, a Toronto native, is the assistant to the Superior General and the Congregational Secretary; she has held this position since 2013. 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

Basilian Social Justice Office

Bob Holmes CSB, Director

In 2016 our Basilian Office for Social Justice was invited to Ontario Catholic high schools for Gospel Peacemaking presentations, retreats, workshops and faculty Faith Days in Toronto, Markham, Mississauga, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Caledon, Owen Sound and Brockville. Presentations were also made to the confreres at Anglin House, BLA gatherings in Windsor and Toronto, and at a Unitarian Church in North York.

Besides our Detroit project, the Basilian Volunteer Teaching Corps is expanding to the Caribbean Island of Montserrat – a small, economically struggling, mountainous island not visited by tourist cruise ships. Basilians will partner with the Divine Word missionaries there. Two members of our working group visited Montserrat in October. Half the island was wiped out by volcanic eruptions in the 1990s a trauma that crippled their economy. Our Basilian volunteers will be welcomed in both the Catholic and public schools.

Much of the social justice ministry is collaborative, working with the JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) representatives of CRC (Canadian Religious Conference) both in Ontario and Canada-wide. Two workshops were held this year finding ways to work together on Indigenous justice issues and looking forward to new evolving ministries.



Our office is also combined with Pax Christi, Campaign Nonviolence, Camp Micah and CPT (Christian Peacemaker Teams) in the Blue Scarf Movement. This year we held a Blue Scarf Nonviolence Training in February, an Earth Day Walk in April and an International Peace Day Walk in September. This movement, begun by youth and women in Afghanistan, has spread across the globe calling for “A World Without War, Under One Blue Sky.”

Inspired by the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report, our office works with both KAIROS Canada and CPT to hold Canada to the 94 Calls to Action from the TRC report primarily respecting the treaties made with First Nations and education of all Canadians on the history of the Residential Schools and their devastating effects on Indigenous peoples.

Besides Coordinating the Basilian Office for Social Justice, I am active with CPT especially with the CPT Palestine team. In November I co-led a CPT delegation to Palestine visiting the many peacemakers actively involved in Israel/Palestine – Jewish, Muslim and Christian. In Canada the CPT role is advocacy which is done in partnership with CJPHL (Catholics for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land), CFOS (Canadian Friends of Sabeel) and Independent Jewish Voice (IJV). Pilgrims from our Basilian Peace and Justice Pilgrimage to the Holy Land stand silent vigil monthly at the Israeli Consulate in Toronto along with the Jewish Women in Black calling for the end of the Israeli occupation and colonization of the Palestinian Territories.

Initial Formation

Norm Tanck CSB and David Bittner CSB

Norman Tanck CSB is the Director of Associates and David Bittner CSB is the Director of Scholastics for our men in Initial Formation in Canada and the United States. At the end of 2016 there were three associates: Sean Ajluni (associated with The Basilian Fathers of Novi), Patrick O'Brien (The Basilian Fathers of UST) and Nick Zanko (The Basilian Fathers, USMC).

In 2016, there were four scholastics. Garcia Oscar Carbajal and Steven Huber continued their Theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. Eduardo Rivera began a pastoral year at St. Michael's College School, Toronto and Kevin Mannara, a pastoral year at Assumption Parish, Windsor.



June 24-July 3 the American scholastics met in Colombia with our Mexican and Colombian scholastics for their second annual gathering (*Pictured at left*) The Directors of Associates and Scholastics met with their counterparts in Initial Formation from Mexico and Colombia March 9 at St. Thomas High School.

Director of Vocations

Jeff Thompson CSB

Jeff Thompson CSB writes: Vocations to the Basilian Way of Life continue to be promoted in our local houses and apostolates according to local custom. Basilians preach about their personal vocation stories from Sunday pulpits, they tell their stories in high school classrooms, and they mentor candidates personally through conversation and direction. Some Basilian houses organize regular vocation awareness retreats or days or evenings of reflection.

In recent years, many vocation inquiries are received through the Basilian website, which are followed up through electronic communication and social media. Seldom does this kind of contact amount to serious vocation discernment. Time and again, it seems that personal contact with Basilians in candidates' formative younger years (in schools, universities, and parishes) plants seeds that begin to grow later and, God willing, will bear fruit for our community. It seems that the common sharing of these Basilian experiences by candidates and confrères lays the foundations for authentic vocation discernment. We pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire young men to embrace God's call.



Communications Coordinator for the Basilian Fathers

Jillian Kaster Miller

There was plenty of excitement as the Communications Office continues to bring stories of the Basilian Fathers to a growing audience. One method to achieve this goal was through video. The year began with the launch of the 'Uncollared' series. The videos by media production company, Breakfast at 12, feature Basilians taking part in candid conversations on topics related to the Basilian Way of Life. The videos garnered a lot of attention on Twitter and one follower even commented that the videos helped him more clearly understand the calling of the Congregation. The videos have been embedded throughout the Basilian website (Basilian.org).



An ongoing project in the Communications Office is a video series on the past superior generals of the Congregation. By combining interviews on a specific superior general's leadership and legacy with archival materials, the aim is to provide insight into the decisions that shaped who the community is today. The first video on Father Ulysse "Bud" Paré is available on The Basilians YouTube channel and the second video on Cardinal George Flahiff is currently in production.

Michelle Sawyers, the Congregation's archivist, and I had the privilege of interviewing Father "Howie" Keon about his experiences flying over Germany during WWII before he passed away in November. This interview was a part of the video created for the Cardinal Flahiff Centre's Remembrance Day service. The final product is a powerful piece that is a testament to the Basilian Fathers' willingness to serve and to go where they are needed.

In June, I attended the Catholic Media Conference by the Catholic Press Association conference in St. Louis. There I met many communications professionals who work for dioceses, religious orders, and Catholic newspapers across the United States and Canada and are committed to their work of promoting their organizations by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Inspired by Pope Francis and his words on social media on world Communications Day, I created the social media policy for the Congregation. The hope is this policy provides useful guidance on how Basilians can share information, promote their causes, and engage in thoughtful and fruitful discussions through social media.

I was also invited to speak at the Basilian Lay Associate Committee Meeting in June to introduce myself and explain the role of the Communications Office. It gave me a chance to put faces to names, as I had only communicated with some BLAs through phone or email.

I want to thank the Basilian community for its continued support of the communications initiatives and invite you to keep in touch. I can be reached at jillian@basilian.org or 416-925-4368 ext. 239.

Archives of the Basilian Fathers

Jim Farge CSB, Director of the Archives

Michelle Sawyers, Congregational Archivist

It was another busy and productive year in the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers. I was lucky enough to be able to pursue a variety of educational opportunities. I continued with Spanish lessons during the winter and spring (*¡Yo puedo hablar español! He perdido mi sombrero.*) In May I attended the Catholic Archivist Group conference in Halifax at St. Mary's University. It was wonderful to be able to connect with archivists who work in similar environments and who face the same challenges. In June I attended the Association of Canadian Archivists conference in Montreal. It was truly inspirational to listen to archivists from across the country talk about their cutting-edge innovations. In September I started an online course in Records Management; it is concerned with the management of current files rather than historic files.



This year I worked with Carolina Klapp and Jillian Kaster-Miller to begin an overhaul of the Basilian Data System (BDS). The software had become outdated and the information was unreliable. We selected a database designer and worked with her to shape the new system to our needs. At the end of 2016, we were in the process of correcting information about current Basilians. It's a big job, but the end product will be worth it.

In the summer I started work on the Flahiff Centre's Remembrance Day event. Jillian produced a video highlighting the five Basilian chaplains who served during World War II. I was able to find letters from each of the chaplains in the archives, and we had five current Basilians read them. It was fascinating to learn about these men who applied their training as pastors and educators to a different sphere.

There were some interesting research questions in 2016. My favorite was when I was able to help a woman from Australia find records about her father. She knew that he had been brought from Ireland to Canada and had been a student at Assumption College. I was able to find a letter to Father Henry Carr from a priest who knew the Basilians from their school in Chatham, New Brunswick. He was bringing boys from Ireland to be educated in Canada in hopes that they would enter the priesthood. The letter described her father's family, background, and personality. As an archivist it is satisfying to be able to use historic records to help someone connect to the past in such a personal way.



I'm including a wonderful photo that I found this year: *Église Notre-Dame de l'Assomption* in Annonay as seen from the *Collège Sacré-Coeur*. It was taken by Father Frank Mallon CSB in April 1977.

Basilians on Graduate Studies

Warren Schmidt CSB

Warren is in his second year of graduate studies in Theology in Paris. His thesis proposal was approved by the doctoral dissertation committee at l'Institut Catholique de Paris in July 2016. The proposed title of his doctoral dissertation is *Une mise en valeur de la pneumatologie dans la réforme du Rituel des ordinations après Vatican II : son développement ecclésiologique et historique et son intérêt pour l'œcuménisme*.

Academically-speaking, Warren is also continuing to study Syriac (Year 2) and is taking a first year course in Latin during this 2016-2017 academic year. In addition to studies, he is engaged in ministry including serving as a priest contact for Retrouvaille France and hearing confessions at la Paroisse St. Louis d'Antin in Paris. In July and August, 2016, he enjoyed teaching his first university-level course, entitled "Teaching as a Vocation: International Perspectives," at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton.



Mark Gazin CSB

Mark was appointed to the Archdiocese of Vancouver in British Columbia to assist his aging parents and was assigned by Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB to Star of the Sea Parish in South Surrey-White Rock in 2013. With his parents in a stable and safe environment, he completed this three-year appointment in the summer of 2016. His parish work there also saw him take on increasing numbers of interviews with the Archdiocesan Regional Tribunal. Consequently, with permission from the General Council he applied to Saint Paul University in Ottawa to begin a Juridical Canon Law Licentiate in September 2016, where he is currently studying.



Graduate students in Canon Law at Saint Paul University, Ottawa: Mark is at the far left in the back row.

Maison Saint-Joseph

Annonay, FR

L'année 2015 avait déjà été rude pour la petite communauté locale basilienne de France avec le décès du Père René ROBERT, 90 ans. 2016 le fut tout autant avec le décès du Père Michel DEGLENE, 80 ans, quelques jours avant Noël.

Michel fut hospitalisé ici à Annonay le mardi 11 octobre car il était complètement affaibli et ne pouvait plus conserver la nourriture. On a décelé une obstruction de l'œsophage. Ce problème réglé, sous l'effet des perfusions, Michel a retrouvé de l'appétit et une meilleure forme. 5 semaines à l'hôpital l'ont un peu rétabli - même si visiblement le corps médical avait décidé de ne rien faire concernant son cancer sans doute jugé trop "avancé". On nous a demandé de trouver une maison d'accueil pour Michel et, avec sa sœur, j'ai choisi la Maison de retraite "Mon Foyer" - juste à côté de l'hôpital - que nous connaissons bien puisque le Père René ROBERT y a passé les 9 dernières années de sa vie de 2006 à 2015.

Mais tout est allé très vite: j'ai encore vu Michel le samedi 19 novembre au soir et on a discuté comme d'habitude... et moins de 23h plus tard, il était décédé après quelques heures d'hospitalisation en urgence... pour des problèmes pulmonaires aigus. Ce fut un choc brutal, mais en même temps l'occasion de rendre grâce au Seigneur pour cette mort rapide, sans avoir traîné des semaines ou des mois en soins palliatifs comme je le craignais. La très belle messe de funérailles - présidée par notre évêque, Mgr. Jean-Louis BALSÀ, concélébrée par une quinzaine de prêtres et animée par les chorales de Roiffieux, de la Vocance et de la ville d'Annonay, a rassemblé environ 350 personnes à l'église St-François d'Annonay. Une centaine de personnes sont venues pour l'inhumation au petit cimetière basilien près du collège Sacré-Cœur et de la Maison St-Joseph.

Le Père François MORFIN est monté deux fois à Annonay en peu de temps: d'abord, pour les funérailles de Michel, vendredi 23 décembre, et hier, mercredi 28 décembre, pour le repas de Noël à la Maison diocésaine St-Charles qui rassemblait une quarantaine de personnes, dont plus de 20 prêtres diocésains, retraités ou encore en ministère. François est toujours à peu près le même, avec ses difficultés d'élocution, de vue, de motricité, mais il garde toujours une mémoire très vive, n'oublie jamais aucun anniversaire. Il est aussi très attentif à tout ce qui se passe dans le secteur d'Aubenas et à toutes les nouvelles de la communauté basilienne. François garde toujours beaucoup de contacts avec sa sœur Monique et ses frères. Au cours de l'année 2017, je pourrai sans doute aller voir François à Aubenas plus souvent à la Villa Ste-Marthe où il réside toujours. Je crois qu'il est satisfait de sa vie dans cette maison où il peut côtoyer une trentaine d'autres pensionnaires, prêtres diocésains retirés, religieuses de l'Institut St-Joseph, quelques laïcs. Il profite de toutes les animations de la villa Ste-Marthe et il fréquente toujours la médiathèque d'Aubenas, ce qui lui permet de marcher un peu en ville, sur un parcours sécurisé qu'il connaît bien maintenant!

Quelques nouvelles de moi-même, Père Bernard BUISSON. A vrai dire, pas de changements notables dans mes ministères. J'interviens toujours sur les deux paroisses St-Christophe-les-Annonay principalement et Ste-Claire Annonay-Vocance. Notre évêque a décidé de rapprocher les deux paroisses et d'en faire un peu le pilote de ce que devront devenir les 22 autres paroisses du diocèse de Viviers dans les années à venir. J'ai bien dit à l'évêque mon certain scepticisme face à ces solutions et formations soit disant miraculeuses. J'ai promis à l'évêque et au curé modérateur d'assurer pendant ce temps la "maintenance et la permanence" du travail paroissial ordinaire. Résultats je n'ai jamais autant célébré de baptêmes (72 en 2016, contre 48 en 2015), de mariages (22 en 2016, contre 17 en 2015) et

de funérailles (74 en 2016, contre 69 en 2015), ni d'eucharisties dominicales. Mais je ne me plains pas, bien, au contraire! J'aime ce ministère paroissial, qui me change de mes 37 années d'enseignement auparavant. J'essaye de participer aussi à presque tous les événements diocésains et il y en a eu beaucoup cette année (année sainte de la miséricorde, 100ème anniversaire de l'assassinat du bienheureux Charles de Foucauld (ordonné prêtre à Viviers et très lié à notre église diocésaine), rencontres de tous les prêtres voulues par notre nouvel évêque, états généraux du mariage ...

Je suis toujours très présent à la vie du collège Sacré-Coeur et dans une bonne partie de ses instances pour exercer encore un peu de "tutelle basilienne" sans oublier mes rencontres informelles avec le directeur, Michaël BOUVIER et ses deux adjoints. De plus, les jours scolaires, soit 4 fois par semaine je mange au self du collège. Les effectifs au collège ont baissé de 12 élèves à cette rentrée 2016, mais devrait augmenter de 20 ou 30 à la prochaine rentrée septembre 2017. On a fini cette été de recréer toutes les façades, ce qui donne une nouvelle jeunesse à notre établissement qui domine toute la ville d'Annonay de sa blancheur immaculée désormais. On a eu l'an dernier 99,43% de réussite au Diplôme national du Brevet (1 échec sur 174 candidats). Le collège a commencé à mettre en oeuvre la "Réforme des collèges" voulue par la Ministre de l'éducation nationale, mais il faut dire que nous faisons déjà par avance pas mal de choses dans la dynamique de ce "nouveau collège" à faire vivre désormais nationalement. Le collège Sacré-Coeur se porte toujours bien et reste en effectif (712 actuellement).

Nous avons eu à St-Joseph en 2016 la visite des Pères John Wheeler (comme chaque année) and Warren Schmidt, étudiant-doctorant à la catho de Paris. Joseph Hunt a changé de paroisse sur Paris: il officie désormais à la Paroisse St-Louis d'Antin dans le 9ème arrondissement. Joe Hunt a connu quelques ennuis de santé, mais tout aujourd'hui est bien rentré dans l'ordre. A cause de la proximité de Noël, aucun n'a pu être présent à Annonay pour les funérailles de Michel, mais nous avons beaucoup correspondu par mail à cette pénible occasion.

Il y a toujours le projet que notre Maison St-Joseph - désormais bien vide - continue à servir l'enseignement catholique d'Ardèche en devenant le nouveau lieu d'implantation de l'école primaire de Montalivet. Le collège Sacré-Coeur pourrait éventuellement aussi utiliser quelques locaux et superviser l'école primaire, ce qui ferait une entité école-collège. Tout ceci reste au... conditionnel bien sûr et devrait se réaliser éventuellement dans un horizon 2-3 ans. Pour l'instant, je continue à demeurer à St-Joseph. Notre employée, Mme SALIQUE, a encore 2 ans à travailler avant sa retraite. Et je voudrais bien la garder jusqu'au bout, car elle aime beaucoup travailler à l'entretien des extérieurs et cela est désormais indispensable puisqu'il n'y a plus de confrère pour le faire et que la cuisine, la lessive et le ménage pour moi rarement présent ne peuvent justifier son emploi à temps complet. En attendant, on a toujours de la place pour vous accueillir - certes pas trop longtemps et pas trop nombreux en même temps! - à ANNONAY, même si nos moyens humains sont désormais très... très limités... et même si je suis souvent retenu par mes ministères en paroisses en semaine, les soirs et surtout le week-end... Espérons que l'an 2017 sera plus calme pour nous en France au "berceau" (ou du moins... ce qu'il en reste!) de la communauté des Pères Basiliens!



The year 2015 had already been harsh for the small local Basilian community of France with the death of the Father René Robert, 90 years old. 2016 was the same with the death of the Father Michel Deglène, 80 years old, a few days before Christmas.

Michel was hospitalized here at Annonay on Tuesday 11 October because he was completely weakened and could no longer keep food in his stomach. The tests detected an obstruction of the esophagus. This problem was solved under the effect of infusions; Michel had regained the appetite and felt better. Five weeks in the hospital had restored him a little. The physicians had decided to do nothing concerning his cancer, because they considered it too advanced. We were asked to find a house of hospitality for Michel and, with his sister, I chose the retirement home "Mon Foyer" - just next to the hospital - we know it well since Father René Robert had spent the last 9 years of his life there.

But everything happened very quickly: I had just seen Michel Saturday 19 November in the evening and we chatted as usual. Less than 23h later, he died after a few hours of hospitalization in emergency for acute lung problems. It was a brutal shock, but at the same time it was an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for this quick death, without having to spend weeks or months in palliative care as I had feared. The very beautiful funeral Mass, was presided by our Bishop, Msgr. Jean-Louis Balsa and concelebrated by several priests. The music was provided by the choirs of Roiffieux, the Vocance and the City of Annonay. It was attended by 350 people at the Church St-François d'Annonay. About a hundred people came for interment in the Basilian cemetery near the Collège Sacré-Coeur and Maison St-Joseph.

Father François Morfin has travelled two times to Annonay in a short time: first, for the funeral of Michel, Friday, 23 December, and on Wednesday, 28 December, for the Christmas Dinner to the Maison St-Charles which gathered around forty people including more than 20 diocesan priests. François is almost always the same, with his difficulties with speech, vision, and balance. However he always keeps his memory alive and never forgets an anniversary. He is also very attentive to everything that is happening in the sector of Aubenas and all the news of the Basilian Community. François always keeps in contact with his sister and his brothers. In the course of the year 2017, I can probably go see François at Aubenas more often at the Villa Ste-Marthe where he still resides. I believe that he is satisfied with his life in this house where he can be with 30 other boarders, diocesan priests, religious of the Institut St-Joseph, and some laity. He takes advantage of all the activities of the villa Ste-Marthe and he visits the Library of Aubenas, which allows him to walk a little in the city, on a secure route that he knows well.

A little news about myself, Father Bernard Buisson. It is fair to say that there are no notable changes in what I do. I still serve at the two parishes, St. Christopher of Annonay primarily and also St. Clair of Annonay-Vocance. Our bishop decided to bring the two parishes and make a little pilot project of what will become of the 22 other parishes of the Diocese of Viviers in the years to come. Although I have expressed to the bishop my scepticism in the face of these "miraculous solutions" and training, I promised to the bishop and the parish priest moderator to ensure during this time the "maintenance and the permanence" of the regular parish ministry. This is what is happening: I have never celebrated as many Baptisms (72 in 2016, against 48 in 2015), marriages (22 in 2016, against 17 in 2015) and funerals (74 in 2016, against 69 in 2015), nor as many Sunday Eucharists. But I am not complaining, on the contrary! I love this parish ministry, which is a change for me after 37 years of teaching. I try also to participate in almost all diocesan events and there has been a lot this year (Holy Year of Mercy, 100th anniversary of the assassination of the Blessed Charles de Foucauld (ordained priest in Viviers and closely linked to our diocesan Church), meetings of all priests that our new Bishop has required, the Assemblies about Marriage, etc.

I am still very present in the life of the Collège Sacré-Coeur and I make an effort to exercise a little "Basilian Trusteeship", without forgetting my informal meetings with the Director, Michaël Bouvier and his two assistants. In addition, four times per week I eat at the cafeteria of the College to get out a little. The enrollment at the college has declined by 12 students, but should increase by 20 or 30 in the next school year September 2017. This summer, we have finished the restoration of all the facades, which gives a new look to our school which dominates the whole city of Annonay with its immaculate whiteness now. Last year, there was a 99.43% of success in the national diploma of the Patent (1 failure out of 174 candidates). The college has begun to implement the "Reform of the Colleges" desired by the Minister of National Education, but it must be said that we were already making many advances in the dynamics of this "new college" which now is a national requirement. The Collège Sacré-Coeur is always doing well and remains strong with 712 students currently.

In 2016 we had the visits of Father John Wheeler (who comes every year) and Father Warren Schmidt, a doctoral student at the Catholic Institute of Paris. Father Joseph Hunt has changed his parish in Paris: he now officiates at the parish of St-Louis d'Antin in the 9th arrondissement. Joe Hunt has experienced some health problems but today is well recovered. Because of the proximity of Christmas, no Basilians were able to be present at Annonay for the funeral of Michel Deglène, but many have corresponded by mail during this painful time.

There is always the possibility that our Maison St-Joseph - now almost empty – might continue to serve Catholic education of Ardèche by becoming the new location of the primary school of Montalivet. The Collège Sacré-Coeur could possibly also use part of the premises and oversee the primary school; this would be a kind of "school-college." All this remains hypothetical at the moment and would be achieved possibly in a horizon of two to three years.

As for now, I continue to remain by myself at St-Joseph. Our employee, Ms. Salique, still has 2 years to work before her retirement. I would like her to stay until the end, because she loves working in the lawns and flowerbeds; this is now essential since there is no longer a confrère to do this. Now, with only me, just the kitchen, laundry and housekeeping alone cannot justify her full-time employment.

In the meantime, we are still here to welcome Basilians to Annonay – certainly not for too long and certainly not too many at the same time –, even if our human resources are now very, very limited and even if I am often absent because of my tasks in parishes during the week, during the evenings and especially on the weekends. May the year 2017 be more tranquil for us in France at the "cradle" (or at least what remains of it) of the Community of the Priests of St. Basil!

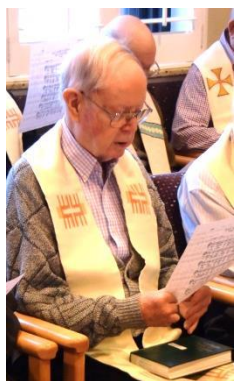


Cardinal Flahiff Centre - Anglin House

Toronto ON

Joseph Walsh is the superior of Anglin House, with Daniel Callam as his assistant. Resident members are Claude Arnold, Leo Burns, Robert Crooker, Alphonse de Valk, Martin Dimnik. Michael Fallona, John Hurley, Ed Kline, Owen Lee, Thomas McReavy, Kenneth O'Keefe, P. Wallace Platt, Peter Swan, and John Wilson. Other members, because of problems associated with dementia are in residence at the Houses of Providence, namely Denis Rowan and Gordon Walker.

Mass in Anglin House is concelebrated daily by members of both Anglin and Orsini houses in the fourth floor chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Center. St. Joseph Sisters, Basilian Lay Associates, and other guests are often in attendance. It is the center point of the day for the Basilian Residents of the Flahiff Centre.



Above, Joe Walsh takes his turn leading the celebration for the Basilians of Anglin House and Orsini House.

Kevin Kirley of Orsini House lends his fine baritone as the leader of song on Sundays. Michael Fallona of Anglin House is the faithful sacristan who always has everything ready for the celebration. Denis April of Orsini House tidies up and folds the stoles for the next use.

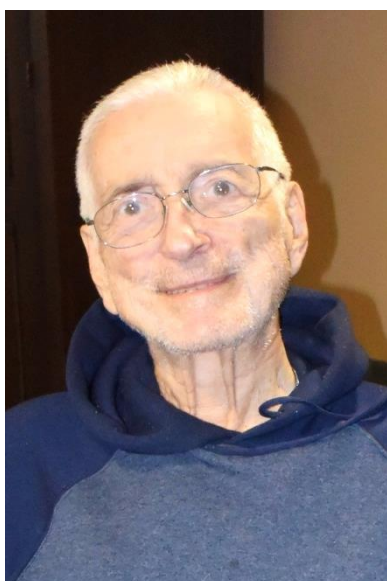
On First Friday retreat days there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the smaller Anglin House oratory followed by an hour-long oral presentation in the larger chapel. Among the speakers in 2016 were Tom Rosica and members of his *Salt and Light* staff, who kept us informed first-hand on the canonization of Mother Teresa. Our Superior General, George Smith, gave us his annual update on the whole Basilian community. Tim Scott spoke on the Prodigal Son, Bob Holmes on Basilian peacekeeping,

Bill Irwin on “The Bible and Good and Evil”, and Norman Tanck on “Formation: Then and Now”. Owen Lee and Jim Carruthers each spoke twice -- Owen on “Opera: A Spiritual Dimension” at the start of the year and on “Four Basilians” at the year’s end, and Jim on “Basilian Spirituality: The Unsung Heroes” in February and on “Schools of Theology In Three Countries” in December.



Doctor Peter Barreca visits Anglin House every second Wednesday. Nursing staff is under the capable direction of Pushpa Bollegala and her assistant, Nicole Cote Jeffrey. There are fifteen assistant staff members for nursing in Anglin house (*Josephine Mero Vilar and Magdalene Yeung are pictured to the left*), with about twenty more for housekeeping, meals, chiropody, plant maintenance, and security for the whole Cardinal Flahiff Centre. Barbering is provided, as it has been for more than twenty years, by Rafaele Schiavone. Physiotherapy sessions are offered three times weekly by Giselle Warren. Recreational events are planned weekly by Christian de la Fuente. They include parties, often with musical entertainment, for St. Patrick’s Day, Cinco de Mayo, Oktoberfest. Among the movies screened in the downstairs refectory have been Oscar contenders *Brooklyn*, *Room*, *The Martian*, *Bridge of Spies*, *The Revenant*, and the eventual winner, *Spotlight*.

Basilians in their 90’s
From Anglin House: Bob Crooker, Tom McReavy, Jack Wilson (the oldest, born January 22, 1919), Wally Platt, Kevin Kirley (from Orsini House) and Peter Swan (the second-oldest, born May 21, 1919)
Absent: Ray Jackson (see page 29)



On November 11, a Remembrance Day ceremony in the main dining room of the Cardinal Flahiff Centre was marked by the choral singing of the St. Michael’s Choir School, with the sounding of “last post” by a trumpeter, and prayers by Jack Hanna and Bob Holmes. A beautiful video by Gillian Kaster-Miller and Michelle Sawyers projected pictures of and interviews with the many Basilians (including Howie Keon, Ed Kline and Jack Hurley) who served in the armed forces or as chaplains in the two World Wars, and, in the absence of Howie himself, a touching tribute to his aerial soldiering was given by Joe Walsh.

Edwin Joseph Kline CSB celebrated 60 years of priestly ministry on June 29, 2016. Ed greets everyone with a friendly smile and a strong handshake. His presence enriches Anglin House.

A Catholic organization that promotes education and charitable works gave Owen Lee their Gaudium Award at a black-tie dinner at the Yale Club in New York. Wheelchair-bound, he was unable to attend; however, the award was brought to him personally by his friend Charles Scribner III.

2016 saw the deaths of Associated member Charles Principe in June, and then, beginning in October within a month's time, three Basilians in their nineties: Vincent Thompson, Howard Keon, and Brian Higgins. The three funerals were attended by great crowds of relatives.

Cardinal Flahiff Centre - Orsini House

Toronto ON

With thanks to God we look back over this past year. We are blessed in so many ways we sometimes lose sight of the blessings and graces the Lord sends. The Orsini House community consists of fifteen confreres. Common Prayer and daily Mass are at the centre of our days. This year we have hosted guests from several different communities and dioceses (London, Pembroke, Rochester, Los Angeles, Barcelona). Guests from Ireland and other exotic places stayed with us this year. We are blessed to be able to welcome guests and share with them our Basilian hospitality.

While there are two communities at 95 St. Joseph St. there is continual interaction between them. The First Friday talks, daily Mass, as well as festive celebrations bring us together and allow us to enjoy one another's company. The staff members at the Flahiff Centre are exceptional and joyfully help us with the life of the community. We are blessed.

Wilf Janisse and Don Finlay enjoy delicious food at the Greek Festival.

Denis April assists confreres who need to be driven to doctors or to medical appointments. He assists in putting away vestments after the Masses in the Anglin House chapel. Denis has a bad fall in December and suffered serious damage to his teeth. He has handled the situation well and remains in good form.



Donald Finlay stepped down as sacristan after many years of service. Don continues to serve as chaplain to the Knights of Malta, Southern Ontario Region. He has been doing this since 1988. He states that it is a privilege to work with the wonderful men and women who undertake to serve the Lord in the sick and the poor.

Clair Watrin moved from Hinton, Alberta to Toronto on July 30. It has been a significant adjustment for him but he has settled in well. He is a prayerful presence in the house. Living in Sudbury, Gerry Lalonde was associated with Orsini House. He was diagnosed with lung cancer early in the year and seemed to

be responding well to treatment. However, he underwent surgery to remove part of his lung, experienced complications and never recovered from it. Gerry died on June 14th.

Wilfrid Janisse is the guest master for the local community. He regularly assists with Mass and Confessions at St. Basil's. Gordon Kennedy assists in making some supplies available to the community gathering prior to supper every evening. He also celebrates Mass at Belmont Seniors' Retirement Home which is served by St. Basil's Parish. Kevin Kirley is a mine of information about the confreres of the past. He shares humorous and insights and keeps the memory of those confreres before us. Kevin gave the First Friday talk in October. The topic was: *A Few Reflections on Some of Our Founders. It would be worth your while to ask Kevin for a copy of his talk.*



Marvin LaBute remains positive in his outlook. His sight is quite poor which makes reading an enormous challenge. He still misses Windsor but he has made a couple of trips there to visit. He enjoys regaling Jack Hanna with Canadian tall tales. Is that a true story?

Jim Carruthers assists at St. Basil's, does spiritual direction, and celebrates Mass at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph. He has directed retreats for parishes and religious communities.

These two Basilians from the "Sun Parlour of Canada" enjoy the Halloween party.

John Malo tells us that this will be his last year at St. Michael's College School. However, as John enjoys working with the staff and students so much, we will have to wait and see if he does retire.

Jim McConica writes: The year 2016 continued my involvement with the University Press's production of the Collected Works of Erasmus, now scheduled to run to 84 volumes. Sixty-seven of these are in print. In April I went to England to spend time with a close, lifelong friend and occasional collaborator who had entered palliative care. He was an authority on St Thomas More, whose example influenced his life profoundly. We met originally in Saskatoon when, recently married, he and his bride came to St Thomas More College at the invitation of Peter Swan, and where he taught in the University's English department. In November I travelled to Rotterdam to participate in the triennial meeting of an international Council established by the Royal Netherlands Academy to oversee the critical edition of the *Opera omnia* of Erasmus of Rotterdam. Although it is always a pleasant and productive meeting, I can assure the confrères that Rotterdam in November is not a destination. The city remains proud, however, of its most famous son, and pays our expenses

John Reddy is still superior of the house. He assists at St. Basil's and at a couple of other parishes in the city. John had a wonderful trip to Ireland in the late summer. It is one the highlights of the year for him. He has also directed a couple of retreats. Leo Reilly has been busy with projects focussed on the writings of Marshall McLuhan. Joe Walsh continues to serve as superior of Anglin House while being a member of the Orsini House community. He is constantly busy.

On December 3, 2015 Gerry Dillon and Ray Jackson moved to Toronto from Henry Carr Farm. This has been their first full year at Orsini House. While it proved to be a major change from living in a peaceful, pastoral setting to living in the centre of Toronto, both confreres have adjusted to life downtown. They continue to welcome some friends from Beeton when they gather for Mass on the first Saturday of each month in our chapel. They are enjoyable additions to Orsini House; Ray celebrated his 90th birthday this year and he is still going strong.

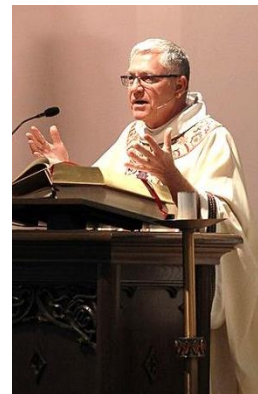
The development of Presentation Manor is followed with great interest by the confreres at Orsini House. Although there is some trepidation, understandably, the move to Scarborough will be a new beginning in many ways. Collaboration with other religious congregations in the city makes eminent sense in this day and age; and presents a witness of our unity in Christ.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Windsor ON

Maurice Restivo continues in his role as pastor of Assumption Parish, Canada's oldest parish west of Montreal. Assumption is gearing up for our sescentennial, celebrating 250 years of service to God's people in Southwest Ontario in 2017. He enjoys cooking for the confrères.

He continues to be active in recovery. In January he preached a retreat for priests, deacons, brothers, and seminarians in 12-step recovery, and in May he took on a new position in a recovery organization. He has maintained a connection with St. Joseph's College. In the spring he traveled to Edmonton to prepare a gourmet multi-course Italian dinner that was auctioned off at the annual Gala; he also presided at the wedding of a former student. In the fall he resumed doing pottery as a creative outlet. His pieces are quite functional.



2016 was a busy year for Kevin Mannara. He continued to serve Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Windsor as a pastoral intern. In February George Smith CSB installed Kevin as an acolyte. New Theology review published the article *Bernardin and Bergoglio: What the Cardinal's Legacy offers to a Church led by Pope Francis*. In November Kevin attended a celebration at the Bernardin Center marking the 20th anniversary of the Cardinal's death.

In June Kevin joined the other scholastics in Colombia; it was a memorable experience. He enjoyed spending time with them, and especially was heartened seeing all the good work that our congregation does among the people of Medellin. In July Kevin and his mom fulfilled a dream that they had talked about for decades: a pilgrimage to Saint Anne de Beupré. They also visited Saint Joseph's Oratory, the

Holy Door in the Cathedral-Basilica of Notre-Dame de Québec and Our Lady of the Cape Shrine. In September Kevin went with Rome with Tom Rosica for the canonization of Mother Teresa. After Kevin returned he joined the other scholastics for the ordination of Bishop Bob Kasun, CSB.

Jim Stenberg continued to serve as local superior and as the parochial vicar of Assumption Parish. He worked closely with Cara Gagne as the Circle of Care coordinator for the infirm Basilians in Windsor, as well as with her replacement, Mark Sikich. After George Beaune's death on January 10 the responsibilities of the Circle of Care coordinator consisted of Father Kenneth McKernan and Father Arthur (Tunney) Hathaway, both in residence at Sunrise Senior living in Windsor. Ken McKernan celebrated 50 years of ordained ministry this year, along with Q Johnson.

Jim has accumulated various odd responsibilities over the course of his stay in Windsor, including supervising the money counters for the Sunday collection, serving as chaplain for the local council of the Knights of Columbus, helping Kevin Mannara and Dana Cavers with RCIA. This Christmas he also helped a lot with the program to provide Christmas baskets to needy families in the parish.

Matthew Durham continues with his ministry at The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County, where he is the Director of Community Engagement and Advancement. Joe Quinn is co-director of Marie Rose Place, a retreat centre in Windsor, a member of the Service Team of Southwestern Ontario Contemplative Outreach, Centering Prayer facilitator, ministers at the Devonshire Seniors' Residence and is involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Frank Mizzi continues to be active as a counselor. Retirees Michael Brand and Bernard Pinsonneault are also associated with Assumption Parish.

Paul McGill is chaplain for Campus Ministry at the University of Windsor. He celebrates mass at Rosary chapel three times during the week, and on Sunday afternoons. Q Johnson enjoys an active retirement at Amica. He celebrates mass for the residents at Amica and Devonshire Place. This year was Fr. Q's 50th anniversary of priesthood. A beautiful mass and reception was held at the parish.



Q. writes: "Most recently the celebration of my 50th in Windsor with those I serve or have served is a highlight. The wonderful celebration with my ordination class in Toronto would be another. But that which I really look forward to each year is saying Christmas Eve Mass with a good part of my family in Ottawa. This has been a tradition for many years, and I am looking forward to it again in 2016. I have so much to be grateful for and feel truly blessed."

The Curial Community

Toronto ON

The Curial community continues to reside in small apartments near the Cardinal Flahiff Centre.

David Katulski is in his sixth year of ministry as Vicar General. He serves as the rector of the Curial community and he continues his service as a chaplain in the Knights of Malta. He also works in collaboration with the staff of St. Joseph's College School as celebrant for both daily and special occasion Eucharist, assists with staff professional days, and offers retreats for the staff twice a year. 2016 marks the 26th 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 days of retreat for the sisters.



George Smith continues in his ministry of leadership while beginning to see the hopeful promise of the Chapter of 2018. He devotes considerable time to his work as Chair of the Board of Directors of Presentation Manor Corp and Canadian Religious Stewardship, and has recently intensified his involvement in the planning process for the future development of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre property. George also serves on the Board of Becoming Neighbors, a collaborative ministry among religious in Toronto for refugees and new immigrants, which was very active during the past year. He looks forward to another summer experience teaching for Newman Theological College at their Saskatoon campus in July, 2017. Since August of 2016 George has been helping out with Sunday work at St. Basil's Parish, and has found it to be a wonderfully fulfilling ministry.

Joseph Redican continues his active retirement from full time high school work. From January to April he stayed in Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica and took the opportunity to travel by bus to visit Sr. Roseanna Mellert, a Sister of Notre Dame from Chardon, Ohio, who ministers in the city of Jinotega, Nicaragua. In June, he moved from his Detroit residence to Queens, New York, so that David Semivule, an asylum seeker from Uganda could begin attending St. John's University. When in New York he does a couple of days a week volunteer work at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School supporting staff and administration in various ways. Joe also leads 12 Step retreats in Toronto, Detroit and Chicago.

Thomas Rosica is in his fourteenth year as founding Chief Executive Officer of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. Tom also serves as Procurator General of the Basilian Fathers. In addition to his work at *Salt and Light* in Toronto, Tom has served, since February 2013, as English language media attaché to the Holy See Press Office at the Vatican. Tom 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 was keynote speaker at the Theological Symposium of the International Eucharistic Congress in Cebu (Philippines) in January 2016. Over the past year Tom continued to deliver addresses in several parts of the world on themes relating to the Petrine Ministry of Pope Francis. In June he taught a summer school course on Scripture, Theology and Communications at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In 2016 Tom received the Distinguished Communicator Award from the Diocese of Brooklyn's DeSales Media Group and was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters *Honoris Causa* from Niagara University for his work in Catholic Communications. During the first week of December, 2016, Salt and Light Television moved into its new Broadcast Centre and studios in midtown Toronto.

Frassati House

Toronto ON

The four members of Frassati House, located on Sackville Street in the Corktown-Regent Park area of Toronto are **Fathers Norm Tanck** (Rector), **Bob Holmes**, **Jack Hanna**, and **Doug Hilmer**. **Father Neil Hibberd** is associated Frassati House and lives in The Avondale Retirement Residence.

The House on Sackville St. is really two townhouses joined into one comfortable residence. There is lovely Chapel to the rear of the house which provides a bright beautiful place to celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist and for private prayer and meditation. The confreres take turns preparing the evening meal which is usually a time for them to share their daily adventures, discuss current events and religious and secular politics (especially during the 2016 presidential elections in the USA), and of course, tell the stories of their youth. Neil Hibberd and other Basilians and guests often joined the community for dinner and conversion. One of those Basilian guests was recently ordained Bishop Bob Kasun.



Besides sharing the cooking responsibilities, the confreres tend the yards and gardens which are the envy of the neighbourhood. In the winter the conferees make sure that the sidewalks are clear of snow and ice. In the late fall the house stocked up on ice melting compound and bought a new gas engine snow blower, a real blessing for an older community.

Since Frassati house has three guestrooms, many Basilians and Basilian Lay Associates who were in town for meetings or just to visit as well as Basilian family members stayed with community this past year. In January, for the past several years, Frassati House has hosted seminarians from the Toronto's St. Augustine Seminary. These men are in a spiritual year similar to novitiate before they begin Theology.

Norm Tanck continued in his term as rector of the local community while serving the Congregation in Initial Formation as Director of Associates. He helped out at St. Basil's Church with weekend Masses as well as daily Mass and Confession, and he continues presiding and preaching at Anglin House Masses. He also was a weekend supply priest at St. John's Parish on Kingston Rd. in Toronto. Norm preached the annual retreat for the Basilian Fathers at Catholic Central and facilitated a short retreat for the General Council before they began their September meetings. He worked on discernment retreats sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto and was available for spiritual direction with several lay people. Norm is the

only active Basilian member of the Canadian National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors and attended their convocation in Winnipeg this year.

Bob Holmes calls Frassati house, “our home” and says that it has been a pleasure to live in a caring community, with regular prayer and liturgical celebration, and shared culinary artistry. Bob looks after the finances for the local community. As he has for several years, Bob spent Holy Week on retreat at the Weston Priory in Vermont. This is an important spiritual retreat for him, although mountains are still his recreational retreat. He ended 2016 mountain climbing in New Hampshire. Bob continues his ministry to the Congregations as Director of the Office of Social Justice and his peacemaking ministry in a variety of ways. Bob regularly presides at Sunday Mass with “The Community”, a group that has been together since the 1980’s. When not presiding on Sunday he often attends Mass in different parishes in the city and always has a bulletin and report to share when he returns.

Jack Hanna enjoys his work as Secretary / Treasurer General. He works with Ms. Carolina Klapp, the Congregational Financial Officer, and Ms. Elizabeth Contreras in overseeing the congregational finances. He serves on the Basilian Community Investing Committee with Gordon Judd, Margaret Weber and Carlo DePellegrin; this committee oversees the Micro loans made by the Congregation to assist small enterprises. He also enjoys his Spanish translating work to communicate with Basilians in Mexico and Colombia. Jack works in the yard of Frassati House during the spring and summer and, in November, he was instrumental in purchasing the new snow blower mentioned above, which he hopes he personally will never have to use. Jack and Michael Miller made a trip to cities of the Baltic countries this past summer. Jack concelebrates Eucharist with the Anglin-Orsini communities on Sundays.

Doug Hilmer was a substitute teacher for the Toronto Catholic District School Board. He was called upon to teach a variety of subjects, as well as working with students with special needs. Doug has many skills and talents that he used to make improvements around the house; doing odd jobs, painting, yard work and repairs. As the youngest member of the house, Doug is more than generous in taking on some of the “heavy lifting” for the other confreres. He and Norm Tanck usually do the grocery and household shopping for the community on Saturday mornings, but when Doug returns from day trips with his parents to places like Niagara-on-the-Lake and the St. Jacobs Mennonite market he usually brings back treats and delicacies. This fall Doug began celebrating Mass at Anglin House which he enjoys very much.

Neil Hibberd continued to regularly enjoy animated conversation and good dinners with the confreres at Frassati House, with which he is attached; he says their hospitality and support is very welcome and appreciated. Neil is faithful in attending the Prayer Services and Funeral Masses in the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre Chapel, for recently deceased confreres, and finds them a source of powerful connectedness for him, as are the celebrations hosted by Orsini and Anglin Houses. His liturgical ministry and preaching in area churches have come to an end, dictated by health and mobility issues. During 2016 Neil stepped down as the “movie critic” for the Basilian publication, *Stirrings*. His family and friends engage Neil and keep him interested and involved in events and celebrations. The Avondale Retirement Residence supplies needs and presents opportunities for some ministry.

Michaelmas Hall

Toronto ON

In this year of grace 2016 many good things have happened at **Michaelmas Hall**, formerly known only by the street address 5 Oriole Parkway. The most obvious good thing is the now multi-apostolic nature of the community with the appointment of Mario D'Souza, CSB as rector of the house. We have accepted the challenges and joys of life together as we minister to God's people each in our different callings at St. Michael's College School and at St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, Toronto, Ontario.

Andrew Leung accepted the appointment as pastor of Sts. Alphonsus and Clair in Edmonton after wrapping up one more year of teaching/chaplaincy ministry at St. Michael's College School. His success at St. Michael's College School will no doubt be mirrored in his ministry as pastor.

Eduardo Rivera moved into Michaelmas Hall in August as a scholastic working and ministering in the chaplaincy of St. Michael's College School. He began his ministry as Coordinator of Spiritual Life, organizing all-school masses, reconciliation services, and retreats. Eduardo has also assisted in coaching the varsity volleyball and boys under 14 basketball teams. He is enjoying his time in Toronto, and will return to St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas for his second year of theology in the Fall of 2017.

Bill May began his year-long sabbatical on the first of September and thus far has driven half way across the United States of America exploring his heritage with visits to Abraham Lincoln's gravesite and Presidential Museum in Springfield, Illinois, the Mark Twain Museum in Hannibal, Missouri, and the William McKinley tomb and Presidential Museum in Canton, Ohio. The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Museum is on the books for later. He has been truly blessed in the traveling.

Jefferson Thompson continues his ministry as President of St. Michael's College School. Endeavoring to meet and engage with all the students, parents, faculty, and staff at the school continues to be joyful challenge for him. He has been a driving force for the Kairos Retreat movement at the school and this year's upcoming retreat looks to be a blessing for all involved. His work as Vocation Director for the Basilian Fathers and his involvement with the Collegium of The University of St. Michael's College continues to provide challenges and joys of differing qualities. His engagement with other Basilian Schools is evidenced through the Basil Bowl tournaments and BNENE, and he is continually in contact with other independent schools in the province.



Basil Bowl Competitions continue to write a new chapter in Basilian High School brotherhood.

Mario D'Souza continues to teach at the Faculty of Theology, the University of St. Michael's College. He also serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors at St. Michael's College School. As of the 1st of July 2016, he assumed the role of Director of BNENE—the Basilian Network of Education and the New Evangelization. To that end, he visited St. Thomas High School, Catholic Central High School, and St. Michael's College School to move to the next steps following the BNENE Conference, held in Toronto, at St. Michael's College School, in July 2015. He led the St. Michael's College School retreat in October. He continues to hold a fellowship at York St. John's University, York, England, and he is also a fellow of St. Michael's College. He has served on a number of editorial boards for refereed journals, including, this year, the *Journal of Beliefs and Values: Studies in Religion and Education*. In August, he was appointed to the Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School, where he serves as the Rector.

A precis of Mario's work follows:

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"Something Rather Than Nothing: Human Living and the Christian Philosophy of History."
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"Being, Becoming, and the Philosophical Transformation of the Self."
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The Catholic University and the Unburdening of the Real World
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Maritain, Political Community, and the Common Good
Plenary Address
The Canadian Jacques Maritain Association
Dominican University College, Ottawa, 28 October 2016

The Unity of the Thought of Jacques Maritain.
Plenary Address
The American Maritain Association—Thirty-Ninth Annual International Meeting
Fordham University, New York, Lincoln Center, 27 February 2016

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St. Basil's Collegiate Church

Toronto ON

160 Years of Ministry at St. Basil

On September 14, 1856, the Basilians celebrated the first Mass at St. Basil's Parish. Though 160 years is not a usual milestone celebration number, 160 years is a fitting moment to give thanks to God for the many blessings which have been received. Rather than a just a single celebration, the parish has decided to mark the entire year by focusing on why the parish has been such an important part of both the City and University of Toronto. Each ministry under the "five pillars" of the parish (Liturgy and Prayer, Social Justice, Community, Music and Family Ministries) has undertaken special projects or new initiatives to witness the goodness, discipline and knowledge of the Gospel for which our community is known.



On Wednesday, September 14 2016 the parish celebrated the 160 years of ministry with a special Mass. In his homily, Father George Smith, CSB, Superior General of the Congregation of St. Basil, noted that



the church's unique geography represents how parishioners come to face realities of the world and to think about their place in it. "This is a sacred meeting place between the Church and the world, between the University and the neighbourhood we serve. We Basilians take very seriously the collaborative dimension of this mission," he said. Basilians, including the pastor of St. Basil's, Father Chris Valka CSB, gathered to celebrate the occasion.

Parishioners have reached out to some of the more vulnerable and homeless people who are a regular part of our community. Some have received special medical attention, new clothes and one even a new job. We initiated Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the youngest members of our community. New administrative supports have allowed our full-time staff and volunteers to be better cared for. New partnerships with the Faculty of Music have increased the choral ministries of the parish, and we are presently working on several projects to ensure the building will continue to serve for years to come.

Already one can see the complete renovation of the lower level to include disability access, new meeting rooms, kitchen and washrooms; re-painting and repairing the plaster in the church. With special thanks to the Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michaels College we will soon see the complete restoration of the organ and lowering of the façade to display the rose window. So next time you are in Toronto, we hope you will stop by to celebrate with us as we give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received in our first 160 years of ministry and service.

Basilians at St. Alphonsus and St. Clare Churches

Edmonton AB

In the summer of 2016 our pastor and rector, Father Bob Kasun, left (in the midst of many sincere expressions of appreciation for his work in our parishes) to take up ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. In July our Basilian community welcomed Father Glenn McDonald, who continues his ministry at St. Joseph's College. At the same time Father Felix Roberge, of the Military Ordinariate, who had been living with us for the past number of years, left to take up duties at Trenton, Ontario.

In the summer of 2016 Father Andrew Leung concluded his third year as a science and physics teacher and rector of the Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School and also his first year as Director of Spiritual Life at the school. In May Andrew was reappointed for another three years as rector of the local community, but plans changed quickly and he was reappointed to replace Father Bob Kasun as pastor and rector of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare Church.



So after fifteen years in Toronto as a teacher (three times) grad student (twice) and pastoral ministry for eight years, it was time to return to the West. Father Andrew's new appointment came into effect on August 24, 2016. It was a smooth transition, a highlight being to see Father Bob ordained to the episcopate on September 12 at St. Joseph's Basilica. Throughout four months Father Andrew has visited the six local elementary and junior high schools, two retirement homes, going back and forth between two parishes, tending to two parish halls, two parish offices and rectories, two parish councils and two finance committees. He is constantly reminded that it is not one but two parishes.



The annals report of the Basilian Community at St. Joseph's College contains an account of Father Glenn McDonald's pastoral ministry at the college. Father Glenn sees his ministry in 2015-16 as focussed in a special way on his work with the Syrian refugees and thanks the community for their prayers for the success of this project. Not overconfident about his administrative skills, he is convinced that he received a special grace to help organize the sponsorship of eighteen refugees. He says, "When I ponder the

whole experience, I wonder why St. Joseph's College received a disproportionate amount of positive media attention to our efforts. I am compelled to conclude that St. Joseph used the name of the college to subtly proclaim support for refugees, by having the name appear repeatedly in the media."

Jack Gallagher continues to share in the pastoral duties of the two parishes, with special interest in the archdiocesan initiative to prepare young people for the reception of the sacraments. Statistics suggest that if things go on as they are, enrollment in Catholic schools will drop precipitously as the young who are presently attend, but without participation in the sacramental life of the Church, become parents who have lost even the rudiments of connection to the Church. Our two parishes, with generous co-operation of school principals and parish volunteers, are trying several ways to reach the parents of students in our schools.

St. Joseph's College

Edmonton AB



There have still been some significant developments in Edmonton in 2016 . One of these was **Glenn McDonald's** move in early July from the house on Whitemud Road to the rectory at St. Alphonsus/St. Clare – which made him an official member of the community of Farthest-North Basilians. In the midst of his move, Glenn continued to be very active not only as Chaplain to the St. Joseph's College community but as the College's official contact and spokesperson for sponsorship of Syrian refugees. To date, his efforts and those of many dedicated members of the College community have resulted in the settlement of three families, with one more on the way before the end of the calendar year. Glenn also continues as Chair of the Basilian Fathers' Finance Committee.

Following his appointment to a second five-year term as President, **Terry Kersch** has continued to oversee development of the College's Strategic Plan for the next five to ten years. He has also, in conjunction with the Department of Institutional Advancement, initiated the College's first-ever fund-raising Annual Campaign as well as a one-time Major Gift Campaign. Both are intended to provide resources to support a number of the College's programs that were identified in the revised Identity and Mission Statement as priorities for the future. The Annual Campaign is currently in the planning stages and will begin in April 2017. The Major Gift Campaign is already underway and thus far has raised over \$1.2 million (the goal is \$4M). Terry also continues to be very active in Retrouvaille, as both member of the international board of directors and local program leader.

Brian Inglis has been such a hit at St. Joseph's Seminary, the Archbishop and staff requested that he remain as a spiritual director and "senior priest" on staff for a second year. Among other things, this meant that the folks at the Seminary would be able to enjoy Brian's music-making. Of course, Brian adds his own inimitable presence to the local communities at St. Joseph's College and St. Alphonsus/St. Clare.



Together with Terry Kersch, **Don McLeod** attended a conference for administrators and rectors sponsored by the Vicariate of Rome in September – a second visit to the Eternal City in just under a year. This conference, which followed up on the international symposium on Catholic Education held in Rome the previous November, focused on a range of issues affecting Catholic Colleges and Universities at the present time, and proved very worthwhile. In addition to his work at the College (teaching and assisting in Institutional Advancement), Don continues as Director of Healthy Aging and Eldercare for the Congregation and serves on the Collegium of the University of St. Michael's College, as Chair of the Board of Governors of Assumption University and as Trustee and Board member of the Canadian Religious Self-Insured Retention Program (CRSIRP).

Finally, the local community was pleased to host two distinguished visitors in November and December. First, **Brother Peter Bray, FSC**, the President of Bethlehem University, came to Edmonton to give a presentation on the work of the University to an interested audience at the College and to meet with colleagues at the University of Alberta and Newman Theological College. Following Brother Peter's visit, **Ricardo Ramirez, CSB** Emeritus Bishop of Las Cruces, NM, was in our fair city at the invitation of the Canadian Religious Conference. On December 9, he facilitated a day of reflection attended by a large number of religious men and women on the topic "Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Search for Justice and Reconciliation". Ricardo also brought copies of his recently published book *Power from the Margins: the Emergence of the Latino in the Church and in Society*, which enjoyed brisk sales following his presentation.

Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College and the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies

Toronto ON

2016 was a year of decision for the Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College. The leases on the two houses we live in, Windle and Phelan, ran out in July. They were renewed for a year, and then the lease on Phelan House was extended for ten years. St. Michael's has other plans for Windle House – the Sheptytsky Institute will move in on July 1, 2017.

At the conclusion of our visitation this year Father George Smith invited us to rethink the Basilian presence at St. Michael's and come up with a plan for the future. We are a small group now. The appointment of Mario D'Souza to the Basilians of St. Michael's College School in May left Dan Callam, Bill Irwin and Mike Lehman living in Windle and Jim Farge, Allan Smith, and Chris Valka living in Phelan. Doug Mosey, Tim Scott and Walter Werbylo are associated with our house.

We hosted the dons and the Loretto Sisters at a dinner in the spring and were invited to a formal dinner for the resident students on December 1. Father Allan Smith, our superior, hosted a Christmas dinner for the house at the Crown Princess Chinese Restaurant just across the street. Twin towers now fill our backyard where the Elm tree used to grow and the handball courts and the softball diamond in summer and the hockey rink in winter and then the tennis courts and then the parking lot used to be. Bill Irwin has named the taller tower Michael and the other Gabriel. A third tower Raphael keeps watch beside the Flahiff Centre across the street. They are fitting counterparts of St. Michael in the Quad, also known as "St. Alcan."

Allan Smith serves as local superior. He is Registrar of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, and teaches two courses per year at the Faculty of Theology; this year they were History of Christianity I (to 843), and Russian Theologians. One of his doctoral students successfully defended his dissertation on the meaning of radical poverty in the writings of John Cassian. As well, he directed a ThM thesis on the Systematic Collection of the *Apophthegmata Patrum*. He is the supervisor of two new doctoral students and serves on supervisory committees for five additional students.





James Farge, first councillor of the local house, holds the supervisory position of Director of the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers and has been asked to continue Father Wally Platt's work on a supplement to the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography*. He is a Fellow of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, where he serves as the Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections in its Library. He is secretary of the Institute's Board of Governors, is on its Finance Committee, and serves on the Manuscript Review Committee for the Institute's press. For the eighteenth time he staffed the exhibition and sale of PIMS publications at the International Conference of Medieval Studies held at the University of Western Michigan each May, and uses this as an opportunity to keep in touch with PIMS alumni and to recruit new authors for the Press. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the University of Toronto's *Collected Works of Erasmus* project, and is on the Comité de lecture of the *Revue d'histoire de l'Église de France*.

Jim presides on a regular basis at the Sunday Eucharist celebrated for the confreres of Anglin House and Orsini House. He helps with providing the sacrament of Reconciliation on a weekly basis at St. Basil's Church. Jim also serves as sacristan for the chapels in Brennan Hall and Phelan House of the local USMC Basilian community.

Jim's publication in 2016 was a chapter in a book that treats fifty significant dates in French history as seen by non-French historians (*L'histoire de France vue d'ailleurs ... 50 événements racontés par des historiens étrangers*. Paris: Editions des Arènes, 2016). The chapter he was asked to write deals with the creation of the Collège de France in 1530. He also has two other articles and two book reviews at the press.

Chris Valka, second councillor of the house, will give his report in the entry for St. Basil's Church.

Daniel Callam lives in retirement at the University house. His appointment to Anglin House as Joseph Walsh's assistant has continued, as has his membership on the boards of *Catholic Insight* (now reduced to a web site) and The Chesterton Institute. He is the assistant editor of its publication, *The Chesterton Review*, for which he writes regular movie reviews and an occasional book review.

Bill Irwin continues to teach part-time in the Toronto School of Theology and St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, "Biblical Hebrew Poetry" in the spring and "Psalms" in the winter term this year and optimistically is scheduled to teach Hebrew poetry and Isaiah in 2017. He is the only Basilian still living at St. Michael's without paying room and board, a retirement benefit extended to Basilians who began teaching at the College in 1977 or before. He began teaching in the Faculty of Theology in 1965.

His 2015 Meagher lecture, "Theology between Church and University: The Faculty of Theology at 60," has been put on YouTube. For the third year he has given a talk to the RCIA group on "Encountering God in the Bible." He says the TV daily Mass about once a month and in December gave a day of recollection to "Faith and Sharing," a study group of lay people that has met regularly since its foundation in 1968. He is a regular principal celebrant, about once every six weeks, at the Anglin House Sunday liturgy and gave a First Friday spiritual conference there on "The Old Testament Ever Ancient Ever New."

2016-2017 finds **Michael Lehman** once again with the Toronto Catholic District School Board as Chaplain and Director of Faith Development with all employees and students of the Catholic Board. Many of his days are spent in one or more of the 200+ schools of the system where he celebrates Eucharist, Memorial Services, Reconciliation Services, classroom discussions and presentations, and staff support. He is called upon to facilitate retreats and days of reflection for staffs and students on various days, evenings, and weekends. Michael's ministry takes him across the greater Toronto Area and he is often called upon by other Catholic school boards for facilitation of retreats, masses, and presentations as well. This year also includes extensive work with the Elementary and Secondary Federations of the Board and OECTA. Mike is completing 16 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. A regular season of 55 games plus playoffs sees him in arenas from Buffalo to Kingston most weekends. And with what time remains, Mike enjoys quiet evenings at home with a crossword puzzle and a Montreal Canadians hockey game.

Timothy Scott is now completing his second year as Executive Director of the Canadian Religious Conference. A couple of highlights were the visit to various Vatican offices with the CRC President and the subsequent General Assembly of all Canadian major superiors. This is his fourth year as a member of the Roman Catholic and Lutheran Church-Canada National Dialogue. In Montreal, he's engaged in pastoral ministry in a variety of settings including St. Joseph's Oratory as well as parishes and convents. He keeps up his musical interests by singing in the Saint Lawrence Choir and strives to take a few strokes off his rather high handicap on the golf course.

Walter Werbylo, associated with the Basilians of the University of St. Michael's College, is working and living at St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, where he teaches New Testament courses and is one of seven priests who serve as spiritual directors for the seminarians and who give various talks on matters concerning the spiritual life and priestly formation to the seminarians. Living at the seminary are eleven priests who work at full-time ministry in the seminary. There are forty two seminarians living in the seminary in either years 1 through 4 of theology or in the initial spiritual year, plus six seminarians doing their year of internship in a parish and coming to the seminary every month for two days of discussion and input regarding their pastoral work.



The Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces

Las Cruces, NM

Dave Klein, Ed Heidt and Sean Garrity comprise the Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces. Dave is the Rector and Ed is the President and Treasurer of the Corporation with Sean being the third member of the Corporation. Don Hyatt, David Sharp and Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramírez are associated with the Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces.

Dave Klein works three mornings a week at Mountain View Hospital and has Sunday Mass at San Isidro parish and a monthly Mass at a nursing home. Ed Heidt helps with the anointing of the sick on First Fridays at the Cathedral and on Mondays at Saint Albert the Great Newman Center (*pictured at right*). He celebrated his 50th anniversary of profession and 40th of ordination in 2016.



Sean Garrity serves as the Roman Catholic hospital chaplain at the University of New Mexico Medical Center. David Sharp continues his life and ministry in Wickenburg, Arizona, taking communion to the elderly and occasionally facilitating retreats. Don Hyatt lives in Monticello, NM in Sierra County. The county has only one parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and seven missions. Monticello is the only mission with a rectory. He celebrates Sunday and weekday masses at the parish along with funerals, marriages and baptisms. Also, he celebrates masses at the State Veterans Home every week. Two Bible Studies and being chairman of the Sierra County Citizens Review Board for Abused and Neglected Children plus meetings of the Monticello Water Associations keeps him busy.



Bishop Emeritus Ricardo's book *Power from the Margins: The Emergence of the Latino in the Church and in Society* was released with great success and positive reviews through Orbis Books this past year. He continues to be in demand for speaking engagements and retreats. Bishop Ricardo celebrated his 35th anniversary as a bishop, his 50th as a priest and his 80th birthday in 2016.



The Basilian Fathers of Novi

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.

CC graduate, Sean Ajluni, is a Basilian Associate. Sean graduated from CC in 2015. He continues his undergraduate studies at Franciscan University of Steubenville and visits the local community as often as he is able. During the summer Sean lived with the Basilian Fathers at St. Kateri Parish, Rochester, and was involved in ministry there.

Dick Elmer is President Emeritus of Detroit Catholic Central High School of Novi MI, and continues to assist as needed in the School's Advancement Office. Additionally, he serves as Chaplain for St Catherine of Siena Academy, a Girls' high school, and is a member of the Academy's Board of Directors. Also, he is a member of the Founding Board of Directors for Divine Mercy Academy, a soon-to-be Elementary/Secondary School for Special Needs Students. Dick also is on-call for weekend Masses at Parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

John Huber continues to serve as Catholic Central's President and as Third Councillor on the General Council, carrying the portfolios for France, Mexico and Colombia. He also serves as co-moderator of the Mothers' Club. He has accompanied CC students to several events, including Basil Bowl Events at St. Michael's College School in Toronto and the CC Band's trip to Paris to march in the Parade du Nouvel An de Paris.

John Wheeler is responsible for providing beverages and snacks for the confreres. He also provides weekend assistance at St Priscilla parish of Livonia, plus occasional clergy assistance at 8 other parishes. John concelebrates at the all-school masses and helps with confessions on days of reconciliation. He co-directs the Catholic Central Alumni Glee Club providing music for important CC masses and alumni functions. He serves on the Board of Governors for Assumption University of Windsor.

One of his favorite tasks is to serve as an usher at the Detroit Symphony and the Michigan Opera; he has done this for years. John served as chaplain on a 21-day transatlantic and Mediterranean cruise at Easter-time. Finally, John received an important honor in 2016: he was inducted into the CC Sports Hall of Fame for coaching the ski team for 16 years; co-founding the Soccer program in 1979; and serving as its moderator-bus driver for the first 10 years.

Dennis Kauffman continues in his position as Director of School Improvement at Catholic Central, overseeing the task of CC's accreditation by the North Central Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement under AdvancED accrediting agency. Last year he completed five years as a member of the AdvancED Michigan State Council and was recognized at their annual Fall Conference for his dedication and service to the State Council.

Dennis is the Moderator of the Senior Class at CC and is involved with Student Activities, taking part in the numerous activities sponsored by the students, such as the Boys' Bowl, Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive, Christmas Toy Drive, and the always enjoyable annual DRIVE to raise funds for student tuition

assistance, among other activities. He is also the moderator of the Basketball, Soccer, Swimming and Wrestling teams at Catholic Central. On Sundays Dennis can be found at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, where he celebrates one of the parish Sunday Masses each week.

Dennis Noelke is Superior of the Local Community in addition to his responsibilities as Principal of Detroit Catholic Central. Dennis continues to serve on the Board of Directors and the Foundation Board of St. Michael's College School, Toronto, is board member of CRSIRP Insurance Ltd., Toronto, and the Cristo Rey Corporate Work Study Board, Detroit. This year he was invited to be a member of the newly-formed "Consecrated Life Advisory Committee" for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Additionally, he was a member of the Archdiocesan Synod of 2016 with the theme "Unleash the Gospel."



***Kern Medallion
Award***

John Huber CSB

José del Toro CSB

Dennis Noelke CSB

Jack Hanna CSB

In May 2016, Dennis received the Father Clement H. Kern Medallion Award for his work in Catholic Education. This award, named after a legendary priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit, was presented by the Foundation named in his memory.

On weekends when there are not school events, Dennis enjoys the opportunity to assist at a variety of local parishes, oftentimes filling-in for Manny Chircop. In his spare time, Dennis enjoys going to school events, cooking for the confreres, and visiting with his family.

Jim O'Neill is in his 12th year of teaching at Catholic Central High School specializing in Biology and freshman homeroom. His many side projects include raising salmon in the classroom for spring release, tapping school maple trees in the spring, and visiting many sports venues as Moderator of Athletics. He serves as the school Chaplain and as a member of the CC Board of Governors. On weekends Jim serves St. James Parish in Novi and often travels with teams to distant competitions. At the house, Jim keeps busy at maintaining the grounds, plowing snow in winter, cutting lawns and trimming trees in the growing season and keeping up with maintenance and minor repairs. In the summer, Jim disappears to the Canadian side of the border for family visits and a quiet couple of weeks on Pelee Island.

Dillon House

Houston, TX

As 2016 draws to a close we now have 9 Basilians living at the Dillon House, with 4 others associated with the Dillon House. At the present time, our local superior is Paul O'Connor, and the councillors are Carl Belisch and Jim Blocher. Confreres include Jamie Abercrombie, Phil Acquaro, Wilf Canning, Bill Frankenberger, Bob Klem and Bill Sheehan. On December 10, 2016 William Sheehan celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination and received the congratulations and best wishes of all.

George Hosko was in the hospital for over 5 weeks battling leukemia and related illnesses. George retired from the University of St. Thomas and decided to stay at the Dillon House during this past year. Sadly George succumbed to complications from his illness and went to God on Christmas Day 2016.

Janusz Ihnatowicz, the retired Polish priest and theologian who has been living with the University Basilians for many years has moved into Keon House, the newly completed residence for the priests and scholastics assigned to the University of St. Thomas. Their patience has finally been rewarded with a beautiful new home. Unfortunately, Pat Braden, who was looking forward to the completion of Keon House, was not able to join them as he died of heart failure on June 16, 2016. On the other hand, Jamie Abercrombie retired from his ministry as associate pastor at Holy Rosary Church in Rosenberg, TX and joined us at Dillon House on September 1st.



On December 3, 2016, the BLA's gifted the Dillon House with a delicious brunch followed by a talk on Advent and Christmas by Carl Belisch talk and a guitar concert by Alex Broussard, a potential Associate.



The community continues to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and holidays or special events with a special meal and often decorations provided by Bob Klem and his helpers, especially Andrew Romero whose father, Andres, is our maintenance man.

Robert James Klem CSB celebrated 60 years of priestly ministry on June 29 2016. He is always generous with his time, his energy and his talents.

Those Basilians not living at the Dillon House but associated with it are James Gaunt, Roy Oggero and Joseph Roussel who live at St. Dominic Villa and Robert Matzinger who lives with a family in Houston.

One of the improvements in the mechanical features of the house was the permanent installation of an auxiliary natural gas powered generator which will provide a reliable source of power in case of an emergency loss of power. The generator will power the elevator, the kitchen refrigerators and freezer, and some basic lighting throughout the house. Unfortunately, it will not provide sufficient power for the air conditioning system. The air conditioning/heating system has in fact been the source of constant repair and service since Dillon House was opened and the local council is considering replacing the whole system although it is only five years old.



Seated:

*Bill Frankenberger,
Jaime Blocher,
Phil Acquaro,
Wilf Canning*

Standing:

*Bill Sheehan,
Carl Belisch,
Paul O'Connor,
Bob Klem,
Jamie Abercrombie*

Keon House - Basilian Scholasticate

Houston TX

Members: David Bittner (*Director of Scholastics*), Oscar Carbajal, Steven Huber, Eduardo Rivera (until August 1, 2016), Richard Wahl

Community Life

At the beginning of 2016, the community consisted of two priests (Dave Bittner and Richard Wahl) and three scholastics (Oscar Carbajal, Steven Huber, and Eduardo Rivera). Eduardo moved to St. Michael's College School, Toronto in August.



Our big news this year was our long-awaited move to our permanent home at Keon House. (*The photo above shows the back yard with the Scholasticate wing in the background.*) The General Council had

asked Ron Schwenzer CSB to take on the task of Construction Project Manager which he did with his usual dedication and careful attention to detail. He patiently guided the project through complications and delays and he gave the scholastics a beautiful new home. Each bedroom has a private bath, there is a study area, a community room with a small kitchenette, and a TV room. In the central area there is a dining room and a beautiful chapel that is shared with the Basilian priests who serve at UST.

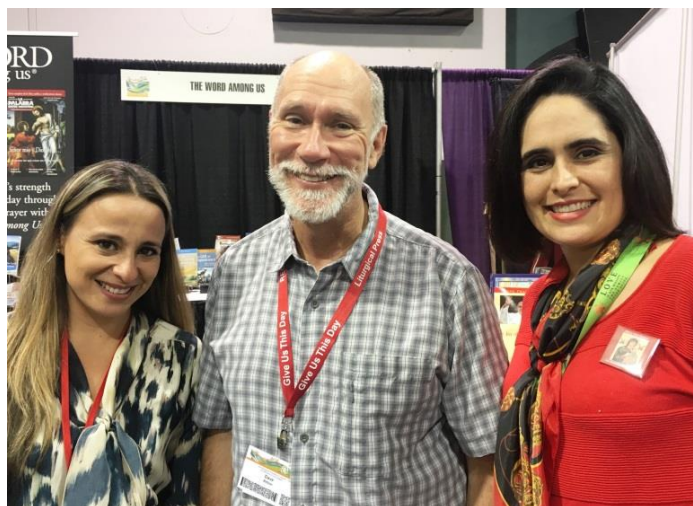
Moving day was October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The same two moving crews who moved us from our first home (1124 and 1132 Colquitt) arrived at our second home (3254 and 3258 Las Palmas) at 9:00 am sharp. Despite the lack of elevators at the townhouses at Las Palmas, they were able to load everything into the moving vans by lunch time. The elevator in the Scholasticate wing at Keon House facilitated moving the furniture into the bedrooms on the second and third floors. Thus, the movers were finished with their work by 3:00 pm.



Our work then began. We had to combine two full kitchens into one kitchenette. In addition, we had to decide what furniture from our previous community room/dining room/TV room should be placed in which room in the new house. That work continued for many weeks. In fact, as of this writing, we are still making adjustments.

One ongoing issue arises from the fact that our new home has many more rooms than our two previous homes. Basilian Lay Associate Mary Murphy and her good friend JoAnn Edmundson furnished and decorated the two original town houses on Colquitt when the Scholasticate moved to Houston in July, 2013. That furniture moved with us to our second home on Las Palmas in April 2015. During that move, all we needed to do was to purchase furniture for one bedroom. Our new home, however, has six more bedrooms than our previous location, plus a parlor, a separate TV room, and a room set aside for group study, all of which will need new furniture. Mary and JoAnn have graciously agreed to help us out once more, acquiring the necessary furniture for these added rooms. Once they have completed that work, we will be able to welcome guests, and (hopefully) new residents.

The other special events were much less exhausting. We attended the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress at the Anaheim Convention Center in February. Kevin Mannara, who has attended this event for many years, flew there from Windsor. Dave, Steven, Oscar, and Eduardo joined him there from Houston. As always, there were many, many presentations to choose from. Among these was a talk which Dave and Eduardo attended entitled "Margins, Mission, Mercy: Following Jesus, the Galilean Reject," given by former Basilian Tim Matovina.



(Dave is pictured above with two of his sister's colleagues in Religious Ed.)

George Smith came to the Scholasticate on March 12 in order to install Eduardo Rivera in the Ministry of Lector and Steven Huber in the Ministry of Acolyte. Eduardo's parents and his grandfather joined us for the celebration.

Kevin Mannara flew to Houston on June 23 in order to travel with Dave, Oscar and Eduardo to the Segundo Encuentro de Escolásticos (Second Gathering of Scholastics) in Medellín, June 24-28. Steven was not able to participate this year due to the summer CPE program in Rochester. (Note: The Field Education requirement for M.Div. program at St. Mary's Seminary can only be fulfilled by CPE program.)

On Friday, September 16, Dave and Oscar drove down to Angleton so that Oscar could take his driving test. Thanks to the driving course that he took as well as the many times that Richard, Eduardo, Steven, and Dave accompanied him while he drove to various places in and around Houston, he passed with flying colors.

Our house Christmas Party took place on Sunday, December 18. Our celebration began with Evening Prayer in the Keon House Chapel, a social in the Scholasticate Community Room, and dinner in the Keon House Dining Room. Our guests for the evening included two members from the UST community, Ted Baenziger, CSB, and Joe Pilsner, CSB, as well as our good friends Mary Murphy and JoAnn Edmundson.

Individual Members

Dave Bittner, the Director of Scholastics, continues to teach in the Theology Department at the University of St. Thomas. During the Spring Term, he taught one section of the first-year course, *Introduction to Sacred Scripture*, and a section of the second year course on *The Teachings of the Catholic Church*. During the Fall Term, he taught two sections of the scripture course. In addition to his teaching duties, Dave serves on the Board of Directors at St. Thomas High School. His pastoral duties include the Tuesday and Thursday morning Masses at the UST Chapel of St. Basil, and Sunday work at St. Anne's Church as needed. Dave was able to make three scuba diving trips in 2014: his regular trip to Maui in February, a one-week Liveaboard dive trip aboard the Turks and Caicos Aggressor II in May, and a trip to a dive resort on Little Cayman Island.

Oscar Carbajal writes: "This year, I began my first year of theology. It was a challenging year but, at the same time, it was a very productive year of learning about the Catholic faith and Sacred Scripture. Over the past summer, I spend five weeks in Quebec City, studying French at the *École de langues de l'Université Laval*. It was a very interesting and wonderful experience. (*Oscar is pictured third from the left with his classmates.*) I joyfully give thanks to the Lord our God for being part of this marvelous community. May God's blessing be with all of us so that we too may live in love and faithfulness to God. Saint Basil, Pray for us."



Steven Huber is in his third year of Theological Studies at St. Mary's Seminary. In addition to his studies, he continues his involvement in music ministry at the Chapel of St. Basil, the Youth Music Ministry at St. Anne's, and in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocesan Choir. He has also given various presentations to the Confirmation and RCIA Classes at St. Anne's Parish. Steven renewed his vows on August 14 at the 10:30 AM Mass at the Chapel of St. Basil. His parents flew in from Albuquerque to join the celebration.

Steven became an Uncle for the first time in 2016, as his brother Brian and sister-in-law Nichole welcomed their first child, Paxton Brian Huber. Over the summer, Steven travelled to Rochester, NY, to complete a Hospital chaplaincy internship at Strong Memorial Hospital. This internship satisfied the Clinical Pastoral Education requirement for his Seminary Studies. The Basilians at St. Kateri Parish graciously welcomed Steven into their community for the summer, and he very much enjoyed his time there. Upon returning to Houston, Steven renewed his Temporary Vows at a Mass at the Chapel of St. Basil, before resuming his studies at St. Mary's Seminary. Steven currently has three semesters remaining in the Masters of Divinity Program, and hopes to graduate from Seminary in May of 2018.



Eduardo Rivera writes: "In January 2016 I begin the second semester of first-year theology. I enjoyed my first year at St. Mary's, taking part in the flag football team, soccer team, and other extra-curricular activities offered at the seminary. Throughout the 2015-2016 year, I taught a group of first communion students at St. Anne's, who eventually received the sacrament in May 2016. I then completed a certification in exercising and personal training during the summer of 2016. Early in the summer of '16 I enjoyed my time with my fellow scholastics in Columbia. (*Eduardo is pictured at left in Medellín, Colombia.*) We had the opportunity to meet the families that we minister to in Columbia as well as engage the culture of our surroundings. By the end of July, I was preparing for my move to Toronto. I arrived in Toronto to work at my new appointment in the Spiritual Life Office of St. Michael's College School."



Richard Wahl, the Assistant Director of Scholastics and House Bursar, continues as Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocesan Tribunal which has adjusted to the reform of *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*. His pastoral ministry includes weekly Eucharist at St. Basil Chapel at the University of St Thomas, Holy Cross Chapel and the Incarnate Word Sisters; and requests for weekends including Engaged Encounters. He teaches *Introduction to Canon Law* at the School of Theology at St. Mary Seminary in the fall. He had a wonderful two-week tour of Tibet and China in May. Morning walks are his exercise.



Keon House - Basilian Fathers at UST Houston TX

Fathers Pat Braden, Mike Buentello, Joe Pilsner, Ted Baenziger, and Janusz Ihnatovitz spent most of the year dispersed in apartments and Dillon House awaiting the completion of the new house, called Keon Hall in honor of the late Jim Keon CSB. *(The exterior is seen at the right, the chapel is seen below.)* Pat Braden, after a long and healthy life, had a series of crises leading to heart failure and death. George Hosko had transferred to Dillon House permanently, but, after a lengthy stay in hospital for leukemia, died on Christmas day. We give thanks to God for their years of service to the UST community. We, the remnant, continue to work to further the life and vigor of the university.



Our side of the house, officially named Keon House "B," opened in mid-October. Ron Schwenzer CSB guided this construction project from its beginnings to its completion. Father Janusz was the first to move in, followed by Ted and Mike. Surprisingly, we found that the hot water did not work in the showers; this was quickly fixed. Joe Pilsner will move in in early 2017. Mike continues his ministry as chaplain on and off the campus, while Joe has taken up a kind of new career, on loan to the Philosophy Department for this scholastic year with a full load, instead of his seat in Theology. Ted, as curé of the Chapelle St-Thomas, has seen the number of francophone children in catechism rise to over 170, and since his retirement in May from French chair, and with the title of professor emeritus, taught courses in genetics and freshman Symposium, without pay. All the Basilians serve on the Board of Directors, as we come through a difficult period of choosing Deans and a new President for UST.

On the subject of our university, the Health Professions and Science Building is almost completed, kitty-corner from our house, on Yoakum Blvd., with a dedication to take place in April. The Archbishop, Daniel



Cardinal Dinardo, also on the Board, and newly elected President of the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops, will be present; and once again he will preside at our French Confirmations in May. Hurrah!

Keon House Chapel
Basilian Fathers of UST
Basilian Scholastics

Some important visitors this year included Father George Smith, who spoke to the freshman class about the Basilian ethos in August, and Father Jim Farge, who was our first visitor in Keon House, during the cold-water stage.

Add to that: the continued improvement of Mike's tendons and his running again competitively; a couple of published papers by Ted on the philosophy of Semiotics, also directing two orchid societies in the area; and the result is that this has been a mixed but valuable year for Basilians at UST. We are working and praying for vocations, and open to visitors and even permanent residents to help make our beautiful new house a home of welcome for all Basilians. ***Crescamus in Christo.***



*Keon House chapel (above, left) and George Smith CSB and Jack Hanna CSB with JoAnn Edmundson (left) and Lay Associate Mary Beth Murphy (right) who donated hours of time and energy to the furnishing of Keon House. These two generous women are the ones who furnished the present Dillon House and they furnished the temporary residences of the Scholastics. Mary assisted the UST Basilians in moving out of the old Yoakum Residence and once again enlisted her long-time friend JoAnn, a noted interior designer, to find suitable furnishings and appointments for Keon House. The result is a beautiful and comfortable home for the Scholastics and the Basilians who serve at UST. **Thank you, Mary and JoAnn. Thank you, Ron Schwenzler CSB, whose with care and precision brought the construction project to its completion.***

Keon House – Houston TX

Basilian Scholasticate and Priests' Residence at UST



Thank you, Father Ron Schwenzer CSB!



The General Council, on behalf of the whole Congregation, thanks you for the dedication, the energy, the patience, and the expertise that you expended to bring the construction of Keon House to completion. Your generous participation in this project was essential to its success. Your work on this was a wonderful gift to the Congregation. We are deeply grateful to you.

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John B. Huler, C.S.B.

Bryan T. Rice, CSB

Jack Hanna CSB

January 17, 2017

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Angleton TX

Prior to the arrival of the Basilian Fathers in 1944, Angleton Catholics had had Mass occasionally celebrated in private home or had to travel to Danbury where there was a parish. There was a church established in Angleton in the early 1930's but it was soon leveled by a storm. Finally, the Basilian Fathers came to Angleton from Rosenberg and established their ministry at the Church of St. Thomas Aquinas as a mission church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Rosenberg. St. Thomas served both Spanish and English speaking residents. Then in August of 1957, the parish of St. Basil was canonically erected with the cornerstone laid in September 1959 and the first Mass celebrated on January 1, 1960. St. Thomas Aquinas then became a mission of St. Basil parish serving the Spanish-speaking community.

In 1994, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Basil were merged into one parish to serve the Angleton Catholic Community. On Palm Sunday April 16, 2000 a new era began as the parish was unified under the name of Most Holy Trinity. Christian fellowship and new friendships abound at the weekly Sunday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, as well as through other weekly activities and numerous ministries.

Because of diminishing numbers, the Basilians were forced to withdraw from the parish of the Most Holy Trinity in the summer of 2016 after 72 years of faithful ministry. David Zapalac CSB, a native of Angleton who grew up in St. Basil parish, was the last Basilian Pastor. The bittersweet occasion was marked by a bilingual Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Father David Zapalac CSB. Twelve Basilians traveled to be in attendance for the celebrating including Father George Smith CSB, Superior General; Fathers Morgan Rice CSB and Kevin Storey CSB of the General Council; current Parochial Vicar Juan Carlos Rojas CSB; former pastors: Fathers Vincent Dulock CSB, Maurice Restivo CSB, and Jay Walsh CSB; and former Parochial Vicars: Fathers Jamie Abercrombie CSB, James Blocher, CSB Sean Garrity CSB, and Damian Hinojosa.



The parish commissioned a set of hand carved Stations of the Cross in honor of the 72 years of service by the Basilian Fathers. As a parting gift to the parishioners, Father George Smith presented a cheque from the Basilians for \$200,000 to go toward the parish's building debt.

St. Anne's Parish

Houston, Texas

Al Sinasac:

As Rector and Pastor, Al continues to shepherd the flock at St. Anne's with patience and pastoral care. At his invitation, several confreres from St. Thomas High School, St. Thomas University and Dillon House are helping to serve as celebrants at parish Masses and reconciliation services. In his position as Pastor, Al has formed a team to plan a Capital Improvement campaign to begin in January of 2017.

Al continues to serve as coordinator of improvements and visitor scheduling to the Basilian Beach house in Surfside, Texas. Substantial improvements to this house were completed in February, including structural corrections, tastefully remodeling the entire house and improving the view of the beach and Galveston Bay. We invite all Basilians to visit and enjoy our recreational home away from home. Please contact Al to schedule the days you'd like to stay there. Hanging in our Beach House is an icon created by BLA Sylvia Salinas, entitled, "Mary, Star of the Sea" (*seen to the right*).

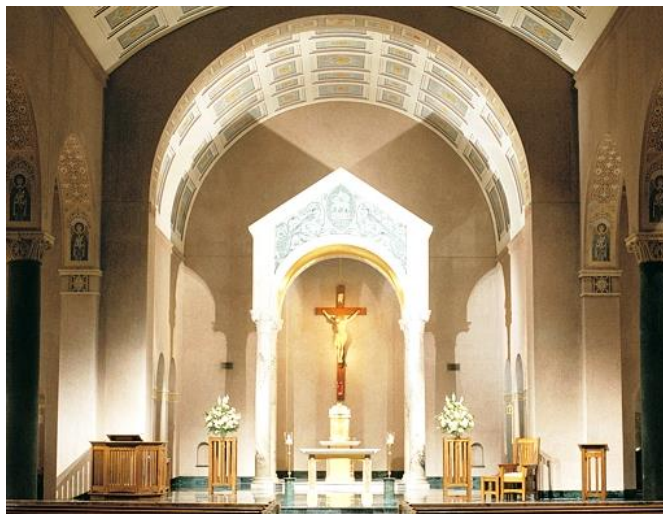


Jay Walsh:

Jay continues to serve as Parochial Vicar to the English speaking parishioners. His ministries include serving with the R.C.I.A. program, the Vocation Committee, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Altar Society. Again, one of the items at the Parish Gala to raise money for St. Anne's School scholarships was to go fishing with Jay & receive casting instructions. This year the fresh water trip with him raised \$5,000. Over all, the Parish Gala's net proceeds was over \$700,000, with the Parish Fiesta returning \$200,000, the best ever for both events.

David Zapalac

After the Basilians left the parish in Angleton, David was appointed to St. Anne's Parish to replace Rene Espejel in August. Along with Al, David serves the Hispanic and English-speaking parishioners. The Hispanic community now comprises approximately 40% of St. Anne's Parish. David is a welcome addition to the parish and is an excellent homilist in English and Spanish. He has also put together an amazing collection of Star Wars memorabilia that continues to entertain all visitors to his office!



*Left: Interior of
St. Anne
Church*

*Right:
Jay Walsh CSB
at the
Children's Mass
at Christmas*

St. Joseph Mission Center

Sugar Land TX

The St. Joseph Mission Center houses the fundraising arm of the Basilian Fathers Latin American Apostolate. It is located on property that originally belonged to the Imperial Sugar Co. Basilians built a residence there for the priests who served the Mexican and Mexican American congregations in the small parishes and missions in Texas. The original St. Theresa's Church was located on the property facing Main St. where the Mission Center now stands. Later the property was deeded to the Basilians Fathers.



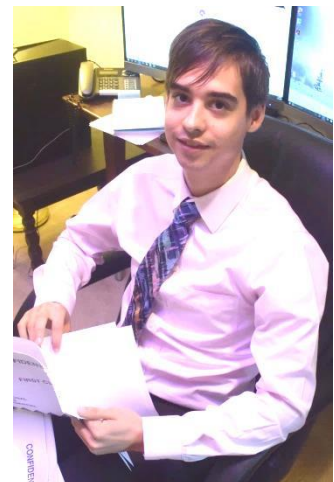
The story begins in July of 1936 when the then Superior General, Henry Carr CSB, assigned Joseph Patrick Dillon CSB to begin a ministry to the Mexicans and Mexican-Americans in nine towns and some ranches around Angleton, Bay City, Freeport, Rosenberg, Richmond and other small towns. Father Dillon enlisted the help of Father Norbert Reuss CSB and then Father John F. Collins CSB had also joined them and help came from the Basilians at St. Thomas High School and St. Anne's parish. Slowly the ministry grew and churches that had originally been missions became established parishes. The Basilians expanded into Mexico in the 1960's; later the Basilians went to minister in a school and parishes in Colombia and gradually, one by one, what had once been the Texas Missions were given over to diocesan administration. Basilians continue their vibrant ministries in Mexico and Colombia.

Tom Sepulveda CSB (associated with the Mission Center) ministers at Immaculate Conception Church in Rio Grande City, TX in the Río Grande Valley. During his time at Immaculate Conception Parish there has been much growth; Tom points out that this is due to many generous people. Tom has also taught in a nearby Catholic high school in Mission TX and he is chaplain at South Texas College in Rio Grande City.



In Sugar Land, John Boscoe CSB (*left*) has given devoted service as the Director of the Mission Center for several years. He cares for the building and grounds, he oversees the Mission Appeals, and is involved in the day to day running of the St. Joseph Center. Since November of 2016, the finances of the Mission Center have come under the administration of the General Treasury. Stringent internal controls and financial protocols have been put in place to safeguard the funds entrusted to the Mission Center.

Mr. Aron Fernández (*right*) is the Assistant Director of the Mission Center; he oversees the operation of the office, the accounting, the computer and internet systems, and the recording of all donations. When anyone visits or calls the Mission Center he is happy to attend to their needs. He is assisted by Ms. María Hernández who serves as part-time bookkeeper.



The Mission Center is now moving into a new phase of its long-time ministry: providing funds for Basilians in Mexico and Colombia so that the Basilian work of education and evangelization will continue into the future.

Basilian Fathers of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Irondequoit NY

This year the Basilian Fathers celebrated their 40th year in Irondequoit, New York at Christ the King, later Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. The “new” parish concluded its 5th Anniversary celebrations at the Feast of Pentecost, with a weekend of parish prayer and activities for all. The Basilians at Saint Kateri; Paul English, rector, pastor; Morgan Rice, parochial vicar; and Joseph Trovato, senior priest (60 years of priestly ministry in 2016).

Each Monday afternoon house members gather for faith sharing, and we are joined via Skype or Face Time by Warren Schmidt, who is in Paris. Members of the house continue to cook for one another.



Joseph Anthony Trovato CSB, 60 years of priestly ministry:

Joe is still the hardest-working Senior Priest in the Diocese of Rochester. He reached a significant milestone this year, his 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. *(Pictured above at the celebration are Norm Tanck, Dennis Noelke, Paul English, Joe Trovato, and Morgan Rice.)* Joe continues to enjoy 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. As a Senior Priest, Joe is happily meeting-free! His example as a

devoted and prayerful religious is treasured by all who know him. Joe continues to be faithful to his health regimen, taking frequent walks, maintaining his diet and balancing work with rest. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Paul F. English, CSB:

Paul Continued as a member of the Executive Board at the Aquinas Institute of Rochester as well as continuing his duties as Secretary of the Diocese of Rochester Presbyteral Council. He gave a Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, NY, and preached the Basilian Lay Associate Retreat in Niagara Falls in September. He helped plan and realize the 2nd annual Basilian Scholastic Gathering, held in Medellin, Colombia. He served as the Ordained Coordinator of Rochester Basilian Lay Associates.



Paul and Morgan along with ten others participated in a parish-based Bicycle Pilgrimage to Fonda, NY, birthplace of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha; they pedaled approximately 50 miles per day for four days. Paul made his annual retreat in Canandaigua, NY, October 16-21

During the summer of 2016, we were blessed to enjoy the presence of two young men in formation, scholastic Steven Huber and associate Sean Ajluni. In 2016, the retired members of the Basilian Fathers of East Rochester, associated with St. John Fisher College moved into the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph and they became associated with the Basilian Fathers of Saint Kateri. Basilians from around Rochester, as well as Basilian Lay Associates and other guests came to the annual Labor Day Picnic.

Morgan V. Rice, CSB:

Morgan is a most valued member of the local house and of the parish staff. His knowledge and insight have been important to the successes of the past several years. Morgan participated in the Saint Kateri Bike Pilgrimage to Fonda, New York. He continued his important work on the Muslim Catholic Alliance (MCA) and recently received a diocesan appointment to the Convocation Committee. Morgan continues his ongoing work as a member of the Basilian General Council. He has become a frequent traveler but remains very faithful and conscientious about his duties at the parish. He was able to visit Texas for Thanksgiving and parents visited Rochester this year for Christmas. He made his annual retreat at Enders Island near Mystic CT.

Associated Members: Leo Hetzler, Tom Dugan, Paul Broadhurst and Al Cylwicki live at the St. Joseph Sisters Motherhouse; they are well cared for. The Basilians from St. Kateri have joined them for dinner and visits from time to time. Tom Dugan celebrates Mass in Spanish occasionally in the Rochester area. Don Lococo is living in the carriage house of the East Avenue property and does part-time ministry at St. John Fisher College.



Basilian Fathers at St. Thomas High School

Houston, TX

Members: Mitch Dowalgo, Albert Gaelens, Robert Glass, James Murphy (Superior), Ronald Schwenzer and Kevin Storey. Les Schaefer is in residence at St. Dominic's Center for health care.

The school enrollment at St. Thomas beginning in August totals 689 students with tuition at \$16,500. About 25 percent receive 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 on October 29th.

Mitchell Dowalgo is teaching two classes of first year Spanish and is tutoring "at risk" Spanish student in the Learning Resource Center. He is also interested in ways to offer spiritual development for the faculty and staff and he provides the opportunity for individual spiritual direction. In addition to the local community's ministry schedule, he presides at a monthly Spanish Mass at All Saints Parish and occasionally celebrates at the local Carmelite monastery.

Albert Gaelens is retired from school activities but still checks the daily newspaper for any deceased St. Thomas Alumni or relatives. He coordinates the monthly Basilian assignments for Masses at Incarnate Word Sisters Convent on 4 days a week and the Cenacle Sisters on the 2nd & 4th Monday every month. He is also available for Reconciliation on Wednesdays in the school chapel during their lunch periods

Robert Glass was our Local Superior until the end of July and continues now as our local House treasurer and Chaplain for the Mothers Club and Tom's Moms. He is Treasurer on the board of the Basilian Fathers of Texas. He offers the Friday morning Eucharist in the school chapel and helps out at the Incarnate Word Convent. He also helps with the after school study time in the school library three days a week. He is also active in the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher with the rank of Knight Commander.

James Murphy spent the first half of 2016 at Boston College, where he finished his M. Ed. Whether learning to sail on the Boston Harbor, enjoying the Jesuit Community on campus, or being able to visit his parents in state, it was a graced experience. Jim finished at BC at the end in July. He left Massachusetts on Sunday, and started his new work at St. Thomas on Wednesday in the Attendance office and is also now the Local Superior for our Basilian community.



Ronald Schwenzer is retired from ordinary school activities. However, the General Council asked Ron to oversee the design and construction of Keon House, the much needed new residence at the University of St. Thomas. For two and a half years he has been tireless in overseeing and expertly guiding all facets of the project. It was finally completed in September 2016 and now is the beautiful new home for the Basilian Scholasticate and for Basilians who minister at the UST. In spite of some health issues, Ron made sure that every detail of the building was according to plan. Jack Hanna, the Treasurer General stated, "With Ron overseeing the project, the General Council did not ever have to worry that things would not be done correctly. His financial reporting to us was always timely and accurate and his oversight of the architect and the contractor was constant. It was a pleasure to work with him on the Keon House project. This could not have been done without Ron Schwenzer." Ron celebrates Mass on Mondays in the school chapel and helps regularly with parish Masses and confessions at St. Anne's. He continues to trim the bushes on the school campus and looks after the grounds of our residence. He also does grocery shopping for the house.

Kevin Storey entered his 12th year at St. Thomas High School and continues as President and also became interim principal in July. He was relieved of his General Councillor responsibilities for the 2016-17 academic year. Kevin was appointed Chaplain for the Charity Guild of Catholic Women and celebrates Mass and appears at their Fashion show. He has shifted from running to swimming and biking which is easier on his knees. He is looking forward to the school taking possession of the public school property next door in early 2018 and the campus master plan provides a beautiful haven to the expansive urban development all around the school. We are proud of Kevin and his accomplishments; this expansion will assure the continued success of St. Thomas High School well into the future.



St. Thomas High School, looking north east from the corner of Shepherd Drive (left) and Memorial Drive (right). The present school is seen with white roofs in the foreground. The recently acquired property is located next to the STHS property toward the rear of the photo and is marked with an arrow.

The Basilian Fathers in México

The Basilian Fathers in Mexico form three houses, two in Tehuacán and one in Mexico City. The oldest is Casa San Felipe or the novitiate in Tehuacán. **Basilians** have been here since 1978.

Tehuacán (English)

There were no novices at Casa San Felipe this past year. Fathers Alberto Ferrara and Daniel Porter live there now. The two serve in the parish in various capacities. Father Daniel spends many hours every week (and sometimes every day) visiting the sick in hospitals. There are at least six hospitals in



Tehuacán, and Father Daniel is well known in each. He serves not only our parish, but also all the parishes in the city (and even some outside the city as well). Father Alberto dedicates most of his days to the ministry of the infirm in soul and spirit. He spends his time in the church, confessing, listening, blessing and praying for the people who come from the city, from the towns of the diocese and sometimes from places outside the diocese.

Father Dan anointing the sick

The other house in Tehuacán is the parish house, or rectory. We have been in this house for three years now. Fathers Beto Rojas, Jess Owens and Juan Carlos Rojas live here with the scholastic Arturo Jerónimo. Father Juan Carlos came in July and has assumed responsibility for chapel of El Carmen. Father Jess continues in the chapel of St. Cecilia. Arturo, who has completed two years of theology (and who has two more years of study), is responsible for the chapel of Vista Hermosa, celebrating regularly with the people the Liturgy of the Word and offering them Communion. Father Beto, although parish priest for the whole parish, is especially dedicated to the ministry in the main church of San Lorenzo. Work still goes on to complete the room of the new church. Donations are needed. If you wish to donate, send a check (Write ROOF TEHUACAN on the memo line) to the Mission Center, PO Box 708, Sugar Land TX 77487. See the photo of the roof on page 62.

Father Beto Teaching



México DF (English)

In Mexico City, eight of us live in the Escolasticado, a house where we have been for 18 months now. Father Pablo Walsh is the Director of the Scholastics and Father René Espejel his assistant. The two took a course for formators from August 29 to December 9 with the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit. The course was excellent. As Father Paul says, now he knows better what his responsibilities in formation are. He also has more questions; but the questions help him to focus in his ministry. Three scholastics live at here, Alejandro Estrada, Alberto Juárez and Javier de la Rosa. Alejandro and Alberto have just finished their third semester (of six) in theology at the Universidad Pontificia de México. They are also taking a Masters in Gestalt Psychology with an institute in Guadalajara called Integro. Still, most of its classes are held in Tehuacán. They have a few months left in this program. Javier also studies theology in the Pontificia; he just finished his first semester. He is working with a group in Thanatology in a parish in Mexico City.

Asociado José Luis lavando los pies

There are also three associates with us in the Scholasticate: Antonio Ibáñez, José Luis Jiménez and Juan José Ortiz. Antonio and Jose Luis just finished their first semester of theology at the Intercontinental University. Juan José began philosophy at the Pontificia.

The entire Scholasticate spent Easter on a mission in the Sierra Negra in the state of Puebla. We had responsibility for three villages in the parish of Nuestra Señora de las Nieves, Vicente Guerrero: Caporalco Buenos Aires, Las Praderas, and Coxcatépachapa. It was an experience of ministry in the countryside with the poor living very difficult lives. The week opened our eyes and our hearts, living and serving with those who daily live the cross - and the resurrection.



Los Padres Basilianos en México

Los Padres Basilianos en México formamos tres casas, dos en Tehuacán y una en la Ciudad de México. La más antigua es la Casa San Felipe en Tehuacán. Estamos aquí desde hace 1978.

Tehuacán (español)

No había novicios en 2016. Viven ahorita los Padres Alberto Ferrara y Daniel Porter en la casa. Los dos sirven en la parroquia en varias capacidades. El padre Daniel pasa muchas horas cada semana (y a veces cada día) visitando a los enfermos en los hospitales. Hay al menos seis hospitales en Tehuacán, y el padre Daniel está bien conocido en cada uno. Hace un servicio fuerte no solamente para la parroquia, sino también para todas las parroquias de la ciudad (y unas fuera de la ciudad también).



El padre Alberto se dedica la mayoría de sus días al ministerio de los enfermos de alma y espíritu. Pasa sus tardes (especialmente) en la iglesia, confesando, escuchando, bendiciendo y rezando por la gente que viene – y gente viene de la ciudad, de los pueblitos de la diócesis y a veces de lugares fuera de la diócesis.

El padre Alberto rezando con la gente

La otra casa en Tehuacán es la casa parroquial, o el curato. Estamos en esta casa hace tres años. Los Padres Beto Rojas, Jess Owens y Juan Carlos Rojas viven acá con el escolástico Arturo Jerónimo. El Padre Juan Carlos vino en julio y ha asumido responsabilidad para la capilla del Carmen.

Techo de la Iglesia de San Lorenzo



El padre Jess continúa en la capilla de Santa Cecilia. Arturo, que ha cumplido dos años de teología (y a quien le faltan dos años más), está responsable para la capilla de Vista Hermosa, celebrando regularmente con la gente la Liturgia de la Palabra con la comunión. Padre Beto, aunque párroco de todas las capillas, está especialmente dedicado al ministerio en la iglesia principal San Lorenzo. Sigue con el proyecto de terminar el techo del templo. Lo que deseen donar pueden mandar su cheque (escriban TECHO TEHUACAN) al Mission Center, PO Box 708, Sugarland TX 77487.



Los Basilianos en Tehuacán

John Huber, Roberto (Beto) Rojas, Jess Owens, Juan Carlos Rojas, Arturo Jerónimo, Daniel Porter, Alberto Ferrara

México DF (español)

En la Ciudad de México, vivimos ocho en el Escolasticado en una casa donde vivimos hace 18 meses. Padre Pablo Walsh es el director de los Escolásticos y Padre René Espejel lo ayuda. Los dos tomaron un curso para formadores del 29 de agosto hasta el 9 de diciembre con los Misioneros del Espíritu Santo. El curso fue excelente. Como dice Padre Pablo, ahorita sabe mejor cuáles son sus responsabilidades en formación. Tiene más preguntas; pero sus preguntas le ayudan para enfocarse en su ministerio. Viven tres escolásticos en casa, Alejandro Estrada, Alberto Juárez y Javier de la Rosa. Alejandro y Alberto apenas han terminado su tercer semestre (de seis) en teología en la Universidad Pontificia de México. Están tomando también una Maestría en la Psicología de Gestalt con un instituto en Guadalajara llamado Integro. Pero, la mayoría de sus clases se lleva a cabo en Tehuacán. Les faltan unos meses en este programa. Javier también estudia teología en la Pontificia; apenas terminó su primer semestre. Está trabajando con un grupo de tanatología en una parroquia de la delegación de Iztapalapa en la Ciudad de México.

Hay también tres asociados con nosotros en el Escolasticado: Antonio Ibáñez, José Luis Jiménez y Juan José Ortiz. Antonio y José Luis apenas terminaron su primer semestre de teología en la Universidad Intercontinental. Juan José empezó su filosofía en la Pontificia.



Todo el Escolasticado pasó la Semana Santa en misión en la Sierra Negra del estado de Puebla. Tuvimos responsabilidad para tres aldeas en la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de las Nieves, Vicente Guerrero: Caporalco Buenos Aires, Las Praderas, y Coxcatepachapa. Fue una experiencia de ministerio en el campo con gente sencilla y vidas duras. La semana abrió nuestros ojos y nuestros corazones, viviendo y sirviendo con los que viven cada día la cruz – y la resurrección.

*Escolástico Alejandro Estrada CSB en el viacrucis
Viernes Santo*





The Basilians in Colombia

Los Basilianos en Colombia

All the Basilians in Colombia: candidates, postulants, Scholastics and priests together with Bishop Julio García during the annual retreat in Cali, Valle

Todos los Basilianos en Colombia: candidatos, postulantes, escolásticos y sacerdotes juntos con Monseñor Julio García durante el retiro anual de 2016 en Cali, Valle.

CALI

Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción – INSA

La parroquia está involucrada ampliamente en la Misión Continental. El **Padre Rafael Lopera CSB** se ha dedicado a este proyecto con mucho éxito con la gente. Ya se cumplió con las asambleas parroquiales y se sectorizó la parroquia; en cada sector existen las casas “católicas” como centros de fraternidad, información y celebración. El **Padre Francisco Amico CSB** está supervisando la renovación de la capilla del Barrio Siete de Agosto donde se celebrará la Eucaristía en esta nueva capilla en la Navidad. La comunidad local, 3 candidatos, 4 escolásticos y 2 sacerdotes, con la colaboración de las religiosas, ha trabajado en el desafío que nos exige el Papa Francisco de “salir a la periferia” y encontrar a los que más nos necesitan. Terminamos este año 2016 con el retiro anual dirigido por **Monseñor Julio García**, obispo de Iquitos en el departamento del Chocó. Este retiro fue una experiencia excelente que nos cuestionó a todos como religiosos y nos entusiasmó para marcar una diferencia en nuestra realidad, a veces yendo en contra de la corriente.

De nuevo este año académico del INSA fue todo un éxito con sus 700 familias inscritas. En las pruebas de estado, SABER 11, de calendario A [el año académico común en Sur América] INSA quedó en puesto número 3 en el departamento del Valle y número 1 en la ciudad de Cali. ¡Qué orgullo para los

Basilianos! y ¡qué riqueza para tantos niños que reciben este don de una educación superior de parte de la Congregación! La presencia de los escolásticos, **Eduard Padilla CSB, Javier Higuera CSB, Carlos Rodríguez CSB y Nelson Timiná CSB**, aportó una presencia Basiliana jamás vista en el colegio además de sus responsabilidades con los ministerios en la parroquia, ¡y de verdad marcaron diferencia!



*Los cuatro escolásticos profesores en INSA en 2016 (de la izquierda a la derecha): **Hno Javier Higuera CSB, Hno Carlos Rodríguez CSB, Hno Eduard Padilla CSB y Hno Nelson Timiná CSB.***

*The four scholastics who were teachers at INSA during 2016 (from left to right): **Javier Higuera CSB, Carlos Rodríguez CSB, Eduard Padilla CSB and Nelson Timiná CSB.***

The parish is broadly involved in the Continental Mission of the Church. **Father Rafael Lopera CSB** has dedicated himself to this project which has had good success among the people. Parish assemblies have already met and the parish has been divided into sectors. In each sector there is now a “Catholic House” which functions as a center for fraternal community, information and celebration. **Father Frank Amico CSB** has been supervising the renovation of the chapel in the barrio of The 7th of August and the Eucharist will be celebrated there in the new chapel at Christmas of 2016. The local community – 3 candidates, 4 scholastics and 2 priests, with the collaborative help of the religious sisters – has been working at the challenge which Pope Francis has laid down for us of “going out to the periphery” and meeting those who most need us. We ended the year with the annual retreat for all the Basilians which was led by Bishop Julio García, the ordinary of Ismina diocese in the Department of Chocó. This retreat was an excellent experience, challenging all of us as religious and animating us to make a difference in our real situations, and to go sometimes against the current.

Once again this academic year in INSA, with its 700 families enrolled, has met with real success. In the national examinations known as SABER 11 for schools which are following Calendar A (the most common organization of the academic year in South America), INSA came in 3rd place in the Department of Valle and in 1st place in the city of Cali. What a source of pride for the Basilians and how rich an experience for so many children who are receiving the gift of a superior education from our Congregation! That so many of our scholastics played an active role in INSA during 2016 – **Eduard Padilla CSB, Javier Higuera CSB, Carlos Rodríguez CSB and Nelson Timiná CSB** – made for a Basilian presence of a kind never before seen in the school and they truly made a difference.

SANTA MARTA

Parroquia San Francisco de Asís

Yo, **P. Roberto Seguí CSB**, soy el administrador parroquial de la quas- parroquia San Francisco de Asís en Taganga. Por razones de salud, me encuentro aquí y aunque el calor a veces es muy fuerte, el aire es muy saludable y recomendable por personas que sufren de enfermedades respiratorias. El lugar está en una bahía de Santa Marta – los nativos de este parte son descendientes de los Tagangueros. Nos encontramos al pie de la Sierra Nevada. El mar ofrece la posibilidad de nadar o refrescarse en sus aguas frescas. ¡Hay playas muy bonitas cerca - Playa Grande, Playa Cristal - y muchas más!



En 400 años los habitantes nunca han tenido una casa cural ni un sacerdote residente en la parroquia. ¡Y ahora sí! Entonces he establecido en este año un ritmo de misas diarias y dos misas los domingos. El año es marcado por las fiestas – San Francisco de Asís, Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Nuestra Señora del Carmen, San Antonio de Padua, El Señor de los Milagros, el Divino Niño y ¡San Agatón! Cada fiesta lleva su junta, sus procesiones, sus misas, sus novenas. Hay dos colegios (un bachillerato y una primaria) en Taganga y he tratado de hacer una presencia en ellos. Hemos establecido un grupo de la Infancia Misionera y un Grupo Juvenil. Hemos celebrado como 13 convalidaciones de matrimonios en este año. En la Semana Santa y en los principios de diciembre dos escolásticos Basilianos me acompañaron. También **P. Rafael Lopera CSB**, **P. Oscar Gómez CSB** y **P. Juan Carlos Rojas CSB** estuvieron aquí por una visita. **P. Francisco Amico CSB** estuvo aquí el año pasado cuando estábamos mirando la posibilidad de mi presencia. Afortunadamente estoy acompañado cada día por algunos de los fieles para celebrar juntos las Laudes y las Vísperas.



I, **Bob Seguin CSB**, am the parish administrator of the “quasi-parish” of St. Francis of Assisi in Taganga. I find myself here because of health reasons and although the heat is sometimes intense, the air is very healthy and much recommended for people who suffer from respiratory ailments. Taganga is a bay in the region of Santa Marta and the inhabitants of the area are descended from the Tangaguero tribe. We are situated at the base of the Sierra Nevada. The freshness of the sea waters provides opportunities for swimming and cooling off, and there are a lot of beautiful beaches nearby – Playa Grande, Playa Cristal and many more!

For 400 years the residents of Taganga have never had either their own parish house or a priest who was resident in the parish. Now they do! Consequently I have provided for this year a rhythm of daily masses and two Sunday masses. The local year is marked off by a series of feasts/fiestas: St. Francis of Assisi, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony of Padua, The Lord of Miracles, The

Divine Child and St Agathon! Each feast has its own organizing committee, processions, masses and novenas. There are also two schools (a high school and a primary school) and I have tried to establish a presence in each. We have set up a chapter of the Junior Missionaries and also organized a Youth Group, and in the course of the year we celebrated the convalidation of some 13 marriages. During Holy Week and the first part of December/Advent I was accompanied by groups of two Basilian scholastics and at different points in the year **Frs. Rafael Lopera CSB, Oscar Gómez CSB** and **Juan Carlos Rojas CSB** came for visits. **Father Frank Amico CSB** was here the year before when we were looking at the possibility of my being present in Taganga. Fortunately I am also accompanied every day by a few of the parishioners who join with me for Lauds and Vespers.

BOGOTÁ

Casa Annonay

En el enero de 2016 la Casa Annonay a Bogotá, donde los postulantes colombianos persiguen sus estudios pre-teológicos, particularmente en la filosofía y los idiomas, entró en acción otra vez después de haber hecho una pausa de todo un año mientras que el grupo previo de postulantes completó el noviciado en la ciudad de Santa Marta (2015). Habitualmente los postulantes empiezan sus estudios universitarios en febrero, y otro grupo en agosto. Entonces por el año 2016 cinco nuevos postulantes fueron admitidos de los cuales tres – **Jheison Martínez, Wilmer Vargas, y Marlon Rincón** – terminaron el primer año de un programa diseñado por la Facultad de Filosofía de la Universidad de Santo Tomás de Aquino (USTA) especialmente por los que se preparan para la ordenación sacerdotal. En 2016 la formación religiosa, los estudios académicos y los compromisos apostólicos de los postulantes se desarrollaron bajo la supervisión del **P. Roberto Barringer CSB**.

Los postulantes estaban activos en varios campos pastorales de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora en Egipto, asegurando la catequesis para la Primera Comunión a muchos niños y la para la Confirmación a un grupo de jóvenes. Ayudaron también en la formación del Grupo Juvenil de la parroquia. El horario exigente y un poco exagerado de la USTA en 2016 y la distancia importante separando la Casa Annonay de la Facultad de Filosofía lo hicieron difícil organizar las acostumbradas clases de formación dentro de la casa, pero ya la Facultad nos ha proporcionado un nuevo horario mucho más humano para el año 2017, y así un programa más rico de formación religiosa y de estudios suplementarios, y también un involucramiento pastoral más variado, estarán disponibles por los postulantes, los nuevos y los veteranos, bajo la dirección del **P. Oscar Gómez CSB**.

*Los postulantes Basilianos acompañando la novena navideña como equipo en la Capilla San Miguel en el Chorro de Quevedo. (De izquierda a derecho: **Jheison Martínez, Wilmer Vargas and Marlon Rincón**)*

The Basilian postulants providing music for the Christmas Novena in the Chapel of St Michael of the Chorro de Quevedo.

In January of 2016 the Casa Annonay in Bogotá, where Colombian postulants do their pre-theological studies, particularly in philosophy and languages, sprang back into life



after a full year's pause during which the previous group of postulants had left the house to complete their novitiate year in Santa Marta. Postulants normally begin their academic year either in February or in August, and in the course of 2016 five more were admitted of whom three – **Jheison Martínez, Wilmer Vargas and Marlon Rincón** – finished the first year of a special program devised by the Philosophy Faculty of the University of St Thomas Aquinas (USTA) for those aiming to be ordained. Oversight of the religious formation, academic studies and pastoral involvements of the postulants was provided by **Father Bob Barringer CSB**.

The postulants were active in various pastoral dimensions of the local parish of Our Lady in Egypt, providing catechetical instruction for the children preparing for First Communion and Confirmation preparation for the youth; they assisted as well with the formation of the parish Youth Group. Their demanding timetable of classes and the significant distance from the house to the USTA Philosophy Faculty made it difficult to mount the usual in-house classes as part of their formation, but for 2017 the Faculty has already provided a much more humane timetable, and as a result a richer program of religious formation, supplementary studies and more varied apostolic involvement will be available for all the postulants, new and old, under the direction of **Father Oscar Gómez CSB**.

MEDELLÍN

Parroquia San Basilio



En la comunidad parroquial San Basilio, a la cual acompañamos dos sacerdotes Basilianos (**P. Pedro Mora CSB y Padre Oscar Gómez CSB**) y cinco escolásticos (**Sergio Gil CSB, Edilson Gómez CSB, Luís Suárez CSB, Wilson Tovar CSB y Anderson Usuga CSB**), sigue habiendo mucho dolor por las diversas situaciones conflictivas que a diario se deben asumir ocasionadas por el hambre, el desempleo, la violencia y la pobreza que continua en algunos sectores de nuestra comunidad parroquial. *(El templo parroquial se ve a la izquierda.)*

Sin embargo, la esperanza evangélica ha estado presente con el compromiso de los sacerdotes y escolásticos Basilianos en las pequeñas comunidades, equipos pastorales, ministerios y proyectos sociales Basilianos. La Revisión de Vida es un elemento importante en nuestra vida, ya que nos permite hacer una lectura de vida al igual que evangélica de nuestra caminata como religiosos en medio de nuestra comunidad parroquial, y así proyectarnos en lo cotidiano, en la solidaridad y en la actividad apostólica encomendada a nuestra Congregación en la Arquidiócesis de Medellín. En esta manera se

fortalecen los lazos de unión, una buena educación tanto en los niños y los jóvenes como en las familias que se hacen partícipes en la experiencia de Jesús a través de la vida parroquial.



In the parish community of St. Basil, which is accompanied by two Basilian priests (**Father Pedro Mora CSB** and **Father Oscar Gómez CSB**) and five scholastics (**Sergio Gil CSB, Edilson Gómez CSB, Luis Suárez CSB, Wilson Tovar CSB** and **Anderson Usuga CSB**) there continues to be a great deal of pain in confronting the different situations of conflict that have to be dealt with on a daily basis and which arise from the ongoing

hunger, unemployment, violence and poverty in certain sectors of our parish community.

Nevertheless, Gospel hope has also been made present through the commitment which the priests and scholastics make to the small communities, pastoral teams, ministries and various Basilian social projects. The practice of Revision of Life is an important element in our own life as Basilians as it allows us to take a reading of our lives and equally to see the path we are taking as religious in the midst of our parish community through the lens of the Gospel. As a result we can have an impact in everyday life, in solidarity, and in the apostolic activity entrusted to our Congregation within the Archdiocese of Medellín. In this way bonds of union are strengthened, and a good lesson is provided both in the lives of the children and youth as well as in those families which give themselves to be participants in the experience of Jesus through the life of the parish.



La Comunidad Basiliana en Medellín:
P. Óscar Gómez y P. Pedro Mora.
Los escolásticos, sentados: Luis Suárez,
Wilson Tovar; de pie: Anderson Usuga,
Sergio Gil, Edilson Gómez

Basilian Lay Associates – Houston Area

Mary Dusing and Phil Acquaro, CSB Coordinators

Early in 2016, the Houston Area Basilian Lay Associates discussed and voted to eliminate our annual Christmas party and instead, host a party in the Spring. We look forward to the Annual St. Basil Day Mass and Dinner on January 2nd, hosted by the Basilian Fathers at St. Anne's; it is a great celebration.



Blanca and Eusebio Rivera, parents of Eduardo Rivera CSB

Father David Zapalac CSB joined St. Anne parish in June and we co-hosted a welcoming reception for him with the parish and the St. Anne Ladies Guild. We celebrated his birthday at the same time, and the theme was Star Wars (his favorite). He is a wonderful addition at St. Anne's and he is the new priest coordinator of the Houston Lay Associates.

Our retreat was led by Sister Carol Mayes, OP. She walked through our Basic Document and reminded us that we are made in God's image and, that as Basilian Lay Associates, we are looked at in a different light. What we do is a reflection of the Basilians.



Photo above, Seated, L-R: Jerry Ann Berry, Paul O'Connor, Jim Blocher CSB, Jamie Abercrombie CSB, Damien McAuley, Phil Acquaro CSB; Tom McAuley, John and Linda Howard, John McCarthy. **Standing, rear at left:** Blanca Rivera, Bill Frankenberger CSB



The highlight of the year was the Christmas Brunch at Dillon House (*above*); everyone brought something wonderful. Father Bob Klem CSB made a delicious punch for everyone. Father Carl Belisch CSB gave an informative talk about the history of Christmas and special guest Alex Broussard played the classical guitar. As always, we served hot chocolate and cookies to the Boy Scouts as they came caroling at Dillon House.

Mary Singleton, Robert Stokes, and Mary Murphy at the Dillon House Christmas festivities.

*Mary Dusing, Coordinator,
Roy Oggero CSB,
Judy McCullough, and
Donna Stokes
enjoy a visit during the
BLA Christmas party at
Dillon House.*



Many of us attended the Basilian Area Meetings in the Spring and were humbled to be part of the discussion regarding the future of the Basilians. We appreciate all that the Basilians do for us and for those they serve.

Sadly, this past year, we lost Mary Ann and Ed Hines, two of the Houston Area BLA founding members. They have not been forgotten for their loving presence. The Basilian Lay Associates in the Houston Area look forward to 2017 in companionship and service with the Basilian Fathers.

Basilian Lay Associates – Rochester Area

Kathy Poirier, Vilma Goetting, and Father Paul English CSB, Coordinators

This year the Lay Associates in the Rochester area have one First Commitment, two Recommitments, and two persons in the “Come and See” stage.

The Basilian Lay Associates of Rochester gathered monthly in 2016 for prayer and a meeting, often with a presentation. Most Rochester Lay Associates participated in the annual BLA Retreat in Niagara Falls, Ontario, September 16-18. The Lay Associates provided meals and other support for homeless people in Rochester; they participated in gift-giving for poor children through Saint Kateri Parish. They provided financial assistance to an immigrant student at a local high school.

The Lay Associates gathered for Mass and dinner at Christ the King Church and the Basilian residence at St. Kateri, on November 16. They celebrated a Christmas seasonal party on December 11 at a local restaurant.

Basilian Lay Associates – Toronto Area

Bernardine Ketelaars, Connie Paré, and Joseph Walsh CSB, Coordinators

The Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates currently have a total of 27 members. We have three potential *Come and See* participants for 2017.

This past year has been one of deep change for the Toronto BLAs. This past July, Anastasia Oehlert completed her term as coordinator and the group was asked to consider a new model of leadership. Bernardine Ketelaars and Connie Paré volunteered to lead the Toronto BLA as co-coordinators. After much discussion by the lay members and consideration by the General Council, Bernardine and Connie accepted a three-year term as the first co-coordinators for the Toronto area BLAs.

In the latter part of 2016, we have been experimenting with different formats for our time together. We now begin with either Mass or Liturgy of the Hours and invite Basilian Fathers to share their spiritual journey with us and the type of spirituality that feeds them on their journey. Our hope is that we will learn more about different Christian spiritualities and how these might assist us in our own spiritual growth. This past fall, we invited Father Bob Holmes to share with us how his commitment to being a Christian Peacemaker and how social justice undergirds his spiritual journey.

Highlights of 2016 include the following:

April 30, 2016: Day of Recollection led by Father Mario D’Souza at the Cardinal Flahiff Centre

June 11, 2016:
The Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates hosted the Toronto Basilian Fathers at the Annual Afternoon Tea.



September 16 – 18, 2016: Toronto BLA members, along with members from Windsor and Rochester participated in the annual retreat at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Niagara Falls Ontario. The retreat was organized by the Rochester BLAs. Father Paul English led us as we continued to learn about our call to discipleship. **October 22, 2016:** Fr. Morgan Rice joined us at St. Basil Church as three members made their first commitments as BLAs: Jane Alan, Mabel Favela and Cris Fox. Other members made permanent commitments. **December 6, 2016:** The Toronto Area BLA members had their Christmas Party and set out their planning for 2017. We are very thankful for all the good work God has done through us this past year and we look forward with hope and joy to 2017 as Lay Associates of the Basilian Fathers.

Basilian Lay Associates – Windsor Area

Anne Marie Handsor and Paul McGill CSB, Coordinators

Currently in the Windsor area we have nine BLA's who get together regularly. We are pleased that we have two very good "Come and See" candidates. We are certain they will be a blessing to us. We meet on the third Thursday of every month at the Assumption Parish Rectory thanks to the hospitality of Father Jim Stenberg and Father Maurice Restivo.



*(Front L to R: Father Paul McGill,, Kevin Mannara, Rose Portillo, Anne Marie Handsor, Tom Hebert
Back L to R: Father Maurice Restivo, Denise Callaghan, Riccardo Portillo, Mary Anne Seguin, Father Jim Stenberg, Andy Matos.)*

The year 2016 proved to be a very busy year but a year with abundant grace for the BLA's. We have had the pleasure of having Kevin Mannara with us for the past year and he has started many new initiatives in the Parish and the BLA are always willing to help him out. Most of the Lay Associates attend the 5:00 Mass on Saturday and you can find any or all of us either in the Sacristy, on the altar as Lecterns or Eucharistic Ministers or at the back of the church welcoming folks coming into Church and also ushering. We hear many positive comments about our greeters, especially Andy who is always at the back of the church to lend a helping hand to those who need extra care.

Every Friday evening during Lent Kevin assigned different groups from within the Parish to host a Soup dinner followed by the Stations of the Cross. This was very well attended and all money went to the poor and needy in Windsor. The BLA was very grateful to be part of this.

On May 8, 2016 (Mother's Day) the BLA hosted a reception and a book signing after the 11:00 AM Mass. Kevin was speaking on his new book *That All May Be One*. It was quite a hit as Kevin sold around 25 copies of his book. This day was even a bigger celebration because Kevin's mother and sister were in Windsor to join us. Kevin's mother told us she was relieved that Kevin had some nice friends in Windsor.



From left to right:
Rose Portillo,
Kevin's Mother,
Shirley Mannara,
Kevin Mannara CSB,
and
Anne Marie Handsor

We decided not to have meetings during July and August but we did get together on August 7th to celebrate all who had birthdays in August. There were over a dozen of us in attendance.

On November 26, 2016 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass we had our Commitment and Recommitment ceremony. We were pleased to welcome Tom Hebert who made his first commitment on that day. We were privileged to host a reception for our own Father "Q" Johnson on December 10th at 5:00 PM Mass. Father Q celebrated 50 years of dedicated service as Priest and Educator. What a good time we had and what a turn out! It was so beautiful to see so many Basilians on the Altar celebrating with Father Q. We continue to pray for all Basilians and Lay Associates in all areas and we ask their prayers for us.

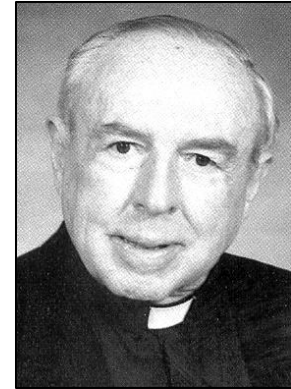


George Edward Beaune CSB

January 15, 1926 – January 10, 2016

Father George Beaune, CSB, died at The Hospice of Windsor. He was 89 years old. He had been a Basilian for 70 years and a priest for 62 years.

George was born in Windsor, ON, the son of the late Edouard Beaune and Maria Plante. He was the third eldest in a family of eight children: Jeanette Forton, Raymond, Claire Tetreault, Eva Chevalier, Leo, Marie Malone, and Alice Champagne.



George attended St. Joseph Grade school and High School in Windsor, transferring in grade 11 to Assumption College School. He entered the Basilian Novitiate in Toronto, and was professed on August 15, 1945. George graduated with a BA from the University of Toronto in 1948.

George was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1953 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto by Cardinal McGuigan. Others ordained that year were Dave Bauer, Dave Belyea, Bob Crooker, John Egsgard, Michael Goetz, Leon Hart, Bernard McCarron, Gerald McGuigan, Donal O'Gorman, Ed O'Reilly, Joe Penny, James Poupore, Peter Sheehan, John Stortz, Cy Udall, and Claude Vincent. His First Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Windsor, with Father John Francis Boland CSB preaching.

George Beaune served the Congregation in many different ministries in Canada, France and the USA. He remarked once that he has not stayed more than a few years in any one Basilian local community. However, wherever George was sent to minister he touched the hearts of people and left a lasting impression. George Beaune had the following appointments in the Congregation:

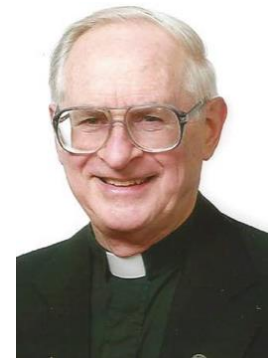
St. Basil's Novitiate, Tweedsmuir, Ave, Toronto, ON	1944-1945
St. Basil's Seminary, 21 St. Mary St., Toronto, ON	1945-1946
Holy Rosary Seminary, Tweedsmuir Ave., Toronto, ON	1946-1947
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1947-1949
Holy Rosary Seminary, Toronto, ON	1949-1950
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1950-1951
St. Basil's Seminary, 95 St. Joseph St., Toronto, ON	1951-1954
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON	1954-1956
Holy Rosary Church, Toronto, ON	1956-1956
College Privé Du Sacre Coeur, FR	1956-1959
St. Joseph's High School, Ottawa, ON	1959-1961
College Privé Du Sacre Coeur, FR	1961-1963
Pontiac Novitiate, Pontiac, MI	1963-1965
Annonay Novitiate, Annonay, FR	1965-1966
Maison Sainte-Basile, FR	1966-1967
Annonay Novitiate, Annonay, FR	1967-1968
College Privé Du Sacre Coeur, FR	1968-1969
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON	1969-1971
St. Joseph High School, Ottawa, ON	1971-1972
St. Thomas More College, Saskatchewan, SK	1972-1975
Bethany House, Providence, RI	1975-1978
Ste. Anne's Church, Detroit, MI	1978-1984
Aquinas Institute, Rochester, NY	1984-1987
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Windsor, ON	1987-1995
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON	1995-2006
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Windsor, ON	2006-2011
Devonshire Seniors Residence, Windsor, ON	2011-2016

Visitation was held in Windsor, ON at Families First Funeral Home on January 13. The Mass of Christian Burial was on January 14 at Holy Name of Mary Church. George Smith, CSB presided and Matthew Durham CSB preached. Bishop Ron Fabbro CSB led the Final Commendation and Farewell.

Charles John Principe, CSB

January 6, 1929 – June 5, 2016

Father Charles John Principe, CSB, died peacefully at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto on Sunday, June 5, 2016. He was 87 years old. He had been a Basilian for 68 years and a priest for 60 years.



Charles was born in Rochester, NY, the son of the late Arthur S. Principe and Louise Morone. He was predeceased by his five brothers: Edmund, Donald, Arthur, Robert and Father Walter, CSB. Charlie (as he was affectionately known) attended St. John the Evangelist Grade School and then Aquinas Institute in Rochester. After graduating from Aquinas Institute, Charlie entered the Rochester Novitiate. He was professed on September 12, 1947. In 1952, Charlie obtained a BA from the University of Toronto. His first year of Theology was taken at the Grande Séminaire de Québec.

Charlie was ordained on June 29, 1955 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by Bishop Francis Allen. Others ordained that day were: James Black, Wilf Canning, John Cavanaugh, Robert Chauvin, Eddie Doser, John Dougherty, Norm Fitzpatrick, Johnnie Gaughan, Leo Hetzler, John Kelly, John Kraus, Pat Lalonde, John McGee, Ted McLean, John McManus, Bob Madden, Paul Meloche, Vince Paré, Art Roberts and Fred Sohn. He celebrated his first Mass in his native parish, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, NY. His brother, Father Walter Principe, CSB, was Deacon and Father Alphonse Malone, CSB preached.

Charlie then pursued graduate studies in French at Lyon and Paris, France. Later Charlie continued further graduate studies in France. In 1978, he was awarded a Doctorate (D. de l'U) at the University of Paris – Sorbonne. His main interest was the study of the *Jesuit Relations*, a chronicle of the first Jesuits in North America. He was a widely respected scholar in this area and published several important works on the topic. Bernard Buisson CSB remembers Charlie very well *"J'ai retrouvé le Père Principe à la Maison Saint-Basile à Issy-les-Moulineaux pendant 4 ans, tandis qu'il travaillait à sa thèse les Relations des Jésuites martyrs du Canada ou des Etats-Unis! Charlie était alors un confrère adorable."*

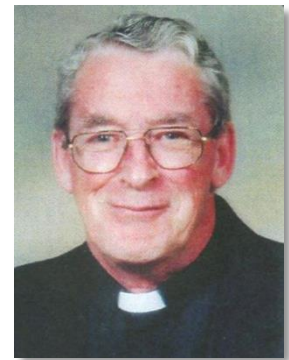
Charlie Principe had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Rochester Novitiate, Rochester, NY	1946-1947
Holy Rosary Seminary, Toronto, ON	1947-1949
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1949-1952
Grande Séminaire de Québec, Québec City, QC	1952-1953
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1953-1956
Collège Privé du Sacré Cœur / Université de Lyon, FR	1956-1958
Graduate Studies, Paris, FR	1958-1959
Aquinas Institute, Rochester, NY	1959-1960
Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Cœur, FR	1960-1967
Maison Sainte-Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux, FR	1967-1972
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON.	1972-2010
Anglin House, Toronto, ON.	2010-2012
Terraces of Baycrest, Toronto, ON.	2012-2015

A Memorial Mass was celebrated in the Chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, 95 St. Joseph Street, Toronto on June 8. David Katulski CSB presided and James McConica, CSB preached. The Funeral Mass for Father Charles Principe took place at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish at Christ the King Church in Rochester, NY on June 11. Morgan Rice CSB, Basilian General Councillor, presided and Joe Trovato CSB preached. Norm Tanck CSB noted: "It is fitting that Charlie's funeral liturgy was at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish since the *Jesuit Relations* recount in detail her holy life and the devotion to Kateri that followed her death."

Gerald Augustin Lalonde, CSB

August 28, 1937 – June 14, 2016



Father Gerald Lalonde, CSB, died at Toronto General Hospital on Tuesday, June 14. He was 78 years old. He had been a Basilian for 57 years and a priest for 49 years.

Gerald was born in Sudbury, ON on August 28, 1937, the son of the late Alfred Lalonde and Mary Agnes Helferty. He was predeceased by his brothers, Ivan, Vincent, Denzil, Kenneth and Father Patrick CSB, and his sister, Mary. He is survived by his sister, Margaret, and by many nieces and nephews. Gerry (as he was called) attended four elementary schools: Capreol Public School, St. Dominic's in Montreal, Cochrane Separate School and St. Patrick's in Quebec City. He then attended St. Michael's College School in Toronto. Gerry entered the St. Basil's Novitiate in Richmond Hill and was professed on August 15, 1957. In 1960, Gerry received a B.A. from the University of Toronto. During the summers of 1960 and 1961, Gerry attended the Ontario College of Education in Toronto to obtain his teaching certificate. He then began his theological studies at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto. Gerry then moved to Maison Saint Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France where he studied at the Grand Séminaire Saint-Sulpice. He then returned to St. Basil's Seminary.

Gerry was ordained on December 17, 1966 in Our Lady of Peace Church, Capreol, ON, by Bishop Alexander Carter, Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie. Others ordained that year were: Marvin LaBute, Michael Fallona, Gordon Kennedy, Quentin Johnson, Ken McKernan, Ray Páramo, Bob Power, +Richard Ramírez, Bill Sheehan and Eddie Sullivan. Gerry celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving on December 18, 1966 in Our Lady of Peace Church in Capreol.

Gerry Lalonde had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Richmond Hill Novitiate, Richmond Hill, ON.	1956-1957
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON.	1957-1958
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON.	1958-1960
St. Charles College, Sudbury, ON.	1960-1963
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON.	1963-1964
Maison Saint-Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France	1964-1966
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON.	1966-1967
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON.	1967-1970
St. Charles College, Sudbury, ON.	1970-1976
Holy Rosary Church, Toronto, ON.	1976-1976
St. Charles College, Sudbury, ON.	1977-1985
Sabbatical	1985-1986
St. Charles College, Sudbury, ON.	1986-1988
Basilian Fathers of Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.	1988-1997
Renewal: Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem	1997-1997
Canadian Martyrs Church, Calgary, AB	1997-1998
Our Lady Peace Church, Capreol, ON.	1998-2007
Orsini House, Toronto, ON.	2007-2008
Basilian Fathers of Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.	2008-2009
Orsini House, Toronto, ON.	2009-2016

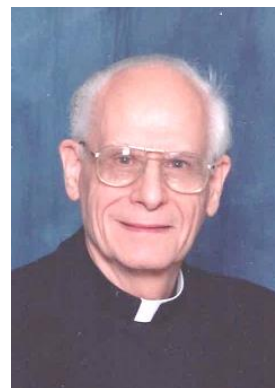
Gerry lived for several years at Orsini House in Toronto but he moved back to Capreol in 2015, a place he loved dearly. A Wake Service was held in the Chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, Toronto on June 16; John Reddy CSB presided and Bob Holmes CSB preached. Bob pointed out that Gerry had died on June 14; Bob recalled that when he and Gerry were Scholastics this was the day on which they used to receive their new appointments. "Gerry got a wonderful new appointment; he was called to the Kingdom of Jesus the Lord." The Funeral Mass was in the same Chapel on June 17; Bishop Jean-Louie Plouffe, Bishop Emeritus of Sault Ste. Marie and a long-time friend of Gerry, was in attendance. George Smith CSB presided and Gordon Kennedy CSB preached.

Patrick O'Connor Braden, CSB

February 1, 1924 – June 16, 2016

Father Patrick O'Connor Braden, CSB, died in Houston on June 16, 2016. He was 92 years old. He had been a Basilian for 68 years and a priest for 64 years.

Patrick was born in Houston, Texas on February 1, 1924, the son of the late Dr. Albert Braden and Kathleen O'Connor. He was one of five children: Albert Braden Jr., Joseph Braden, Kathleen Eichelberger and David Braden.



Pat attended Holy Rosary Catholic School and then St. Thomas High School, both in Houston. He continued his education at Rice University where he earned his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering (1944), and then later attended the University of Texas – Austin where he earned his M.Sc. and Ph.D. (1960) in Mechanical Engineering.

During World War II, Pat was an Aviation Radio Technician with the U.S. Navy. After leaving the Navy, he spent a year as an Instructor in Mechanical Engineering at his Alma Mater before entering Rochester, NY Novitiate, and then beginning Theology studies at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto, ON, Canada.

Pat was ordained on June 14, 1952 in St. Anne's Church in Houston by Bishop Wendelin J. Nold, Bishop of Galveston. Others ordained that year were: Eugene Heyck, Murray Bannon, Jim Hanrahan, John Janisse, James Kelly, James Keon, Kevin Kirley, Ian McRae, Gerard Pilecki, Edward Ronan, Thomas Stokes and Art Waligore. Pat's first solemn Mass was celebrated in St. Vincent de Paul Church in his native city. Father E. P. Magee CSB preached.

Pat Braden had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Basilian Novitiate, Rochester, NY	1947-1948
Aquinas Institute, Rochester, NY	1948-1949
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1949-1951
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON.	1951-1953
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1953-1958
University of Texas, Houston, TX	1958-1960
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1960-1980
St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY	1980-1986
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1986-1991
Basilian Fathers of St. Lucia, St. Lucia	1991-1995
Basilian Fathers of University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1995-2016

+Michael Miller CSB, the eighth president of the University of St. Thomas and presently the Archbishop of Vancouver BC has this assessment of Pat Braden: "For more than half a century Pat dedicated himself to the University of St. Thomas. For his faithfulness, determination and wisdom he should be remembered as a "second founder" of UST. . As a confrere, he was unfailingly generous; he was to me a mentor and guide. His evangelical simplicity of life was inspiring."

Pat Braden was a member of the Board of Directors of the University of St. Thomas. He served as president of Rochester Area Colleges and the Texas Council of Church Related Colleges. Pat was named a Distinguished Engineering Graduate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1980. He was very proud of his induction into the St. Thomas High School Hall of Honor in 2008, 67 years after his graduation.

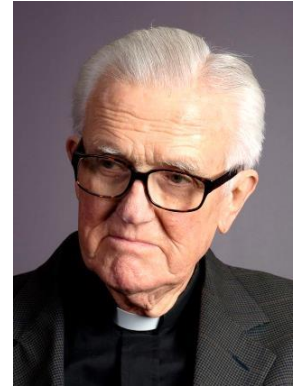
Visitation was held in Houston at the Chapel of St. Basil at UST on Monday June 20. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in Jerabeck Center on the campus of UST on Tuesday, June 21. George T. Smith CSB, presided and Michael Buentello CSB, Basilian Superior at UST, preached. Pat was interred in the Basilian plot in Lawndale Cemetery in Houston TX.

James Vincent Thompson CSB

July 29, 1922 – October 10, 2016

Father Vincent Thompson CSB, died at Anglin House on October 10. He was 94 years old. He had been a Basilian for 73 years and a priest for 67 years.

Vince (as he as always called) was born in Teeswater, Ontario, on July 29, 1922, the son of the late Charles Thompson and Elizabeth Shiels. He was one of seven children: Rev. George J. Thompson CSB, Walter J. Thompson, C. Maurice Thompson, John J. Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Eleanor Thompson Murphy and T. Joseph Thompson. Vince attended Sacred Heart Elementary School in Teeswater, St. Martin's in London and then Assumption College School in Windsor. He continued his education at Assumption College (University of Western Ontario) where he earned his B.A. in History and Philosophy (1946), and then later attended the University of Toronto where he earned his M.A. (1951) in Philosophy.



Vince entered the Toronto Novitiate in 1942. He was ordained on June 29, 1949, in St. Basil's Church in Toronto by James Cardinal McGuigan. Others ordained that year were: John O'Donoghue, Eugene Burbott, Al Butler, Cy Howard, Walter Principe, John Mullins, Harold O'Leary, Rolland Janisse, Elliott Allen, Francis Tevlin, and Robert Fehr. Vince's first Mass was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Teeswater. Father Francis Ruth CSB preached.

Vince taught in two Basilian high schools and served at Basilian parishes in Toronto, Detroit, Amherstburg, Owen Sound, Houston, Medellín and in initial formation ministry at Casa Annonay in Bogotá. He retired to Anglin house in 2008.

Vince Thompson had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Toronto Novitiate, Toronto, ON	1942-1943
Assumption College, Windsor ON	1943-1946
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1946-1950
St. Basil's Church, Toronto, ON	1950-1952
St. Anne's Church / Marian High School, Houston, TX	1952-1958
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON.	1958-1959
Michael Power High School, Toronto, ON.	1959-1961
St. John The Baptist Church, Amherstburg, ON	1961-1967
St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound, ON	1967-1973
St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg, ON	1973-1979
St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound, ON	1979-1985
St. Anne's Church, Houston, TX	1985-1992
Ste. Anne de Detroit	1993-1995
Ecce Homo, Medellín, Colombia	1995-1997
Casa Annonay, Bogotá, Colombia	1997-2007
Anglin House, Toronto, ON	2008-2016

Of his time at Anglin House, Vince said, "In this house there is a concentration of learning, experience and wisdom, and please God, holiness, derived from years of service to God and his people."

Carlos Gutiérrez CSB remembers meeting Vince as a young boy at Ecce Homo in Medellín. "Sin duda fue una de mis grandes inspiraciones cuando estaba ingresando en la Congregación. Que Dios lo tenga en la gloria porque 'bienaventurados son los pobres, pues de ellos es el reino de los cielos'."

A Wake Service was held in held on October 14th in the Chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Centre in Toronto. The Funeral Mass was also held in the same Chapel on October 15th. George Smith CSB presided and Bob Holmes CSB preached. Vince was interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.

Howard Joseph Keon, CSB

October 14, 1920 – November 1, 2016

Father Howard Keon, CSB, died at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto on November 1, 2016. He was 96 years old. He had been a Basilian for 63 years and a priest for 59 years.

Howie (as he was called) was born in Haileybury (now New Liskeard), ON, on October 14, 1920. He was the oldest of four children of Clare Cameron and James Keon. He was predeceased by his brothers Michael and Father James, CSB and survived by his sister Madeline Adams and her children. Howie attended St. Mary's School in Owen Sound and then Owen Sound Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He then studied at the University of Toronto where he earned his B.A.Sc. (1947). He earned an STB from the University of St. Michael's College (1951).



In 1941, Howie joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and was sent to England to be a navigator in a bomber squadron. He was switched into the RAF after his arrival. Having completed 30 sorties over Germany, Howie was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal for "acts of valour and devotion to duty." Following the war, Howie was employed with the Canadian Government as an aeronautical research engineer in Toronto. In 1949, he joined the Air Force for a second time and served until being discharged in 1952. It was then that he entered the Basilian Novitiate at Richmond Hill ON.

Howie was ordained on June 29, 1957 in St. Basil's Church by James Cardinal McGuigan. Also ordained that year were: Jim Daley, Lawrence Elmer, Richard Elmer, John Fiore, Larry Galla, Bob Hall, Art Holmes, William Keils, Owen Lee, Bill Marceau, Bob Matzinger, John Murray, Eugene O'Reilly, Maurice Pierce, Paul Sheehan, and Rocco Volpe. Howie celebrated his First Mass at St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound, on June 30th. Father Norman Gallagher, Senior Chaplain of the RCAF preached.

Father Howie Keon had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Richmond Hill Novitiate, Richmond Hill, ON	1952 – 1953
Assumption College, Windsor (<i>Philosophy Studies</i>)	1953 – 1954
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1954 – 1958
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON	1958 – 1960
St. Francis High School (Catholic Central High School), Lethbridge, AB	1960 – 1973
St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester, NY, (<i>Novice Director</i>)	1973 – 1980
Assumption Parish, Lethbridge, AB	1980 – 2000
Basilian Fathers of Lethbridge, AB	2000 – 2003
Soulerin House, Toronto, ON	2003 – 2007
Anglin House, Toronto, ON	2007 – 2016

In 2008, because of his commitment to community service, Howie received the *Governor General's Caring Canadian Award*. The award was presented by Governor General Michaëlle Jean. In November, 2015, Howie was recognized by the Canadian Department of National Defence. Captain (Rev.) David Clark, Chaplain RCA, presented Howie with a personalized certificate honoring his military service.

Before Howie's funeral, several Basilians (Marvin LaBute, Gerry Dillon, Clare Watrin, Leo Reilley and John Reddy) were remembering Howie. Here are the words that surfaced: "A gentleman; caring; kind; companionable, determined; innocent, community focussed; humble and welcoming; a holy man."

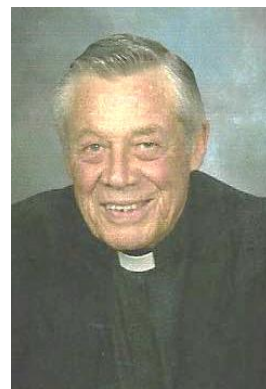
A Wake Service was held on November 3rd in Anglin House Chapel in Toronto. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Flahiff Centre Chapel, Toronto, on November 4th. David Katulski CSB presided and Joe Walsh CSB preached. Interment was in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.

Brian Philip Higgins CSB

March 15, 1926 – November 4, 2016

Father Brian Higgins CSB, died at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto on November 4. He was 90 years old. He had been a Basilian for 69 years and a priest for 62 years.

Toronto, ON was his place of birth on March 15, 1926 to Emma Edith Irene Clow and Peter McLoughlin Higgins. He had one brother, the late Dr. H. Patrick Higgins. Brian attended Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. James Separate Schools, and then St. Michael's College School (1945), all in Toronto. The Basilian Novitiate at Richmond Hill, ON welcomed Brian in 1946, and he made his First Profession on August 15, 1947. He was ordained on June 29, 1954 in St. Basil's Church by James Cardinal McGuigan. Also ordained that year were: Franck Boehm, John Callaghan, Dan Coughlin, Paul Donohoe, Art Hathaway, William Kelly, Leo Klosterman, George Kosicki, Joseph Miller, Francis O'Grady, Ron Pazik, Denis Rowan, Jack Whitley, Al Williams, Gene Oser (Houston TX) and Francis Lally (North Bay ON).



At the University of Toronto Brian continued his education; he earned his B.A. (1949), majoring in Mathematics and Physics. He spent one year at St. Thomas High School in Houston, TX, and then received his Teaching Certificate at the Ontario College of Education. Brian then began his long association with St. Michael's College School in Toronto. He taught for one year there, attended St. Basil's Seminary for three years, and then returned to St. Michael's College School. During his time at St. Michael's, Brian taught Religion, Physics, and Mathematics, and coached football and hockey. In April 2012, St. Michael's College School inducted him into the prestigious *Order of St. Michael*.

While at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, ON Brian taught and coached football, hockey and track for twelve years, during three of which he served as Principal. In 2015 the St. Mary's football field was named Father Brian Higgins Field." Brian also served as Principal at St. Charles College in Sudbury and at Assumption College School in Windsor. In 1977, Brian was awarded the *Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal*, given to individuals who had made a contribution to their fellow citizens and to Canada.

Brian Higgins had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Basilian Novitiate, Richmond Hill, ON	1946 – 1947
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1947 – 1949
St. Thomas High School, Houston, TX	1949 – 1950
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1950 – 1951
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1951 – 1952
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1952 – 1955
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1955 – 1962
St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	1962 – 1974
Michael Power High School, Toronto, ON	1974 – 1975
St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	1975 – 1978
St. Charles College, Sudbury, ON	1978 – 1983
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1983 – 1986
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON	1986 – 1988
Sabbatical – Renewal	1988 – 1989
Basilian Fathers of Rexdale (Henry Carr Farm) Beaton ON	1989 – 2007
Orsini House, Toronto, ON	2007 – 2012
Anglin House, Toronto, ON	2012 – 2016

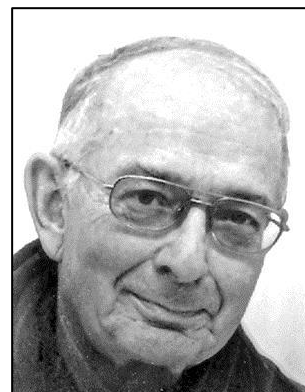
A Wake Service was held on November 8th in the Flahiff Centre Chapel. On November 9th the Funeral Mass was celebrated in the same chapel. George Smith CSB presided and Joseph Redican CSB preached. Interment was in the Basilian Plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill ON.

Michel Etienne Deglène CSB

June 6, 1936 – December 18, 2016

Père Michel Etienne Deglène CSB, died in France. He was 80 years old. He had been a Basilian for 59 years and a priest for 54 years.

Michel was born in Annonay, France to Marie-Louise Voron and Marcel Deglène. He was one of five children: Michel, Gérard, Jacques, Jean and Marie-Josèphe. Michel attended the Christian Brothers elementary School in Annonay, France and then the Collège du Sacré-Coeur. He entered the Juniorate of the Basilian Fathers in Maison Saint-Joseph (Annonay) in October, 1947. In 1956 he completed his courses in Philosophy.



Following the Reunion of The Basilians of Viviers and the Basilians of Toronto in 1955, the Basilian Novitiate at Richmond Hill, ON welcomed Michel Deglène and Jacques Deglesne in 1956. Michel worked hard at learning English and made good progress. He was professed in 1957. Having completed the novitiate, Michel was then appointed to St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, to begin his studies in Theology. These studies were interrupted by a year spent in the French Army in Montpellier, France, and were resumed in Toronto from 1959 until 1962. He was ordained on June 17, 1962 (also ordained that year was Paul Speck) in the Chapel de l'Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur (Annonay) by Monseigneur Alfred Couderc, Bishop of Viviers. His first Mass was offered in the same Chapel on June 18, 1962. Félix Pouzol CSB preached the sermon and Wallace Platt CSB was the Assistant Priest.

Michel spent many happy years in parish ministry; he wrote affectionately of the parishioners that he and his good friend and companion in ministry Jean Roure CSB had served in Lyon. *"C'est le 14 septembre 1986 que les Pères Michel Deglène et Jean Roure ont fait leurs adieux aux paroissiens de Coeur Immaculé de Marie; un au-revoir chaleureux au milieu d'une communauté que, pendant treize ans, avait tissé pas à pas de profonds lien spirituels et humains avec les Pères Basiliens."*

Michel Deglène had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Richmond Hill Novitiate (Richmond Hill, ON)	1956 - 1957
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1957 - 1958
Military Service (France)	1958 - 1959
St. Basil's Seminary (Toronto, ON)	1959 - 1962
Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur (Annonay, FR)	1962 - 1965
Maison Saint Basile (Paris, FR)	1965 - 1973
Paroisse Coeur Immaculé de Marie (Lyon, FR)	1973 - 1986
Paroisse Ste. Jeanne d'Arc (Lyon, FR)	1986 - 1995
Ministère à Villevoisance (Ardèche, FR)	1995 - 2005
Maison Saint Joseph (Annonay, FR)	2005 - 2016

The funeral of Père Michel Deglène was held on Friday, December 23, 2016, at the church of Saint-François d'Annonay. Père Bernard Buisson CSB, Rector of the Basilian Community in Annonay, presided. Interment was in the cemetery of the Basilian Fathers close beside the Collège du Sacré Coeur. In his beautiful homily, Bernard remembered Michel as a priest who listened, encouraged, built trust, and empowered the laity. *"Il savait encourager, mettre en confiance, aider à prendre des initiatives ou des engagements. Il s'est toujours efforcé de mettre en responsabilités des laïcs, hommes ou femmes. D'inspiration plutôt 'moderniste', il ne se fermait pas aux plus 'traditionnalistes' car 'on a besoin de tous dans l'Eglise' aimait-il à répéter."* "There is a need for everyone in the Church" as Michel loved to repeat."

George Henry Hosko CSB

June 19, 1939 – December 25, 2016

Father George Hosko CSB died in Houston; he was 77 years old, he has been a Basilian for 57 years and had served in priestly ministry for 48 years.

George was born in Highland Park, MI to Helen Holicky and Joseph Hosko. He had two sisters: Helen Radlinger and Frances Ostrom.

After graduating from Epiphany Parochial School and Catholic Central High School, both in Detroit, he attended the University of Detroit for one year before entering St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester NY. The Novitiate community moved to Pontiac MI mid-year and George made his First Profession there on August 15, 1959. Then he attended Assumption University in Windsor, graduating with a BA in philosophy in 1962. George went to Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY to teach Mathematic and Religion. He was then appointed to St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, for his studies in Theology. He was ordained on December 14, 1968 in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit by Bishop Thomas Gumbleton. George's First Mass was at Epiphany Church in Detroit on Sunday, December 15, 1968. William Gibbons CSB gave the homily. Also ordained that year were: Paul Burns, Donald Hyatt, James McConica, Bernard Merchant, Paul Murphy, Wayne O'Reilly, Ronald Schwenzer, Michael Wesley, and John Wheeler.

After ordination, George was assigned to Assumption College School in Windsor ON where he was assigned to teach and oversee the Library. During these years at Assumption George studied at Western Michigan University to obtain his Master's in Library Sciences. This was his ministry for the rest of his life. He served as a librarian at Catholic Central High School, St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque NM, the Kino Catechetical Institute in Phoenix AZ, St. Thomas High School, and the University of St. Thomas in Houston TX. Beside his work as a librarian, George was a great fan of the opera and attended and enjoyed performances of the Houston Grand Opera faithfully.

George's Basilian brothers remember him for his constant pronouncements on religion and politics that were intended to provoke some kind of response. Other memories of George include these words: supportive, loyal, undemanding, humble, kindly, curious about the world, and unfailing in his faith.

George Hosko had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Rochester NY – Pontiac MI Novitiate	1958-1959
Assumption University, Windsor ON	1959-1962
Aquinas Institute, Rochester NY	1962-1965
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto ON	1965-1969
Assumption College School, Windsor ON	1969-1973
Catholic Central High School, Detroit MI	1973-1974
St. Pius X High School, Albuquerque NM	1974-1978
Basilian Fathers of Phoenix/Kino Institute, Phoenix AZ	1978-1985
St. Thomas High School, Houston TX	1985-1991
Dillon House, Houston TX	1991-1997
Basilian Fathers of University of St. Thomas, Houston TX	1997-2016
Dillon House, Houston TX	2016

Mike Buentello CSB, Rector of the Basilian Fathers at UST, presided at the prayer service on the evening of Wednesday, December 28, in St. Basil Chapel at the University of St. Thomas. The funeral of George Hosko CSB was held on December 29, 2016, in the same chapel. Paul O'Connor CSB, the Superior of Dillon House presided and Michael Buentello CSB preached. George was interred in the Basilian plot in the Lawndale Cemetery in Houston, TX.



Family Deaths January 2016 – December 2016

John Joseph Baenziger, the brother of Ted Baenziger CSB

Marie Losole, the sister of John Fiore CSB

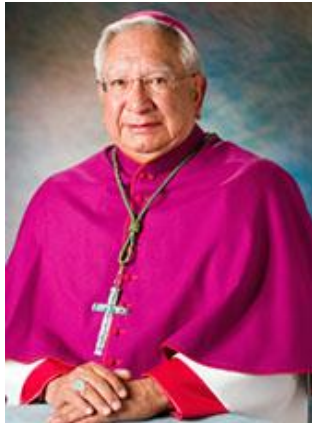
Greg Gallagher, the brother of Jack Gallagher CSB

Janice Townsend, the sister of Edward Heidt CSB

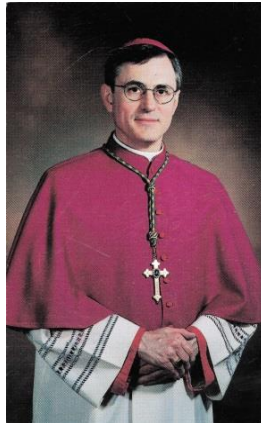
John Joseph O'Neill, the father of Jim O'Neill CSB

Mary Bartol Seguin, the mother of Bob Seguin CSB

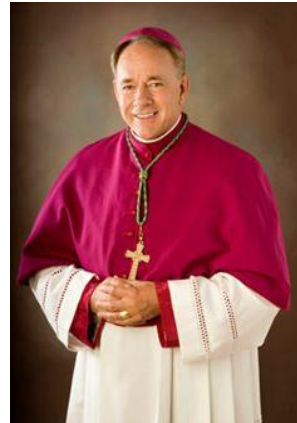
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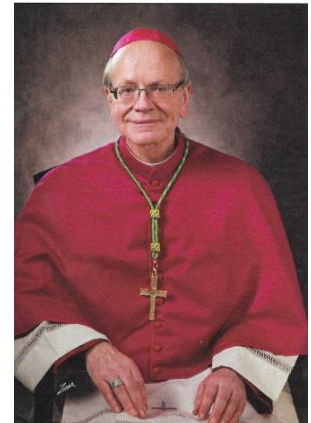
+ Ricardo Ramírez CSB
Bishop Emeritus, Las Cruces NM



+ Ronald P. Fabbro CSB
Bishop of London ON



+ J. Michael Miller CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver BC



+ Robert M. Kasun CSB
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto ON

Community Count of the Congregation of St. Basil as of December 31, 2016

4 Bishops, 154 priests, 1 Deacon, and 17 Scholastics

176 Professed Basilians

France – 3 Canada – 77 USA – 69 Mexico – 11 Colombia – 16

Ages of Basilians	Number of Basilians
20-29	8
30-39	13
40-49	9
50-59	18
60-69	24
70-79	50
80-89	45
90-99	9